



Students advised to shun active politics

President Hussain Muhammad Ershad on Sunday said the Government and the people as a whole do not like to see the students affiliated to any political party, nor want them to be used for selfish political ends, reports BSS.

He said it is desired that every citizen understanding about politics, but the student life is not the time to get involved in active politics as it will only spoil their career to the frustration and dismay of their guardians and the nation.

The President was addressing the guardians, teachers and students of Chowddagram College who came to Dhaka to meet him to express their regrets and he excused for the indecent behaviour of the students on November 17 last.

On November 17 last year, a section of the students of the Chowddagram College resorted to hartal to press home their demand of nationalisation of their college. In

the course of observation of hartal they damaged a bus and government properties and caused harassment to travelling public on Dhaka-Chittagon highway.

Following the incident, the Government suspended the Government grant to the college and closed it down.

Deputy Prime Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed and Education Minister Mahbubur Rahman were present.

Earlier, Ayub Ali, a student, Babu Birendra Kishore Das, Principal of the college and Chowddagram Upazila Chairman Ali Ahmed spoke briefly on behalf of the students, the teachers and the guardians respectively.

President Ershad said the objective of the students and student organisations should be to pursue knowledge regularly, maintain congenial academic atmosphere, be attentive in enhancing the quality of

education and help flourish talents.

In this context, he welcomed the unanimous resolution passed by the national Parliament to free the campus of arms and maintain academic climate conducive for unhindered pursuit of knowledge and said that he was happy that the nation has been able to reach a consensus on question whether the coming generations be given better education or not.

The President said with the active cooperation and support from all conscious quarters, the Government will undertake necessary measures and initiatives to implement the resolution of the peoples elected representatives adopted at the Parliament.

Referring to the killings of two students in Chittagong on Saturday, President Ershad said violence on the campus, rivalry among students for political purpose and above all destruction of academic climate in the educational institutions do not only made him concern, but the whole nation.

He said as follow-up of the tragic incident like that of Chittagong, there will be mourning processions, political arm twisting and statements, but loss to the families who lost their beloved ones can never be repaired, nor the victims will be remembered longer. On the other hand, the dividend of the incident will go to the benefit of the politicians who use the students for their interest.

He said these elements who are using the students are in fact build-

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ing their future at the cost of bright present of the students

Misinterpretation

Pointing out to the attempts made by some vested quarters to deliberately the misinterpret observation he made on the involvement of students in politics in his address at the inauguration of the current year's session of Parliament, President Ershad said in his speech he had tried to draw the attention of the nation to the situation on the campus.