

Politicising of DU senate to spoil edn atmosphere: Hasina

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Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina in a statement termed the irregularities and violation of rules in the just concluded Senate meeting and Syndicate election of Dhaka University as unwanted, undesirable and regrettable.

The Awami League chief strongly protested what she said politicising of the Dhaka University Senate and Syndicate by the government. She condemned the change of voter list by the government using the office of President and Speaker violating the rules just before the election of three Senate members to the Syndicate.

She pointed out that the move to politicise the Dhaka University Senate and Syndicate demonstrated the design of the BNP government to destroy the democratic institutions. She said that the academic atmosphere of Dhaka University, once known as "Oxford of the east," had now been vitiated, teachers were being assaulted and the students and teachers had become hostages at the hands of government backed hoodlums.

The Awami League chief said that universities were the seats of learning to promote independent thinking and democratic practices. She urged all teachers, students, guardians and conscious people to resist the politi-

cising and government-backed terrorism in universities and restore congenial academic atmosphere, respect of teachers and democratic traditions.

UNB adds: Awami League President Sheikh Hasina on Sunday accused the BNP government of continuing patronisation of the terrorists ignoring the people's demand for violence-free educational institutes.

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"Terrorist activities cannot be committed without the government's support," Hasina said.

She was addressing the student leaders of Netrakona district Chhatra League and the newly elected leaders of Netrakona Government College students union at the Awami League central office at Bangabandhu Avenue.

Hasina urged all conscious people to wage a movement against terrorism, saying that the terrorists did not have any party identification. "A terrorist's only true identity is that of a terrorist, an enemy of the country and the nation."

Turning to national politics, the Awami League chief said the ruling party has established "a one-party rule violating the Constitution and by making Parliament inoperative."

The meeting was also addressed, among others, by Awami League leader Abdul Jalil, Chhatra League President Enamul Huq Shamim and General Secretary Ishaq Ali Khan Panna, Netrakona district Chhatra League President Prashanta Roy and General Secretary Zillur Rahman.

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