

## Closure of edn institutions challenged, not Ordn: Minister

The Law and Justice Minister Mr. Habibul Islam Bhuiyan on Thursday expressed his surprise at the news item appearing in a section of the press about the court's order on closure of the Dhaka University and other educational institutions in Dhaka, reports BSS.

The Law Minister, in a statement said the High Court Division issuing a rule upon the government had asked it to show cause why the order of October 13, 1990, closing the Dhaka University and other educational institutions should not be declared to have been made "without lawful authority and is of no legal effect".

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### Closure

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Mr. Bhuiyan expressed his surprise as to the news item published in a section of the press on Thursday (October 25) to the effect that a Division Bench of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court has issued a Rule Nisi upon the government to show cause why the ordinance No. 13 of 1990 (Educational Institutions (Law and Order) Ordinance) should not be declared to be unconstitutional and violative of the constitution.

Whereas, the Minister, pointed out, the honourable court has issued a rule nisi only to show cause as to why the order dated October 13, 1990 for closing the Dhaka University and other educational institutions of Dhaka should not be declared to have been made without lawful authority and is of no legal effect.

The Law Minister pointed out that the court did not issue any rule upon the government regarding the validity of the Ordinance No. 13 of 1990 although the petitioners prayed for the same.

Mr. Bhuiyan said this misreporting of the court's order is not only undesirable but also contemptuous. He expressed the hope that in reporting legal matters the press should be more cautious.