

**Khaleda visits schools in city suburb**

## Teachers asked to ensure students' attendance

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on Thursday visited a number of schools and colleges in a city suburb near Uttara to see for herself the studies in the educational institutions, reports BSS.

During her visit the Prime Minister enquired the students and teachers about the education and attendance.

The Prime Minister first went to Kachkura Government Primary School at Dhakinkhan and entered into a class room.

It was indeed a surprise to minor school boys and girls of class three who stood up seeing the country's Prime Minister into their class room.

Treating the students with cordiality, Begum Zia talked to Akhi, Surma, Seema, Solaiman, Zahirul Islam and Sharmeen Akhtar in the class room and asked them about their studies.

She also made queries to the school authorities whether the students and the teachers attend the schools regularly and wanted to know about the school hours and the students' home work.

In the class room, the Prime Minister saw the hand writings of some students while several others were tested by herself asking them to do sums in the blackboard.

When asked by the Prime Minister some students recited poems from their text books.

In another class room, the Prime Minister sat in the bench with the students and talked to them. She was seen fondling a girl student and asked about her lessons.

She entered into the teachers room in the school and checked the attendance register.

In the register the Prime Minister found irregular attendance of some students and wanted to know from them why this was being happened.

Begum Zia asked the teachers to keep watch so that all the students attend the schools regularly. If necessary, the teachers should go to the houses of the absentee students and talk to their guardians in this regard, she advised.

The Prime Minister then visited the Kachkura College and Kachkura High School.

The students of the Kachkura College informed the Prime Minister the problems of the college including its dilapidated condition.

The Prime Minister assured them that steps would be taken for the development of that college.

She advised the students of the college and Kachkura School to devote themselves to their studies.

On hearing the news of Prime Minister's arrival at Kachkura, hundreds of villagers from nearby areas thronged to Kachkura school's ground which ultimately turned into

a big rally.

Addressing the villagers the Prime Minister urged them to send their children to school regularly, ensure their regular attendance and not to keep any of their children out of school education.

The Prime Minister also went to Uttara Anwara Model Degree College and advised the students of the college to carry out their studies attentively saying they (students) would have to take up the responsibilities of running the country in future.

Qamrul Islam, MP and Raushan Elahi, MP, accompanied the Prime Minister.