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Govt firm to free campus of terrorism: Khaleda

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Wednesday reiterated her government's determination to keep the country's seats of learning free of terrorism for ensuring academic atmosphere and security of life of students there, reports BSS.

Begum Zia was talking to the leaders of Kendria Sangsad of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatradal who met her at her secretariat office to hand over a memorandum.

It was the responsibility of any government to keep peace in the campuses of all educational institutes and ensure security to the students, Begum Zia said, adding as a government elected through the mandate of the people, BNP had the greater responsibility in this regard. She assured the student leaders that her

government would never lag behind in fulfilling this responsibility.

Begum Zia especially mentioned that the killers of Shaheed Dr. Milan would certainly be tried and punished.

The Prime Minister who is also the Home Minister, said the teachers were mainly responsible for keeping the campuses of their institutes free of terrorism. She also reminded the students of their important role in ensuring peace in educational institutions.

In the memorandum, the JCD demanded immediate arrest and trial of the killers of Dr. Milan. It demanded arrest and exemplary punishment of those who were creating violence and destroying the assets of Dhaka University. JCD also wanted

expulsion of these elements from the university.

The memorandum said a vested quarter had resorted to violence in different educational institutions including Dhaka University to destroy the existing democratic atmosphere and create an anarchic situation in

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the country.

The memorandum said the killers of Shaheed Dr. Milan was continuing their destructive activities under "a political shelter" in Dhaka University.

The student leaders present on the occasion were Khairul Kabir Khokan, Nazimuddin Alam, Fazlur Rahman Milan, Elias Ali, Kamruzzaman Ratan and Abdul Malek.

Our varsity correspondent adds: Earlier JCD held a rally in front of National Press Club which was addressed by Fazlul Haq Milan, Nazimuddin Alam, Quamruzzaman Ratan and Akkas Ali Nadim.

The JCD leaders were critical of acts of violence by a section of students belonging to rival student organisations. They said that the destructive activities of an identified section of students has tarnished the glorious image of student community. The JCD leaders reiterated their demand of arrest the Niru-Avi group, the killers of Dr. Milan. They urged all to collectively maintain congenial academic atmosphere of the campus.