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Shibir's confce Jamaat may support PM's plan for ban on student politics

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Jamaat-e-Islami, a partner of the BNP-led coalition government, is likely to support the Prime Minister's proposal for banning student politics by putting a moratorium on its student front-Islami Chhatra Shibir.

The overture came on Saturday from Jamaat Secretary General and Social Welfare Minister Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mujahid at Shibir's Central Members Conference 2001 at Paltan Maidan, where party Ameer and Agriculture Minister Maulana Matiur Rahman Nizami attended as chief guest.

Extending support to Premier Khaleda Zia's stand on student and teachers' politics, Mujahid (See Page 15 Col. 5)

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said if needed, both should be banned only to ensure violence-and-corruption-free campus conducive to healthy academic activities.

Maulana Nizami said the main duty of the four-party government is to free the country from terrorism and corruption. He urged the people to uphold the spirit of Islam and flourish the country's economy now facing crisis.

Nizami said the landslide victory of the four-party alliance in the October 1 elections removed the obstacles to road to Islam. "It had been possible for the support of the common mass against the identified anti-Islamic forces," he remarked.

"Had the four-party alliance not won in the October 1 elections, it would have been difficult to move with beard and cap, let alone the conference of Chhatra Shibir at the Paltan Maidan," Jamaat leader Maulana Delawar Hossain Saidee said.

Referring to the remark made by the Khatib of Baitul Mukarram National Mosque, he said it was the inner voice of 130 crore Muslims of the world.

Saidee criticised opposition political parties including Awami League and left-leaning groups for demanding removal of the Khatib, by "misinterpreting his remarks".

Jamaat Ameer Nizami termed the West as enemy of Islam, Muslim and humanity and said as long as their hegemony would remain a dominant phenomenon in global politics and the people would not get ultimate salvation.

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Mir Muhammad Nasiruddin, Jamaat assistant secretary general Muhammad Qamruzzaman, external affairs secretary of Jamaat ANMA Zaher, ATM Azharul Islam, Barrister Abdur Razzaq and Dr Matiur Rahman were present at the inaugural ceremony of the Shibir's conference.