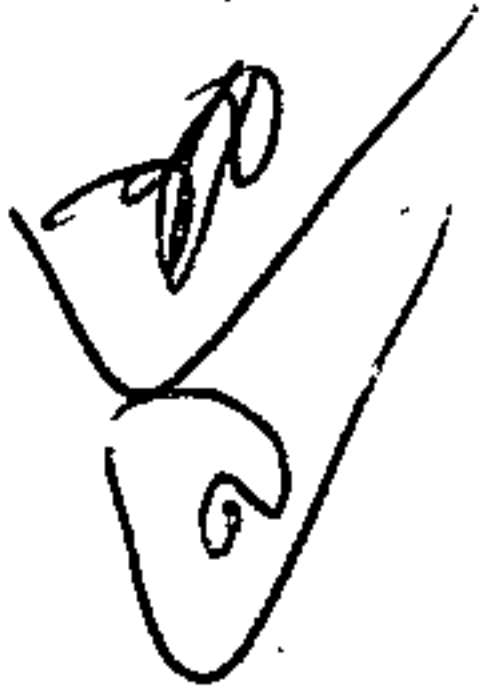




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Stop copying in exams at any cost, Ershad asks teachers

President Ershad last night called for making allout endeavours to maintain congenial academic atmosphere in the country's educational arena in the greater interest of building a better future for the nation, reports BSS.

In his concluding remarks at the fourth meeting of the national executive committee of Bangladesh Federation of Teachers Association (BFTA) the President said to achieve this objective, the teachers would have to play the pioneering role.

The meeting chaired by President Ershad, who is the chairman of the federation, was held at the International Conference Centre here.

Deputy Prime Minister and Political Adviser to the President Kazi Zafar Ahmed, Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam, vice-chairman of the federation Kazi Farook Ahmed, secretary general Principal A K M Shahidullah and office secretary Prof Asadul-Huq also spoke on the occasion. State Minister for Education Nitai Roy, Chowdhury was also present.

The President referred to the prevailing condition in the educational arena including that of the problem of copying in the examination and said the copying in the examination must have to be stopped at any cost and the teachers would have to be taken the primary

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responsibility in this regard. In this context, he reminded all of their social responsibility to see that the vices of copying did not eat the roots of our education. If we fail to uphold the cause of our education our future is totally bleak, he said.

President Ershad described education as the backbone of a nation and said since the future of the nation was dependent on building a well-educated generation, our objective would be to keep the educational arena free of indiscipline and violence.

Making it clear that the causes of indiscipline including that of the copying would be removed at any cost, he said aimless politics by some opposition political parties was responsible for such condition in the educational arena.

The President regretted that when the students bring out processions and held rallies carrying placards with demands for right to copying, some opposition parties issue statements supporting the demand. These political parties were responsible for the degeneration of moral values among the students, he said adding: They had poisoned the minds of these young people".

In this context, he referred to the dissolution of the student front of the Jatiya Party and as a result the Jatiya Party was no way involved in the bloody clashes between the student fronts of different political parties.

President Ershad said students politics played an important role when we were subjugated by foreign nations. But, he pointed out that the context had changed today as we had achieved our independence. The students should now build themselves up so that they could make meaningful contributions on the national development efforts he said.

He said all should come forward to build up a social resistance against indiscipline in educational arena and copying in the examination.

The President said he had been making allout efforts to enhance the image of the teachers and expressed the hope that they would uphold the dignity and honour of their noble profession at any cost.

He said despite limited resources, his government had been making efforts to provide as much benefits as possible to the teachers so that they could build the future generations with peaceful minds. He said he would continue to make endeavours in future to improve the condition of the teachers.