

Matin promises firm steps against campus terrorism

Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury Wednesday asked police to root out terrorism from educational institutions and society at large, reports UNB.

He also urged the public to extend support and cooperation to the law enforcing agencies in ensuring peace and stability in the country.

The Home Minister's instruction came in the wake of a spate of violence, particularly the incidents at Rajshahi University and in Khulna which left three students dead and many injured.

Inaugurating the newly-created two divisions—East and West—of Dhaka Metropolitan Police at the DMP Headquarters, the Minister underlined the need for maintaining law and order in the country to let

democracy, development and production go unhindered.

The Minister said the present government had come to power with the commitment of curbing crimes and establishing rule of law. It is firmly determined to fulfil this pre-election pledge by any means, he asserted.

He instructed the police personnel to effectively implement the measures the government had already taken.

He also told them to fulfil people's hopes and aspiration by ensuring safety and security of life and property. In this connection, he suggested a change in the old attitude of police personnel.

Chowdhury advised police to become "community-oriented and pro-people". He asked them

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to extend hands of friends and service to the people in need.

He said mutual trust, confidence and cooperation among the innocent and honest members of public and the police is the demand of time—it is the claim of new generation.

If they can fulfil this demand, they can win people's confidence, he said. Thus a crime-free society could be established easily, he opined. "Nobody will be spared if found guilty of corruption and negligence in duty," he warned.

Referring to the problems of police, the Minister said the government was resolving their problems in phases. In this connection, he expressed the desire of government to modernise and organise the police force.

The function was also addressed by Home Secretary Azimuddin Ahmed, IG of police ASM Shahjahan and DMP Commissioner A N Hossain.

It was attended, among others, by Mayor of Dhaka City Mirza Abbas MP, State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain, State Minister for Textiles Maj (retd) Abdul Mannan, some former IGs and high officials.