

Students urged to resist destructive activities

None can dishonour constitution: Ershad

DHAKA, Nov 24 (BSS):

Students' leaders of various city colleges including the elected office-bearers of their students' unions called on President Hussain Muhammad Ershad today and expressed their total support to and solidarity with his ideals and policies against anarchy and destruction.

The student leaders included Vice Presidents, General Secretaries and other cabinet members of Jagannath University College, Titumir College, Shaheed Suhrawardi College, T and T College and Habibullah Bahar

College.

The students' leaders condemned the "anarchist and destructive politics" of the opposition parties in the name of democratic movement. They vowed to resist the on-going anarchy and strengthen the hands of President Ershad through their continued support to the politics of peace, progress and stability of the present government.

Addressing the students, President Ershad said what is now happening in the country cannot be called a proper political process. He said in the name of

democratic movement some opposition parties are inciting the students to destroy properties with the aim to ruin the economy and increase the sufferings of people.

The President told the student leaders that his government had always wanted peace and progress, and pointed out some opposition parties have now been engaged in such politics through which they are not only damaging the cars and other vehicles belonging to private owners, but also damaging and setting on fire the vehicles of voluntary organisations like

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CARE and even the Japanese Embassy.

President Ershad said the main objective behind burning the vehicles of the organisations like CARE was to deprive the poor people as CARE helps the poor to survive.

The President also said a foreign conspiracy is now on to destabilise the country. He said the present conspiracy has begun after Bangladesh sent its troops to Saudi Arabia. He pointed out that the decision to send troops to Saudi Arabia for a just cause has enhanced Bangladesh's position and the country got wide appreciation from abroad.

Pointing to the present "anarchist situation", the President said while a handful of students are engaged in the destruction, the criminals and hoodlums are exploiting the situation for their selfish gains. He urged the students to resist such trend of politics which might lead the country to further anarchy.

He said what is going on in the country is not politics. Political activities are different and for that reason the opposition parties should pursue a constitutional path and participate in the elections. In

this context, the President said the hard-earned Constitution of the country would not be allowed to be dishonoured.

He pointed out that anarchy has reached such a stage that women are afraid to come out in the streets and children are not safe to go to school freely. He pointed out that even teachers and civil servants are being attacked by unruly elements. All these activities are done to destabilise the country, he said.

Prime Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed, Energy Minister Ziauddin Ahmed, Presidential Adviser on Compulsory Primary Education Mansoor Ali Sarker and Political Secretary to the Prime Minister Humayun Kabir, MP, were present in the meeting.

Alamgir Sikder Loton, the leader of Jagannath University College, expressed his firm conviction that the students community would leave no stone unturned to resist the "destructive politics" being carried out by a section of students of Dhaka University. He said that they are imbued with the ideals of President Ershad and mobilise general students against the present destructive trend of politics. Mr Loton also said the so-called

students activists of DUCSU have concentrated their politics only in the "Zero Point" and have no support in the old city area. He demanded identification of the anarchist elements and awarding punishment to them.

Anwar Hossain, the leader of Titumir College, condemned the anarchy in the name of democratic movement and said the general students are not supporting the ongoing destructive politics. He said the students of his college would continue to work for spreading the ideals and policies of President Ershad.

Azharul Islam Jahangir, the leader of the T and T College Students Union, said the peace-loving students would not tolerate the acts of anarchy, being carried out by a section of students. He sought directive from the President to resist the "anarchist forces". Sarwar Hossain Titu, student leader of Shaheed Suhrawardi College, said the general students are determined to foil the conspiracy of a section of so-called students. Kishore Kumar Dev, the leader of Habibullah Bahar College, also spoke, expressing his total support to the policies and programmes of President Ershad.