

Campus violence aims at undermining govt

By A Staff Reporter

BNP Secretary General and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder on Thursday expressed deep concern over creation of violence and trouble in different educational institutions in the country including Dhaka, Chittagong and Rajshahi cities by a section of miscreants in the name of students in a planned manner since the BNP government came to power.

In a Press statement, Barrister Talukder also expressed deep shock and resentment over the violent incidents on Rajshahi Uni-

versity campus and four other colleges in Rajshahi on Wednesday. He said that at least 12 students including the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal leaders Nadim Mustafa and Habibur Rahman and a guard of a hall Ayejuddin in the clashes, gunshots, explosion of bombs, arming and ransacking in Rajshahi while 10 other students were injured at Satkhira on the day.

Mr Talukder called upon the law enforcing agencies to take strict measures against all terrorists and trouble-mongers immedi-

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He said, the countrymen were expecting that a congenial academic and peaceful atmosphere would restore in the educational institutions during the rule of the peoples elected government following the fall of the autocracy.

But, he said, it seems that the violent activities were being conducted with the backing of a certain quarter only to undermine the peoples representative government since the terrorists had become more active in the educational institutions nowadays. The BNP Secretary General Mr Talukder urged all concerned to be refrain from all sorts of violent activities saying "if not, we will take all effective measures in association with the people for uprooting the violence from all level of the society including the educational institutions.

5-PARTY ALLIANCE PROTESTS

The 5-Party Alliance steering committee convenor M Bimal Biswas in a Press statement on

Thursday expressed deep concern over the violent incidents on Rajshahi University campus and other educational institutions in Rajshahi on Wednesday and condemned the attack made by what he termed "armed hooligans backed by the JCD" on the leaders and workers of the Chhatra Oikya Parishad.

He accused that the police administration had been patronising the miscreants.

He demanded of the government for arresting the persons involved with the violent incidents in Rajshahi immediately and exemplary punishment to the responsible persons.

United Communist League of Bangladesh and BSD (Mahbub) in two separate statements also condemned the attack made by what they termed "armed hooligans backed by the pro-BNP JCD" on the leaders and workers of Chhatra Oikya Parishad and demanded arrest of the responsible persons immediately.