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Biswas calls to free campus from terrorism

President Abdur Rahman Biswas on Sunday gave a fervent call to all concerned quarters to free the campus from terrorism, reports BSS.

Speaking as the chief guest at a discussion on the ways of freeing the country from illiteracy and campus terrorism in Dhaka in the afternoon, President Biswas appealed to all sections of people to make a determined move in this regard.

He said without increasing the rate of literacy no country could become strong and prosperous. And for that reason, the President pleaded, there has to be a concerted national will to combat campus terrorism for restoring congenial academic atmosphere.

Organised by the "Bangladesh Shakkharata Samity," the discussion was presided over by its President Dr. Khandaker Bazlul Huq. Deputy Leader of the Jatiya Sangsad Dr. A.O.M. Badruddoza Chowdhury and State Minister for Education Principal Mohammad Yunus spoke as the special guests.

The former Education Secretary and Adviser to the Acting President, Kazi Fazlur Rahman, former Vice Chancellor of the Dhaka University and currently the Chairman of the University Grants Commission Prof. Shamsul Huq, Vice-Chancellor of the Dhaka University and currently the Chairman of the University

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Grants Commission Prof. Shamsul Huq, Vice-Chancellor of Jahangir Nagar University Dr. Kazi Saleh Ahmed, Prof. Osman Gani and Abdur Rob Chowdhury, MP, took part in the discussions.

Prof. Badruddoza Chowdhury said that the campus terrorism, which has been the much talked about issue in the society, could not be removed only through administrative measures. He said the terrorism or the violence on the campus was not only related with politics, but also many other factors were involved in it.

He said it would be unfair only to blame the students for campus terrorism when the menace has already affected the other parts of the society. Prof. Chowdhury pointed out that terrorism in the campus was related with various "socio-political aspects" as the students were being used by many vested interest classes.

He said he was in favour of continuation of the students' politics since the students of the country had played a big role in various national movements including the 1952 Language Movement and 1971's Liberation War. But Prof. Chowdhury said that there has to be a limitations of its sphere.

Kazi Fazlur Rahman, whom ainly dwelt on the mass literacy, said that there has to be a grater national will and determined programme to make the nation literate. Mr. Rahman expressed dissatisfaction over the progress of the programme in the past.

Prof. Shamsul Huq said the basic cause of the campus terrorism was the affiliation of the political parties to the student organisations as their front organisations.