

None of any arson attackers will be spared: IGP

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Online Desk: Inspector General of Police (IGP) Chowdhury Abdullah Al Mamun today warned that those, who will try to create anarchy and engage in arson attacks, will not be spared.

“None will be spared . . . those who are involved in violent activities as well as setting fire to the vehicles,” he told the official news agency BSS at his office at the Police Headquarters here today.

The IGP said strict measures have already been taken against those who were involved in vandalism at Chief Justice’s residence, judge’s complex and arson attacks on motor vehicles.

“None will be spared who wants to do such criminal acts, as BNP activists brutally killed our policeman on October 28. We will bring all who were engaged in those criminal activities like arson attacks, vandalism and anarchy across the country,” he added.

Mamun said the police do not arrest anyone without specific accusation, adding, “To prevent arson attacks on the motor vehicles, Tk. 20,000 was announced as reward if people can catch any criminal and hand over them to police.”

“In line with the Prime Minister’s ‘Zero Tolerance’ policy against militancy and terrorism, we all have been able to suppress militancy and terrorism by working together. As a result, stable law and order situation prevails in the country now and economic development has been increased along with the per capita income,” he added.

Mamun said, “It is not politically motivated work and also not political person detention. Law enforcers have been arresting them who were involved in criminal activities following October 28 BNP’s grand rally. We are also watching CCTV and video footage carefully and indentifying them.”

He said a meeting was held with the transport owners association and the police suggested them (transport owners) to keep buses at a selected place so that the police can ensure safety and security.

“Law enforcers are ready to deal with any type of atrocities and we will deal with them with iron hands,” the IGP stated.

Usually, 1500-1700 people used to arrest on charges of different crimes per day and police arrested several people in connection with the violence and destructive activities during the BNP rally on October 28 and blockade, he added.

During the election period, police will perform their duties under the Election Commission (EC), the IGP said.

He said that the police will perform their duties according to the EC’s instruction after announcing the election schedule.

He, however, said that Bangladesh police has the capacity to curb militancy, adding, “We will be able to eradicate militancy wherever, they (militants) are trying to re-organise.”