

## Hasina asks students to resist campus violence

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina on Monday called upon the student community to play pioneering role in building a happy and prosperous society, reports BSS.

Inaugurating the National Conference '92 of Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-A) at the Engineers Institution, Dhaka Sheikh Hasina told the students, "you must devote yourselves to studies to make yourself worthy citizens for shouldering the future responsibilities."

She also called upon the students to stand against all sorts of "injustice, lawlessness and disorder" and resist terrorism in the educational institutions.

Sheikh Hasina, who is the leader of the opposition in the parliament, urged the students to take a determined vow to continue

struggle for the economic emancipation of the toiling masses.

Presided over by President of the organisation Shah-e-Alam, the inaugural session was also addressed by Convener of the Conference Preparatory Council

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Ahmed Hossain and Convener of the reception sub-committee Syed Sabbir Hossain Sagar. Two leaders of All-India Students Federation Subhrangshu Bhattacharya and Surangama Bhattacharya and General Secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra League (N-S) Shafi Ahmed gave welcome speeches. Awami League Central leaders and former office-bearers of the Chhatra League were present.

Referring to terrorism, Sheikh Hasina said a certain quarter had been using the students to tarnish the glorious image of the students. She said the causes of campus terrorism were political.

The Awami League chief called upon the government to expand educational facilities and ensure congenial and healthy academic atmosphere. She demanded of the government to explore employment opportunities for the unemployed youth.

Sheikh Hasina said all pro-liberation forces would have to be united for safeguarding the independence and sovereignty of the country. The new generation students would have to be vigilant in this regard, she added.

Dwelling upon the new economic policy of the Awami League, the party chief said it was aimed at ameliorating the lot of the common people. She said, "we want to fulfil the basic needs of the people and remove the gap between the rich and the poor."

The Awami League President said, "we have got 38 per cent of the popular vote in the last general election and we, therefore, have responsibilities towards the nation".

She urged the rank and file of the Awami League and its front organisations to strengthen the party to help implement the party's "welfare-oriented economic policy".

The leader of the opposition was critical of the government for not involving the United Nations in Bangladesh-Myanmar agreement regarding the repatriation of the Rohingya refugees.

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