

Khaleda exchanges views with CU teachers

Opposition urged to join dialogue with open mind

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on Friday repeated her call to the opposition to have a dialogue with an open mind so that the two sides could unitedly find a solution to the current political crisis, reports BSS.

Exchanging views with the teachers of Chittagong University, who called on her at 30, Hare Road, she said that she had conveyed the government's sincere desire to find a solution through discussions across the table by writing to the Awami League chief her second letter.

The Prime Minister said that she sincerely believed that a solution could be found through discussions across the table.

She said that she was awaiting a positive response from Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina.

But she asked, "can there be discussions with preconditions?"

Stressing the need for finding a solution to the present political crises, the Prime Minister said that the negative politics of hartals of the opposition was causing sufferings and hardship to the common people who had to earn their livelihood through hard work.

The Prime Minister said that the hartals were affecting all working people, a businessman, a vendor, a shop-keeper, a rickshaw-puller or a day labourer.

She said that hartals curtailed their right to work and earn a living.

How can political parties who speak of the people's right to earn a living, in reality create obstacles through hartals so that the people

cannot work and have to suffer hardship, she asked.

She said that the government always showed patience in its efforts to find a solution to any problem.

The teachers of the Chittagong

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University stressed on finding a solution to the current political stalemate within the framework of the Constitution of the republic.

They said that it was required of all

the sides to the current stalemate to uphold the constitution in finding a way out of the current situation.

Pro-Vice Chancellor of Chittagong University, Prof. Badiul Alam, Prof. Mahfuzul Huq, Dr. Siddique Chowdhury, Dr. Fazle Ahsan Chowdhury, Dr. Yusuf Sharif Khan and Dr. Mohammad Mahbubullah, among other teachers, spoke during the exchange of views.

Energy and Mineral Resources Minister, Dr. Khandker Mosharraf Hossain, Fisheries Minister, Abdullah Al Noman and Education Minister, Barrister Zamiruddin Sircar, also took part in the discussions.