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Edn institutions kept hostage: President

Political parties must act to clear campus of terrorism

BHAIRAB, Dec 30:— President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, a critic of present student politics, today (Tuesday) said the political parties should take a clear and firm decision to cleanse campus of terrorism, says UNB.

"As long as student politics will be linked with party politics and students would be used as instrument of political parties, there is no chance of freeing campus from terrorism," he said.

The President made the remarks

while addressing a function organised to mark the golden jubilee of Haji Asmat College here this morning.

He said educational institutions and teachers' community have been kept hostage by terrorists. "If this situation is not changed, none could say about the prospect of education and the destiny of the nation as well."

Terming the education the backbone of a nation, Justice Shahabuddin said a nation cannot achieve

development and prosperity with an illiterate population.

The President urged all to spread the light of education everywhere to make the nation educated.

He asked the students not to adopt unfair means in examination with a motive to get a certificate only as without genuine education, he said, mere certificate would not give any benefit to them.

Presided over by LGRD Minister Zillur Rahman, the function was addressed, among others, by Deputy

Speaker Advocate Abdul Hamid and Principal of the college Muazzem Hossain.

The LGRD Minister, in his speech, outlined the government's efforts to free the country from illiteracy. He said infrastructure for a sound education base is being ensured to achieve the desired goal.

Zillur said the Sheikh Hasina's government is pledged bound to provide education to all and has decided to have one women government college in each district.