

President's meeting with VCs

Directive to update Varsity Ordinance

President Hussain Muhammad Ershad said in Dhaka on Saturday that various steps taken for the restoration of proper and healthy academic atmosphere in the educational arena had already started yielding positive results, reports BSS.

Speaking at the regular monthly meeting of the Vice-Chancellors of the universities at the International Conference Centre, the President expressed the confidence that with the help of all concerned we shall be able to regain our past glory.

At the outset of the meeting, the Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam gave an overall picture of the situation prevailing on the campuses

and said confidence among the general students had been restored as a result of the measures taken by the government.

The meeting reviewed the progress of implementation of the decisions taken in the earlier meetings. The President expressed satisfaction at the outcome of the initiatives taken by the Education Ministry and the University Grants Commission in this regard.

The meeting discussed various measures for updating the 1973 University Ordinance. The President directed the University Grants Commission to expedite its finalisation in consultation with all concerned.

The President ordered for the restoration of the Mymensingh Agriculture University Railway Station considering the problems being faced by the students and in appreciation of the peaceful situation prevailing in the university.

The railway station was earlier closed down following violence centering the station.

State Minister for Education Nitai Roy Chowdhury, Chairman of the University Grants Commission and National Professor Syed Ali Ahsan, Principal Secretary to the President A.H. Sadique and Education Secretary Hadayet Ahmed were present.

Police patrol on campus

Our Staff Correspondent adds: After recovery of huge arms in a pre-dawn swoop in two residential halls of Dhaka University on Friday police continued patrolling the campus on Saturday. There was no report of any untoward incident on the day.

Meanwhile, members of Chhatra League (H-A), the student wing of Awami League brought out procession and held a rally at the Dhaka University campus demanding release of the party leaders arrested by police from Sgt. Zahurul Huq Hall on Friday. Police arrested them during the raid.

Nine student organisations and DUCSU General Secretary in a joint statement issued to the press on Saturday urged all the student organisations to resist the presence of armed cadres in the parties irrespective of organisations.

They observed that in order to tarnish the image of student politics,

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a particular quarter was playing the game and conducting terrorist activities in the educational institutions. They felt that the student organisations should perform their political responsibilities properly for resisting government conspiracy against the healthy student politics.

The signatories to the statement are DUCSU GS, Chhatra League (N-S), Chhatra Moitri, Gonotantrik Chhatra Union, Chhatra League (A-M), Biplobi Chhatra Dhara, Chhatra Oikya Forum, Chhatra Kendra, Samajbadi Chhatra Jote and Samaj Tantrik Chhatra Front.

Demands of VPs and GSs

Vice-presidents, general secretaries and assistant general secretaries of ten hall unions of Dhaka University in a joint statement on Saturday demanded immediate withdrawal of warrant against Elias Ali, Assistant International Affairs Secretary of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD).

They observed that to tarnish the image of JCD the government and vested quarters were active again. They alleged that police raided the village home of Elias at Biswanath Upazila of Sylhet and harassed his parents, brothers and sisters.

The signatories to the statement were Emdad Khan and Rafiqul Islam, VP and GS of Mohsin Hall, Taher Chowdhury, GS of Surya Sen Hall, Habibul Islam and Habibu Nabi Sohel, VP and GS of Fazlul Huq Hall, Mamtazul Huq Rafique and Shahiuddin, VP and GS of Ziaur Rahman Hall, Khairul Ahsan Ratan, GS of Jashimuddin Hall Students Unions.