

Problem areas identified

All-party consensus on violence-free campus

The grand conference of political parties on Friday night reached a consensus to make united efforts to keep campuses violence free and restore proper academic atmosphere in the country's educational institutions, reports BSS.

A declaration of the meeting read out by BNP Secretary General and LGRD and Cooperative Minister Abdus Salam Talukdar said the political parties had identified areas of problem and would sit once again to thrash out those at the earliest.

Mr. Talukdar said the leaders of political parties made a clarion call to their respective student organisations to maintain peace and discipline during the forthcoming DUCSU election on July 31.

Industries Minister Shamsul Islam Khan, State Minister for Social Welfare and Women Affairs Tariqul Islam, General Secretary of Awami League, Begum Sajeda Chowdhury, MP, Mr. Tofael Ahmed, MP, Mr. Hasanul Huq Inu of JSD and Rashed

Khan Menon, MP, were present when the declaration was read out.

A total of 28 leaders took part in the discussion which lasted for about six hours. They congratulated Begum Khaleda Zia for holding such conference to arrive at a solution to end the campus violence.

Mr. Abdus Salam Talukdar, said the meeting identified five major issues during the meeting which were campus violence, leakage of question papers, session jam, adopting of unfair means at examination halls and unemployment problem.

He said the leaders discussed at length various aspects of the problems and decided to hold another meeting at the earliest to solve the problems.

Begum Sajeda Chowdhury, MP, and Mr. Tofael Ahmed, MP, of Awami League, Mr. Matiur Rahman Nizami, MP, of Jamaat-e-Islami, Mr. Mohiuddin Ahmed, MP of BKSAL, Mr. Rashed Khan Menon, MP, of Workers Party, Mr. Shahjahan Siraj,

MP, of JSD (S), Mr. Saifuddin Ahmed Manik of CPB, Mr. Obaidur Rahman of Janadul, Mr. Abdul Matin of Muslim League, Mr. Nirnal Sen of Sramik Krishak Samajbadi Dal, Mr. Dilip Barua of Samyabadi Dal, Mr. A.S.M. Solaiman of Krishak Sramik Party, Mr. A.F.M. Mahbubul Haque of BSD, Mr. Khalequzzaman Bhuiyan of BSD.

Mr. Hasanul Huq Inu of JSD, Mr. Shawkat Hossain Nilu of BNP, Mr. Shafiul Alam Prodhan of JAGPA, Mr. Manindra Nath Sarkar of Hindu Oikya Front, Mr. Moinuddin Khan Badal of BSD, Mirza Sultan Raza of JSD and Maulana Obaidullah Bin Jalalabadi of Biplabi Islamic Oikya Parishad, among others, took part in

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the discussion.

Education Minister Prof. Badruldoza Chowdhury, Irrigation, Flood Control and Water Resources Minister Majidul Huq, Communications Minister Oli Ahmed, Industries Minister Shamsul Islam Khan, Shipping Minister M.K. Anwar, Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, State Minister for T and T Shamsul Islam, Social Welfare and Women Affairs Minister Tariqul Islam, State Minister for Education Principal Yunus Khan, State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka, Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Mirza Abbas, Abul Bashar of Workers Party, Shamsuzzoha, MP, of CPB were among others present on the occasion.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia convened the conference in an effort to reach a consensus in taking steps to keep academic atmosphere congenial.

About 40 political parties attended Friday's grand conference, held at the International Conference Centre (ICC).