

Help check terrorism

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Tuesday called upon the students to rise above all petty differences and play a pioneering role to check terrorism and ensure a congenial academic atmosphere for the greater interest of the students, says BSS.

Recalling the glorious role of students in the movement against autocracy, Begum Zia urged the students to forge a movement against terrorism and violence with the same spirit with which they had ousted the autocratic regime.

The Prime Minister was speaking at a meeting with the members of

Dhaka University Shikha Paribesh Parishad at her secretariat office.

Begum Zia also called upon all the student organisations not to give shelter to the terrorists.

The Prime Minister said the present democratic government is determined to solve all problems including the session jam in the educational arena. In the current budget, the highest allocation has been given for the education sector with a plan to improve the present condition of the sector, she said.

The Prime Minister said her government would take up new projects to create employment facilities for the students. She said the present government was eager to solve all problems of the students and teachers.

Begum Zia said that she knew that along with the people the students of the country had high hopes and expectation from her democratically elected government. She said with a note of confidence that her government would live upto their expectations with the cooperation of all including the students.

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The Prime Minister said the autocratic regime left behind terrorism in the educational institutions as one of its ills. The terrorism must have to be checked to enjoy the fruits of democracy established after long struggle against autocracy, she added.

Underlining the role of teachers in checking terrorism, Begum Zia called upon them to extend their all-out

cooperation to all quarters for curbing violence in campuses and to ensure bright future for the students.

The Prime Minister reiterated her government's commitment to extend all possible cooperation to every quarter for curbing terrorism in campus.

Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof. Moniruzzaman Mian, Pro V.C. Wakil Ahmed, Dhaka University Teachers' Association President Anwarullah Chowdhury, Proctor M. Shahjahan Mian, DUCSU PV Amanullah Aman, DUCSU General Secretary Khairul Kabir Khokan, Bangladesh Chhatra League -BCL (NA) President Muhammad Shah Alam, BCL General Secretary Ashim Kumar Ukil, President of Chhatra League (N-S) Najmul Huq Pradhan, Provosts of different halls of the university and leaders of other student organisations took part in the meeting.

The teachers and students, while exchanging views with the Prime Minister, said the sincerity and firmness of the present government to solve the problems of the educational

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arena including terrorism was also manifested in the earlier meetings of the Prime Minister with the students, teachers and political parties on several occasions.

The speakers also underscored the need for combined efforts of all quarters including the teachers, students, political parties and the university administration to solve the existing problems of the educational institutions.