

## Students' unity for academic life urged

President Abdur Rahman Biswas on Tuesday said there should be close cooperation among the students to tackle the campus situation for maintaining normal academic atmosphere, reports BSS.

He was talking to a group of students comprising the leaders of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) Chittagong University unit and representatives of CUCSU who called on the President at his residence Tuesday evening.

President Biswas said the poor parents of the students were providing money to their wards with the hope of seeing them as worthy citizens of the country.

Outlining the main objectives of education, the President said the students should dedicate themselves to the service of the nation and help it achieve economic progress.

Peace and stability are the prerequisites for development, he said, adding the present democratic government is performing its responsibilities with accountability.

Mr Biswas advised the students to build themselves properly for reducing dependence on others and helping in the development efforts.

He also assured the students that he would look into their academic problems as raised by them.

Present on the occasion were Istekhar Hossain Chowdhury, President JCD CU unit, Mainul Ahsan Munna, Common Room

Secretary CUCSU and JCD leaders Salahuddin Reza, Shamim Chowdhury, Moazzem Hossain, Kamrul Hasan, Nurul Huda Musa and Shanewaz Kabir Sanu.

### BPTA's strike plan put off

The leaders of Polytechnic Teachers Association (BPTA) on Tuesday called off their proposed strike programme after meeting Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar at his residence, an official handout said in Dhaka, reports BSS.

The Minister gave them a patient hearing to the problems related by the association and assured that these would be solved within the shortest possible time.

The Minister said the BNP government would establish polytechnic institutes in all the districts for making education system production-oriented.

The President, the Vice-President and the Secretary General of the Association Khandokar Shahabuddin Mohammad, Abdur Rouf and Shamsur Rahman, Education Secretary Mir Mostafizur Rahman, Director-General, of Technical Education R Mallick, Chairman of Bangladesh Technical Education Board Abdur Rashid were present on the occasion.

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