



and reception accorded to him by the students and teachers of Government Sadat College at Karatia in Tangail on Sunday. —Times

**A section of politicians using students as pawns : Ershad**

# Campus violence began in '73

KARATIA (Tangail), Feb. 2: President Hussain Muhammad Ershad today advised the students to take a vow to make educational institutions in all seats of learning, re-  
BSS.  
Speaking at a grand reception accorded to him by the students and teachers of Government Sadat College at the ground here, the President said a section of students has been constantly violating the sanctity of educational institutions by resorting to violence.  
He regretted that the students are being instigated to violence by a section of politicians to achieve selfish ends and told them not to be the pawns in the hands of the politicians. President referred

to the beginning of violence in the campus in 1973 when ballot boxes of the DUCSU election were hijacked and said the violence created at that time has now spread polluting the academic atmosphere in the campus.  
He asked the students to devote their time and energy to building themselves as worthy citizens so that they could shoulder the responsibilities lying ahead of them.  
In this connection, he said the Government has given top priority to education and that is why the highest allocation was made for education sector in the current year's budget. He said, "I love the students like my son and take personal interest in the development of education. During my visits to different parts of the country

in the last four years I have provided financial assistance to many educational institutions and many of them were taken over by the Government."  
President Ershad said it is for the first time that a Government has introduced the system of part-time jobs for the students. He told the students to make the best use of the opportunities provided to them and build themselves so that they could contribute to the overall development of the country meaningfully.  
He reminded the students of the place of the teachers in one's life and said we must respect our teachers otherwise, he said, all our learnings will go in vain.  
The President said that women should be given education so that they could take part in the development of the country properly. "We cannot prosper if we keep women, who constitute half of our population idle," he said. In this context, he said, his Government has enacted laws to protect the rights of women.

**Tk. 30 LAKH GRANT**  
The President announced a grant of Taka 30 lakh for the construction of a hostel for the  
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girl students of the college and said two buses will be provided for the students who come from long distance. He also announced that the Sadat College will be made a university college.  
The function was also addressed by the Local Government Minister Maj. Gen. Mahmudul Hasan, Sadar Upazila Parishad Chairman, Mir Masudur Rahman, Acting Principal of the college, Mr. Abdullah Al-Hassan, Mr. Murshed Ali Khan Panni and student representative Anan Akhter.  
Later the President visited the girls hostel of the college.  
Earlier on arrival at the college, the students accorded the President a rousing reception. They chanted welcome slogans and cheered him with thunderous applause.