

No illiterate after 2000: Sircar Govt firm to eradicate terrorism from campus

Education Minister Barrister Jaimiruddin Sircar said in Dhaka Saturday that the present democratic government was pledge bound to eradicate terrorism and campus violence once for all from all educational arena of the country, reports BSS.

He said the campus violence had almost stopped following correct and timely measures of the government of Begum Khaleda Zia.

He was speaking as chief guest at a seminar on "the role of teachers, students and guardians for ensuring a violence-free campus and corruptionless society" organised by Mohammadpur Mohila College in observance of its first founding anniversary.

Held at the college premises the seminar was also addressed, among others, by college Principal Shahidun-Nahar, Mohammadpur.

Government Girls School acting Headmistress Mrs. Halima Khatoon, and college governing body executive messrs. Mahbubur Rahman, Ehsanul Haq Setu, M A Taher, S M Golam Kibria, Mustafizur Rahman Labu and Mrs. Rokeya Begum. Ms. Nashrin Chowdhury, Lecturer of Bengali Department of the college presented key-note paper on the subject while governing body chairman Shamsuddin Ahmed presided.

Listing a number of measures already taken by the government to curb terrorism Barrister Sircar said that frustrations were removed from the social life following taking timely and appropriate measures by the government against the anti-social elements.

In this connection, the Minister said "we do not want to eradicate terrorism and violence through strict lawful measures only. But we have also programme to stop terror-

ism by motivating our youths and infusing patriotism among them so that they devote their dynamism to nation-building thrust."

The Minister said the cardinal principle of the education policy of the present democratic government was to ensure education for all. "Inshallah there will not be a single illiterate man in the country after 2000", he said adding that the government had taken massive programmes including mass education drive and compulsory primary education to achieve this objective.

The Minister said that the present government had decided to establish at least one government college and one government high school in each of the thanas of the country to make the education facilities available to the doorsteps of every people both in the rural and urban areas. "We will start implementation of the programme by May next year," he added.

In her key-note paper Nashrin Chowdhury observed that without eradicating corruption from the society the curse of terrorism could not be halted.

She said that the corruption and terrorism were the "inevitable" outcome of the present political and socio-economic situation of the country. "There is no denying the fact that the terrorists were getting blanket-support from political quarters" she said adding that good sense should be brought back in country's politics so that none would give any shelter to the corrupt and terrorist elements.