

Help curb campus terrorism, call at DUJ AGM

The Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University, Prof. Mohammad Moniruzzaman Mia, Tuesday called upon the journalist com-

munity to use their mighty pens in curbing growing terrorism in the educational institutions which stands as a major enemy of democracy in the country, reports BSS.

"You know who are terrorists and you can help a lot through your inquisitiveness to uproot the sources of weapons being used by these elements in the educational

institutions", he said.

The Vice-Chancellor was addressing as the chief guest the inaugural ceremony of the two-day annual general meeting of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) at the National Press Club auditorium in Dhaka Tuesday morning.

Presided over by the DUJ President Zahidul Haq the inaugu-

General Secretary of DUJ Ruhul Amin Gazi, Prof. Moniruzzaman Mia said terrorism was creating manifold obstacles to establishing democracy in the country and the journalists could play a vital role in checking it as people had maximum confidence on print media.

"Terrorism originates from the sense that Dhaka University and other seats of education must be captured," he observed and called upon all concerned including the journalist community to help in-

identify enemies of democracy in the greater interest of the nation.

the Vice-Chancellor said in spite of party influence, people had still optimum level of their confidence on newspapers compared to the Radio and the Television. He called upon the newsmen to project things objectively and precisely upholding the people's right to know about what were happening around them every day.

"The image of national institutions must be protected because they are being run by people's money", he said calling upon the

faming individuals and institutions by writing baseless and motivated reports.

"You must follow the code of ethics in projecting the happiness every day" he said.

Referring to some news items published about Dhaka University he said those were completely baseless and motivated and meant for tarnishing the image of this towering national institution.

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journalists to write objectively about Dhaka University, but not to serve the cause of any vested quarters through imaginary news.

The Vice-Chancellor said he was an ardent advocate of freedom of the press and autonomy of universities. "Freedom of the press is not at all whimsical behaviour of a newsman or a newspaper," he said adding that such newspapers would not last long.

Prof. Moniruzzaman Mia greeted that some weekly news magazines were engaged in de-

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 press was inextricably linked with democracy.

He called upon all political parties, professional groups cultural bodies and others concerned to work unitedly through mutual tolerance for consolidating democracy in the country.

The DUJ President said the journalist community would continue their struggle as they did in the past, to establishing freedom of the press in the country. He also called for amendment to the Criminal Procedure Act, 501.

In the afternoon session, General Secretary, Treasurer and unit chiefs of DUJ submitted their respective reports.

General discussions on the reports of DUJ General Secretary and Treasurer will be held today (Wednesday).

The election for the new executive committee of DUJ will be held on January 30 from 9 am to 5 pm with a break of one hour from 1 pm 2 pm.