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Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz speaks at the publication ceremony of a book titled 'Parliamentary Control and Government Accountability in South Asia' at the National Press Club yesterday. On his right are Education Adviser Hossain Zillur Rahman, Prof Emajuddin Ahmed and Dr Talabur Rahman, author of the book.

Ensure checks and balances in political system

Says education adviser

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Education Adviser Hossain Zillur Rahman yesterday said checks and balances in the political system is the core quality the country has to ensure at this phase of democratic progress.

The institutional checks and balances has to be ensured in political culture, he said while launching a book titled 'Parliamentary Control and Government Accountability in South Asia' at the National Press Club.

Dr Talabur Rahman, chairman, department of development studies

at Dhaka University, authored the book published by Routledge from London and New York.

The adviser observed that there is progress in Bangladesh's march forward.

"I'm optimistic because there is a silent revolution in the electorate, which has not been taken note of by scientists, politicians or the national leaders," he said and termed it a driving force.

Those who are vested with authority and have influence must take note of this 'silent revolution' and employ

all vigour and efforts to address the challenges to improve the system, he said.

To encouraging research on political science issues, he said, the government has allocated Tk 10 crore for the research fund for teachers.

DU Vice Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz chaired the programme attended by former DU VC Prof Emajuddin Ahmed, dean of Social Science Faculty Prof Harun-or-Rashid, Prof Mahbub Ullah, Prof Salahuddin M Aminuzzaman and Prof Rounak Jahan.

President calls for upholding values of education

BSS, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday called upon the scholarly section of the society for upholding the values of education keeping national interest above everything.

"As you know, universities being the highest seats of learning act as

the catalyst for setting society's tune. As a result, the role of universities is of paramount importance to fulfill the hopes and aspirations of the society," he added.

The president said this while addressing the first convocation of Bangladesh University at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city.

Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh University Quazi Azhar Ali also spoke on the occasion. Military Secretary to the President Major General Mohammad Aminul Karim and Secretary Md Sirajul Islam were present.

Iajuddin said, "Our universities should focus on fostering innate intellect of the students so that they

can make immense contributions both academically and intellectually to our development process."

"A university is an institution that instills in young people notions of self-respect, honour and dignity and cultivates an environment for producing competent, honest and sound leadership that would eventually control the des-

tiny of a nation," he said.

The president said universities should be dedicated to make 'good men' through its collective and academic endeavours as they (good men) act nobly. "Our endeavours must be directed and dedicated to achieve the noble mission of education," he added.

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Hakeem takes oath as CAG

UNB, Dhaka

Ahmed Ataul Hakeem was sworn in as Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of Bangladesh, replacing Asif Ali.

Chief Justice M Ruhul Amin administered the oath to the newly appointed CAG at a simple ceremony at the judges' lounge of the Supreme Court.

Asif Ali retired from his services on January 1.

Rajuk demolishes unauthorised market

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk) yesterday bulldozed a market constructed illegally on a government land at Uttara in the city.

Rajuk engineers and officials, in presence of a magistrate, conducted the demolition drive from 11:00am to 2:00pm with the help of police and over 50 workers.

Before the demolition of the Mollazi Complex Market at Abdullahpur, employees of some 15 shops in the market were evacuated, witnesses said.

Rajuk engineers and the magistrate said they carried out the eviction drive after receiving permission from the High Court.

The traders of the market alleged that they were not given time to remove their properties from the market before the demolition.



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Covering their faces with black cloths, activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League stage a demonstration on the Dhaka University campus yesterday demanding release of Awami League President Sheikh Hasina.

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