

Ershad assures Syndicate of all help

Containment of Dhaka Varsity terrorism

DHAKA, April 5 (BSS) : President Hussa in Muhammad Ershad said here today that the government would do its best to contain terrorism in the Dhaka University and thereby help restore academic atmosphere on the campus.

Talking to the members of the Dhaka University Syndicate when they called on him, the President assured the university authorities of fullest cooperation of the administration in this regard.

"My government has no political stake on the campus nor we wanted to establish sphere of influence there and that was made obvious through dissolu-

tion of the student front of the Jatiya Party," he said.

Vice Chancellor of the Dhaka University Prof M. Maniruzzaman Mia led the delegation of the Syndicate members when they called on President Ershad who is also Chancellor of Universities at the International Conference Centre this afternoon.

Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam, State Minister for Education Mansur Ali Sarkar and Education Secretary A N M Yusuf were present.

President Ershad said that his government never interfered in the affairs of the universities and would not like to do so in the future.

Noting that awareness for restoring the academic atmosphere on the campus was increasing, the President said that if the present situation

continued, the nation would be the ultimate loser and its image in the international community would also suffer.

The President expressed optimism over the statement issued by the leaders of the 22 student organisations in favour of working for restoring normal atmosphere and containing armed terrorism on the campus.

President Ershad welcomed the steps taken by the new Vice Chancellor to solve the problems by keeping the university open. We wish all concerned would join to make the move a success, he said.

He also exchanged opinion with the members of the Syndicate on how to stop terrorism on the campus and other issues of the university.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor Dr Maniruzzaman said.

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man Mia sought all-out cooperation of the administration to fight back armed terrorism on the campus and said active assistance of the law enforcing agencies would be needed most in this regard.

There was a new realisation regarding the presence of Police on the campus, he said.

The Vice Chancellor held out the assurance that his administration was determined to exercise its moral authority and ensure neutrality.

Dr Maniruzzaman called for building up public opinion against terrorism on the campus and added that parents should also be involved in such campaign.

Speaking on the occasion Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam also gave the assurance of fullest cooperation of his Ministry to help restore academic atmosphere and wipe out terrorism from the campus.

Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Enajuddin Ahmed, Syndicate member Dr Abdullah Al Muti Sharfuddin and others spoke on the occasion.