

President regrets low level of education

Political parties urged to sever ties with student bodies

RAJSHAHI, Nov. 29:—President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed today noted with regret the low level of education and held atrophied student politics responsible for all the ills, reports UNB.

Addressing the 7th convocation of the Rajshahi University, the President reiterated his advice to the political parties to free the students from their clutches and sever ties with the student bodies for the sake of the nation.

Making a blunt and objective observation of the situation, Justice Shahabuddin said: "They (student leaders) are getting millionaire over-

night in this profession. Why they will go for study if they get wealthy and even MP and Minister by resorting to terrorist student politics?"

He said: "Students indulge in unfair means in examinations in the absence of good education in schools, colleges and universities. The academic atmosphere is lacking. The main reason for this is students are used for political purposes."

"Bloody clashes in educational institutions are a frequent affair. Besides, the incidents of forcible extortion of tolls through terrorism are happening frequently... Student leaders have chosen this as they

found it a highly profitable profession.

Student politics are solely responsible for all this destructive activities," added the President.

Justice Shahabuddin said the world is moving very fast, and there is no alternative to education, learning and acquiring new technology to keep pace with the fast changing situation.

He reminded the graduates of the challenges of the 21st century and asked them search their soul how much they prepared and fit to face the challenges ahead. Modern education means the knowledge of science and technology and their application. Modern age and civilisation are undisputedly depend on science and technology.

The President said Bangladesh is a small country, with high, density of population. It is a sacred duty of all including political leaders and workers, teachers and students, to implement the family planning programme strictly. It also devolves on them that the huge manpower is turned into human resource through application of science of technology.

Justice Shahabuddin recalled happy memories of his closeness to Rajshahi University and association with its first Vice Chancellor Dr IH. Zuberi when he was Asstt Magistrate of Rajshahi in 1955.

Conferring the Degree on the graduates the President wished them well and advised them to be honest, hard working and above all patriotic.



President and Chancellor of Rajshahi University Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed handing over certificates to the graduates at the 7th Convocation of the university on Sunday.

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