

Top priority to edn. sector given

The President and Chief Martial Law Administrator, Lt. Gen. H. M. Ershad Sunday called upon the well-to-do section of the society and philanthropists to supplement the Government efforts for expansion of education in the country, says BSS.

Addressing the students and teachers of Ahmed Bawani Academy in Dhaka the President said efforts by all sections of people were imperative for spreading the light of education to every nook and corner of the country.

He maintained that education was the key to success of all the endeavours aimed at building a happy and prosperous new Bangladesh free from oppression, exploitation, corruption and other vices.

President Ershad pointed out that the Government had given top priority to education sector and said with that end in view highest ever allocation was made to this sector for the first time this year. In addition, he said he had been giving grants from his fund to different educational institutions for

their development.

He said despite resource constraints, the Government had been doing everything possible for the expansion and development of education. He said the number of educational institutions must be increased keeping (See page 12 col. 2)

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pace with the growing number of students. The well-to-do section of people had a moral obligation to contribute generously for setting up more educational institutions, he added.

He said during the colonial rule in the past, it was a natural and historical necessity on the part of the all sections of the society including the students to participate in politics to free the country from colonial subjugation. Now that the country is free and independent those compulsion no more exists and we are to build our nation and groom the younger generation capable of shouldering the future responsibilities of the country for which they must be educated properly, he added.

The President announced a grant of Taka 25 thousand from his fund for excursion of the students at Jatiyo Smriti Soudha at Savar saying that such excursion enhance harmony and amity among the students and at the same time would enable them to get closer to the national history.

On arrival, students, teachers and members of the governing body of the academy accorded President Ershad a warm and hearty welcome.

Earlier, the President paid surprise visits to Habibullah Bahar College at Santinagar and new life welfare organisation an orphanage, at Armanitola.

At the orphanage, President Ershad talked to the inmates and management of the organisation and enquired about the living condition, standard of food and other facilities there. The children of the orphanage presented a number of songs and dances on the occasion.