

Teachers can help root out terrorism: Huda

CHAPAI NAWABGANJ, Jan 28: Information Minister Nazmul Huda today gave a clarion call to the teachers to cooperate with the present democratically elected government of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, building a self-reliant Bangladesh by spreading the light of education, reports BSS.

Barrister Huda urged the teachers to help change the face of Bangladesh by preaching the students to discard terrorism, campus violence, hartal and chaos for the sake of institutionalisation of the nascent parliamentary democracy, freedom of the press and speeches, accountability and uninterrupted progress of the on-going development programmes.

The Information Minister was addressing as the chief guest of the triennial conference of the Bangladesh Teachers Association, Chapai-Nawabganj district unit here this afternoon at Shaheed Satu Hall. Local MP Syed Manzoor Hossain, Association Secretary General Nazrul Islam, Secretary M A Hannan also spoke. Association district unit President Md Yunusur Rahman presided.

Terming the teaching community as the Guru of the future national leaders, scientists, academicians and bureaucrats, he said the present government had attached the highest priority and budgetary allocation in the education sector to spread the light of education throughout the country for the eco-

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conomic emancipation of the people of Bangladesh.

Barrister Huda called upon the teaching community to sincerely, honestly and with dedication educate the students so that they would not resort to politics of terrorism, violence, vehicle damage, hartal and chaos now disrupting the smooth institutionalisation of the hard earned parliamentary democracy, massive development programmes, accountability in every sphere of life.

"Why students are damaging vehicles? Are you honestly and sincerely teaching the students?" The Information Minister posed the questions and added "You can help your government to root out terrorism, violence and chaos by your honest efforts".

He said that the present government came into power with

massive popular support and would like to continue as the most popular one by implementing each and every election pledge.

Listing various pledges already implemented including waiver of Taka 5,000 agricultural loan and interest and waiver of rent upto 25 bighas of land, Barrister Huda said.

The present government is determined to change the face of the country but the defeated political forces were now out to disrupt the massive development programmes initiated by Begum Zia.

The Information Minister also urged the teaching community to make the students refrain from disruptive politics and added if the teachers rightly educate their pupils then no one could befool and mislead them.

He assured the private school teachers association that the present government would positively consider their rational demands within the resource constraint for a healthy development of the country's education system and institutions.

Barrister Huda pointed out that the present government would not do anything which was against the popular will and national interest.

"We have no lack of sincerity to solve your problems but as you see the defeated political forces are now out to discredit the present popular government and we have to concentrate more time in a bid to fizzle out the non-issues raised by these rejected parties, than to the real issues," he regretted adding despite all these odds the present government had been able to cleanse the ruins of autocratic Ershad regime.

The leaders of the association assured the Minister that they would cooperate with the present BNP government spreading the light of education throughout the country for the uplift of the 112 million population.