



President H. M. Ershad talking to the teachers who had gone to the Old Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban premises on Tuesday evening to greet him on his victory. Alhaj Maulana M. A. Mannan Minister, Religious Affairs and Secretary General of Bangladesh Federation of Teachers Associations is seen on his right. — Times.

Nation needs politics by educated people: Ershad

Teachers urged to play positive role in society

By A Staff Reporter

President H. M. Ershad urged the teachers to produce well educated citizens for building a happy and prosperous Bangladesh.

He was addressing hundreds of teachers who had assembled at the old Sangsad Bhaban premises on Tuesday evening to greet him on his victory in the presidential poll. The central committee of the Bangladesh Federation of Teachers Associa-

tions organised the function.

The function was also addressed by the Secretary General of the federation and Religious Minister Al-Haj Maulana Abdul Mannan, Prof. Shahidullah and Maulana Nasiruddin.

President Ershad who is also the Chairman of the Federation said that the people expected to live in peace in a happy and prosperous country. He described the teachers as the technicians of building the good citizens and urged them to play a positive role. "Produce the real educated people", he told them.

Teachers alone could help remove illiteracy, superstition, and build an educated society so that Bangladesh was identified before the world as an educated nation that can never lag behind, he said.

President Ershad said present Government had always honoured the teachers, and observed that his Government wanted to free educational institutions from the anarchy and party politics. The teachers

could help in attaining the goal he said.

President Ershad congratulated the teachers for holding the presidential poll in peaceful and congenial atmosphere despite the hartal call.

President Ershad said that through the presidential election people had voted for peace progress and prosperity and rejected the politics of contradiction, destruction, speeches and deceit.

He said that during the last four and a half years he had strived hard to give a new politics to the country — the politics of development in villages and towns, politics of spreading education, politics of providing employment and politics of building Bangladesh as a self-respected nation. He hoped that his politics was going to be successful now.

President Ershad said that the nation now required the politics by the educated class

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who would be able to provide necessary guidelines.

"I was told that there will be about 500 teachers who will come to greet me. But hundreds have turned out and I could not make necessary sitting arrangements", he regretted.

Before his speech, leaders of the federation profusely garlanded the President.

In his speech, Maulana Mannan assured President Ershad that the country's teachers would always stand by his side in his efforts for nation building.

JATIYA CHHATRA SAMAJ

BSS adds: President Ershad on Tuesday said his victory in presidential poll is the triumph of democratic and peace loving people of the country. He said the people through their ballots have rejected the politics of negation and indiscipline.

The President was speaking to a huge gathering of students belonging to Jatiya Chhatra Samaj who came to old Sangsad Bhaban in big processions to congratulate him on his election as the President of the country in October 15 presidential poll.