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Home Minister speaks to The Daily Star Political parties must disband armed cadres

Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury said on Thursday all political parties must disband the armed cadres of their respective student fronts to end growing campus violence.

"No matter what party the armed terrorists belong to, I want to eliminate them right now," said a determined Home Minister in a 90-minute exclusive interview with The Daily Star at his Secretariat office.

Exuding confidence and at the same time seeking cooperation from all political parties, including the ruling BNP, in making the campuses violence-free Chowdhury said: "I will succeed in my mission. I have not failed as a politician in the past."

He agreed to a suggestion that the government would have to crack down on the armed activists of both JCD and Chhatra League, student fronts of BNP and Awami League, to

end campus violence, especially at Dhaka University.

"I have already told the JCD leadership that they must disown the armed cadres. They the job only one and a half month ago, was aided by Home Secretary Lutfullah Majid and Additional IG (Administration) ASM Shahjahan.

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told me that they did not patronise terrorists nor would they do it in future," the Home Minister said.
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Police in its bid to disperse the warring garment workers roughed up a protester at Shantinagar on Thursday. — Star photo

20 injured as garment workers clash

By Staff Correspondent
At least 20 people were injured in a clash between two rival groups of garments workers at Shantinagar on Thursday, police sources said. Police arrested seven workers from the spot.

The workers of Comrade Garment and Duke Garment locked in the clash when the former asked the latter to join a procession heading for the National Press Club to attend a protest rally.

Some of the workers were injured in police action, a workers leader alleged.

Bangladesh Garments Sramik Karmachari Sangram See Page 12 Col. 6

Businessmen given enough time

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The drive against the contraband goods the government has planned for next month is intended to discourage smuggling and it is in no way designed to harass the traders.

These remarks came from Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury during a 90-minute exclusive interview with The Daily Star at his Secretariat office on Thursday.

The anti-smuggling drive is scheduled to begin from December 1, with November 30 as the deadline for disposing of the contraband goods the shopowners have.

The shopowners have threatened to resist the drive arguing that the planned raids will spoil their business.

"It's unfortunate that they (traders) have united against a crime like smuggling," said the minister adding: "We are not against the people. That's why the government has allowed the traders considerable

time to sell the contraband items. We don't want to harass them."

Noting that the previous government of ousted president HM Ershad deliberately encouraged smuggling Chowdhury said: "Our elected democratic government wants to stop it."

"We know that smuggling is a continuous process. What we want to do is to restrain it. We may not be able to uproot it. But we can make smuggling financially unattractive and non-profitable," the minister said.

The stores are not the only targets, he said. The anti-smuggling measures will be tightened along the country's 4000-kilometer, border belt. The government is determined to stop the entry of the smuggled goods at all points — air, land and water.

It will be good for the nation and the national economy See Page 12 Col. 7

Check smuggling at entry points, say business leaders

By Staff Correspondent
Chamber leaders on Thursday urged the government to check smuggling at all entry points as anti-smuggling drives in shopping centres alone could not stem the flow of smuggled goods into the country.

Noting that the public and the business community are being held hostage by extortionists and terrorists, the business leaders, taking part in a discussion organised by the government to improve the fast deteriorating law and order situation in the country.

Speaking at the open discussion meeting on "The current law and order situation and the anti-smuggling drive" with Chamber leaders at the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry office auditorium, Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury reiterated the gov-

Lawyers boycott courts for separation of judiciary

Lawyers walked out of their courts across the country Thursday demanding separation of judiciary and abolition of the upazila courts, reports UNB.

About 20,000 law practitioners joined the court boycott programme called by the Coordination Council of the Bar Associations to press for its demands which also include scrapping of the Special Powers Act of 1974.

The Coordination Council urged the Government to accept the demands before January 31 or face tough action programme.

Boycotting the court, lawyers joined a meeting at the conference room of the Supreme Court Bar Association and later took out a procession which dispersed in front of the National Press Club.

Supreme Court Bar Association President Dr Rafiqur Rahman chaired the meeting

which was addressed, among others, by Shamsul Ilaq Chowdhury, Barrister Amirul Islam, SS Halder, Barrister Shawkat Ali Khan, Abdul Baset Majumdar, KM Saifuddin, Mohammad Hannan, Khademul Islam and Gasuddin Ahmed.

The meeting in a resolution said lawyers of the country have been struggling for the last nine years for separation of the judiciary from the executive, abolition of upazila civil and criminal courts and scrapping of the Special Powers Act.

It condemned the government's "silence" about the lawyers demand saying that the lawyers had expected of the present government installed after a mass movement to accept their just demands and eliminate the last remnants of autocracy.

The meeting called for realisation of the demand of the Barisal Bar Association and withdrawal of the criminal

cases against the lawyers there.

Intimidation by armed outsiders perpetrated on the lawyers of Dhaka District Bar Association during the demonstration Thursday was deprecated in the meeting.

It also condemned Wednesday's police action on garment workers and called for accepting their demands.

In a separate resolution, it demanded unconditional release of Burmese leader Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi and transfer of power to the elected representatives of that country.

Our Supreme Court Correspondent adds: The Supreme Court Bar Association in a meeting presided over by its President Dr. Rafiqur Rahman demanded immediate withdrawal of the upazila courts and independence of judiciary.

The meeting was attended See Page 12 Col. 5

Govt trying to politicise local bodies: Hasina

Awami League leader Sheikh Hasina Thursday alleged that the BNP government was trying to politicise the administration and local bodies by misusing the state power, reports UNB.

In a statement, she protested what she said the government's "undemocratic attitude" towards the Upazila Parishads.

"It will only reflect the autocratic mentality of the government if the elected representatives are displaced by a stroke of the pen and new people of their choice are appointed," Hasina, who is also the leader of the opposition, said.

She warned that by-passing the parliament, any decision on such an important issue like the upazila would not bring any good consequences.

Hasina reminded that as per constitution, administration is under the Republic and the local administrative bodies are neutral.

She further blamed that

although the ruling party is talking about democracy, but their overall actions demonstrate its autocratic nature.

She also urged the government to give up "undemocratic policy" in the interest of the forward march of democracy, peace and stability and economic progress.

Sheikh Hasina Thursday advised the students to develop themselves as competent citizens of the country.

"Students should not do politics at the cost of their study," she told a group of students who joined her party's student front at her parliament office.

Hasina, also the leader of the Opposition in Parliament, told the students that she had suspended the Chhatra League activities at Dhaka University temporarily as part of her initiative to stop terrorism on the campus.

She said that she had requested the Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University to conduct all See Page 12 Col. 8

Armed Forces Day observed

The Armed Forces Day was observed Thursday with due solemnity and enthusiasm, reports BSS.

According to an ISPR press release, the day's programme began with the laying of floral wreath at the Shikha Anirban — the eternal flame — at the Dhaka Cantonment by President and Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces Abdur Rahman Biswas to pay homage to the members of the Armed Forces who embraced martyrdom in the War of Liberation in 1971.

Chiefs of staff of the three services and other senior Armed Forces officers were present on the occasion.

Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan, Chief of Naval Staff Rear Admiral Mohammad Mohamminul Islam and Chief of Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Altaf Hossain Chowdhury also placed floral wreaths at the 'Shikha Anirban'.

Principal staff officers and other senior officers of the Armed Forces and the people

Khaleda asks Armed Forces to help consolidate democracy

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Thursday called upon members of the Armed Forces to work in unison with the people for consolidating democracy, mitigating sufferings of the distressed and building up the nation, reports UNB.

"We hope to see the Armed Forces always by the side of the distressed people and in nation building activities," she said while speaking at a reception at Senakunja in Dhaka Cantonment on the occasion of the Armed Forces Day.

Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina, Ministers, MPs, diplomats, journalists, high civil and military officials and the elite were present at the reception.

Paying tributes to the brave soldiers who laid down their lives for the independence of the country, the Prime Minister said the fraternity established between the Armed Forces and the people

during the 1971 War of Liberation has been further strengthened.

Begum Zia recalled the stiff resistance built up by Army, Navy and the Air Force together with the freedom loving students, youths, farmers, workers and people from all walks of life had resulted in the emergence of independent Bangladesh.

The tie of fraternity and brotherhood between the Armed Forces and the people is reflected in the combined efforts towards national development, she said.

Begum Zia lauded the role of the Armed Forces in the country's onward march to See Page 12 Col. 5

The leading teachers reiterated their call for the government to concede to their demands, including bringing of the teachers and employees of private schools and colleges under the new national pay scale, restoration of the function of their Tk. 3.5 crore trust See Page 12 Col. 3

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Khaleda greets Sihanouk
Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Thursday congratulated Prince Norodom Sihanouk on his assumption of the office of the President of Cambodia. In a message of felicitation to Prince Sihanouk, Begum Zia said, "It is my firm conviction that the people of Cambodia will soon achieve their long-cherished goal of peace and amity under your dynamic leadership, reports BSS.

Shaker to head new Jordan govt
AMMAN, Nov 21: Zeid ibn Shaker, former Chief of the Royal Court and a cousin of King Hussein, was named today to head a new Jordanian government. The appointment was made by royal decree following the official resignation Wednesday of Prime Minister Taher Maari. Shaker was expected to announce a new cabinet, in which most of the key posts would remain unchanged, reports AFP.

110 held on various charges
Dhaka Metropolitan Police during the last 24 hours arrested 110 persons in charges of their alleged involvement with different crimes. They were sent to the court, traffic police authorities Thursday filed cases against 57 motor cycle riders and collected fine of Taka four hundred for violating traffic regulations, reports BSS.

Hundreds killed in Mogadishu fighting

NAIROBI, Nov 21: Forces loyal to Somalia's President Ali Mahdi Mohamed on Thursday clashed in the East African nation's capital for a fifth day with supporters of a rival clan leader, reports AP.

The workers said that hundreds had died in the conflict between forces of Gen. Mohamed Farrah Aidid, chairman of the ruling United Somali Congress, and those of the President.

Aidid claimed that he ousted Ali Mahdi on Monday, one day after the conflict erupted. The President's forces, however, continue to resist from their stronghold in the city's north, according to the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"The situation is appalling," said Brigitte Meng, of the

International Committee of the Red Cross. "The hospitals are overcrowded, overwhelmed, with wounded."

Aid sources said the situation could deteriorate further into open civil war, as other large clans were beginning to ally themselves with one side or the other.

The conflict is essentially clan-based, with Aidid and Ali Mahdi representing different factions of the country's large, central Hawiye clan from which the ruling party draws its strength.

Aidid, of the Habar Gedir group, has long resented that Ali Mahdi, of the Abgal group, holds the presidency. Ali Mahdi, in turn, has been trying to have Aidid removed as party chairman.

Ali Mahdi, 52, was named President soon after the United Somali Congress ousted former President Mohamed Siad Barre last January following a month of heavy fighting in the capital, Mogadishu, diplomatic sources say as many as 20,000 people were killed in that conflict.

Still, Ali Mahdi has failed to consolidate his authority or extend control of his government beyond Mogadishu.

Northern Somalia, which also opposed Ali Mahdi's leadership, seceded as the Somali Republic in May and is peaceful. The rest of the Horn of African nation is riven by clan feuding and carved into separate fiefdoms.

Aid sources ascribed the battles as the heaviest since

Siad Barre was ousted. An estimated 500 people were killed and 1,500 wounded when fighting first broke out between the ruling party's factions in September.

Italy on Thursday sent in two more planes to evacuate Italians from its former colony. Most of Italy's embassy personnel were airlifted out of Mogadishu on Tuesday.

Aidid dislikes the Italians, claiming they allied themselves too closely with Ali Mahdi. During the first two days of the recent fighting, the Italian embassy was sacked.

Telecommunications with Somalia has been severed.

Formerly a US ally and before that a Soviet client, Somalia lost its strategic value to the superpowers with the end of the Cold War.

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