

DU student leaders meet President

## Problems to be solved in phases

DHAKA, Nov. 2 (BSS): Elected office-bearers of different Residential Hall Students Unions of Dhaka University met President Hussain Muhammad Ershad at the Committee Room of International Conference Centre here this evening.

They apprised the President who is the Chancellor of the Universities of the academic problems facing them and had fruitful discussions with him regarding the solution of these problems.

The President gave some on-the-spot decisions for the solution of some of the problems and assured the student leaders that steps would be taken to solve the other problems in phases.

Earlier speaking on the occasion, the President said the students were the future of the nation and if they could build themselves up properly foundation of the country would be strengthened and at the same time economy would get stronger and national image would be enhanced.

He said what we had been witnessing in the campuses in the past was disappointing for us. As a result of the session jams and violences in the campuses not only the students but also the guardians had been suffering leading to frustrations among the young generations, he said.

President Ershad recalled the days when he was a student of Dhaka University and said at that time classes used to be held regularly and examinations in time. But what we see today, he asked saying all our efforts would be rendered fruitless if we could not ensure proper academic atmosphere for our future generations.

He said we must make efforts so that we could tell the world that we are an educated nation.

The President said lack of employment opportunity was a cause of frustration among the

educated youths. Presently, he pointed out, the government was the major employer since the private sector which generally create greater employment opportunity could not make a breakthrough as yet in a bigger way.

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He said the government had been making efforts to industrialise the country by encouraging the private sector and foreign investors to generate employment opportunities. But, he said unless we could ensure a peaceful investment climate, it would not be possible to achieve this objective.

President Ershad said frequent hartals and indiscipline in educational institutions had been hindering the industrialisation of the country. As a result, he said employment opportunities were not increasing proportionately as required.

Education Secretary Hedayet Ahmed was present on the occasion.