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Help spread education among the masses: PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda on Friday night called upon the members of Bangladesh Non-governmental Primary School Teachers Association to help the present government implement the massive food-for-education programme for spreading the light of education throughout the country to accelerate the pace of development and end poverty.

Begum Zia was addressing the members of a delegation from Bangladesh Non-Governmental Primary School Teachers Association in Dhaka at her Sugandha office. LGRD Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukdar, Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar, State Minister for Education Principle Yunus Khan, Adviser of the Association Haris Chowdhury, President and Secretary General of the Association Mofikul Hasan Tripti and Akbar Ali Sheikh also spoke.

Listing the measures undertaken by the present democrat-

ically elected BNP government for the overall development of the country education sector, she said her government had attached the highest priority and allocation to the education sector as without the light of education no country could develop.

The Prime Minister said a

total of 9,000 primary schools had been constructed and the government spent a total of Taka 428 crores to develop the infrastructure of primary education during the past three years.

Begum Zia laid importance on the continuity of politics and development saying if BNP government had not been ousted in 1982 and the process initiated by Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman continued then the country by now could attain much higher plane of development and the light of education spread throughout the country.

But, she regretted the misrule of long nine years had ruined the entire education system and disrupted the development process and after being voted into power again by the people the BNP government had to cleanse the misdeeds of past nine years and bring the national economy back on the right track.

She sought the cooperation of all including the teachers.

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and parents to make the food-for-education programme a success for the betterment of country saying you have to guard that there is no corruption in this programme.

Corruption and bribery, she said could not bring happiness to anybody rather it bred unhappiness and mistrust.

The Prime Minister said if we all do justice to our responsibilities in our respective fields then definitely the country would develop and people of this country would be able to enjoy the fruits of such development.