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Education must for alleviating poverty: PM

SUNDARGANJ (Gaibandha),
June 13.—Prime Minister Begum
Khaleda Zia said here today that the
BNP government had created such
opportunities enabling all the chil-
dren to get themselves educated,
reports BSS.

"Poverty will remain no more if all
the people can be educated properly
and the BNP government is working
to help the people attain this goal",
she said while addressing a huge
public meeting at Sundarganj Ma-
junderhat here.

A section of unscrupulous people,
she said, often attempt to deceive
and cheat the rural people, taking
advantage of their simplicity.

The rural people, who lack educa-
tion, often fall prey to those bad
people in different ways, she said.

The BNP government, she said,
had been implementing programmes
on to make all the people aware of
their rights through education.

No vested quarters, she said,
would not able to exploit or deceive
the poorer sections of the people if
they could be educated.

Referring to the introduction of
compulsory primary education, adult
education, free education for female
students upto class ten outside the
municipal area, and stipend for
them, and food for education pro-
gramme the Prime Minister said that
the government's epoch-making
steps in the education sector had
increased the rate of literacy.

Such an atmosphere, she said, had
now been created that would enable
even the children of peasants, work-
ers and the commonman to become
doctors, engineers, educationists,
top government officials, MPs and
ministers.

The meeting was addressed,
among others, by Education Minister
Jamiruddin Sircar, former minister
and BNP standing committee mem-
ber Dr RA Gani, Shahjahan Siraj
MP, Prof Abdul Hafiz MP, Mrs
Rebeka Mahmud MP and local lead-
ers Mazharul Islam, Jahangir Alam
Jinnah, Abu Bakar, and Abdur
Rahim Badsha.