

BNP protests 'conspiracy to stop madrassah edn'

Main opposition BNP yesterday called upon the people to launch a united movement to topple what it said the anti-Islamic Awami League government, reports UNB.

As part of the countrywide programme by the opposition alliance, BNP held a rally followed by a procession protesting disregard for "holy Quran and conspiracy to stop madrassah education."

Addressing the rally at Paltan Maidan in the afternoon, BNP standing committee member Abdul Matin Chowdhury said a Jihad (holy war) will have to be declared against the "monafiq" government which, he alleged, had dishonoured the Quran.

Referring to the incident of abandoning the Quran in a dustbin and discouraging madrassah education, he said it indicated that the Awami League government was serving the interest of their mentors who brought the party in power.

BNP joint secretary general Abdullah Al Noman said the government has hurt the sen-

timent of the religious minded people showing such disregard to holy Quran.

He said: "The anti-Islamic government must have to be removed from power to protect Islamic values and sovereignty of the country."

Former Army Chief Lt Gen Mahbubur Rahman accused the Awami League of ruling the country like the "Aiyame Jaheilia" (the days of darkness).

"The government will have to face punishment as it hurt the religious sentiment of Muslims," he said.

Chaired by City BNP convenor Sadek Hossain Khoka MP, who has been accused with other party leaders of killing a police constable in the city, warned the Home Minister that the city dwellers would build a resistance against his excesses.

Three City Corporation commissioners belonging to BNP, whose movable property were attached by police in connection with the police murder case spoke at the rally.

Later, a procession paraded the city streets.