

Campus violence tarnishes nations image: President Political parties urged to dismantle student fronts

KHULNA, Apr. 10:— President Shahabuddin Ahmed has reiterated his call for the political parties to dismantle their student wings to maintain academic atmosphere on the campuses and save posterity from ruination, reports UNB.

"Spread of violence and lawlessness in educational institutions, specially in the universities, now impede the learning process..." he said at the first ever convocation of Khulna University.

The President, who is also the Chancellor of the university, regretted that violence and lawlessness

have tarnished the glorious role of country's student community in Language Movement, freedom struggle and democratic upsurge.

Justice Shahabuddin said the act of terrorism sometimes reaches such a stage that the university area becomes a battle field. "The routine speech and statement of the political leaders against such incidents bear no effect," he remarked.

He said the conscious students should also be alert so that they are not used as weapons of the political parties.

The President, however, praised the "pragmatic programme" of Khulna University and hoped that it would contribute a lot to national development through cultivation of scientific education and innovation

of appropriate technology.

He said a skilled manpower is essential to explore and extract country's natural wealth and ensure its proper use and preservation.

"To reach the economic take-off, alleviate poverty, and to meet the growing demands of the changing world, we must restructure our education system," he said.

He noted with satisfaction that work is underway to formulate a balanced education policy.

A total of 139 students were given certificates in the convocation of the university, which started its academic curriculum in 1991.

First batch student of Computer Science and Engineering discipline Anisur Rahman and Khandaker Sha-

hidul Islam of the second batch were awarded gold medals.

Education Minister ASHK Sadique, former education adviser Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui and KU Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Golam Ali Fakir also addressed the function.

Registrar of the university Prof Abu Baker conducted the convocation programme while treasurer Prof Abdur Razzak gave vote of thanks.

State Minister for Relief and Disaster Management Talukder Abdul Khaleque, State Minister for Social Welfare Dr Mozammel Hossain and local MPs were present.

Earlier, the President led a procession participated by the VC, Syndicate and Academic Council members and the degree holders.