

DU students pledge solidarity with Khaleda Govt firm to stamp out terrorism on campus

Student leaders of Dhaka University on Thursday met Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and discussed with her various problems facing university students, reports BSS.

The problems of bus shortage, inadequate accommodation facilities of students, insufficient subsidy in the dining halls, unemployment, campus terrorism and the illegal stay of outsiders in the residential halls dominated the more than two-hour long discussion.

The student leaders strongly pleaded for evicting the armed outsiders from the residential halls, irrespective of their party affiliations and bringing them to book to cleanse the campus of armed terrorists.

In their free and frank discussion with the Prime Minister, the student leaders expressed identical views that present peaceful academic atmosphere must be maintained and that the campus be freed from the trouble-makers through the united efforts of all.

During the discussion the student leaders urged the Prime

Minister to provide more buses for Dhaka University, construct new halls particularly the female halls, increase the volume of fixed subsidy for the dining halls, arrange part-time jobs for the students, create employment opportunities for the students, prepare a list of students who had sacrificed their lives in the anti-autocracy movement.

The Prime Minister gave the students a patient hearing and assured them that a new female hall would be constructed. More buses would be provided in phases and the volume of fixed subsidy for dining halls be increased for the students of Dhaka University, she said.

Terining the student leaders as her companions in the nine-year long anti-autocracy movement, Begum Zia said that she felt happy to meet them again. The students had discussed with her their problems freely and said they felt happy for being able to discuss their problems with the democratically elected Prime Minister.

The leaders of all the student organisations of Dhaka

University except Pro-Awami League (Hasina) Chhatra League met the Prime Minister at her office in Dhaka.

The organisations were: Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, Bangladesh Chhatra Union, BSD-backed Chhatra League, Chhatra League (M-L); Bangladesh Chhatra Moitree, Samajtantrik Chhatra Front, Bangladesh Chhatra Federation, Chhatra Oikya Forum, Jatiya Chhatra Dal, Jatiya Chhatra League, Ganotantrik Chhatra League and Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikya.

The student leaders welcomed the Prime Minister's upcoming May 23 visit to Dhaka University where she will present honorary Doctor of Science (DSc) degree to Nobel

Laureate Pakistani Scientist Abdus Salam in a special convocation. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is the Chancellor of Dhaka University.

The leaders, who spoke on the occasion, included DUCSU VP Amanullah Aman MP, DUCSU AGS Nazimuddin Alam, JCD leader Fazlul Huq Milon, DUCSU Transport Secretary Khandaker Jahangir Alam, Ashok Khan and Surajjan Ghosh, President and General Secretary of Jatiya Chhatra League, Mizanur Rahman, President Chhatra League (M-L), Mohammad Abu Taher, General Secretary of DU unit of Chhatra League (M-L), Ziaul Huq Zia, President Chhatra

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Moitree Dhaka University unit, Mustaque Ahmed Tulu, President of Chhatra League (B-K) DU unit, Shafiqul Islam, AGS Chhatra Union DU unit, Junayed Saki, General Secretary Chhatra Federation DU unit, Mohiuddin Lablu, Convener Chhatra Oikya Forum DU unit, Mustaque Alam, President Samajtantrik Chhatra Front DU unit and Aslam Khan.

Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar and Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof. Emazuddin Ahmed were also present on the occasion.

The Prime Minister told the students that her democratic government wanted to identify

the problems of the universities and the students and find ways for their solution through discussions.

She said her government had provided so far about 100 buses to different educational institutions of the country including Dhaka University.

Identifying poverty as a major problem, Begum Zia said poverty situation would

worsen if hartals were continued. "It is time to build and not to destroy", She reminded the students and sought their cooperation in her government's efforts to consolidate democratic process and continue development programmes.

The Prime Minister also said that her government would seek students cooperation in maintaining peaceful atmosphere in the campus and eradicating terrorism from the campuses. "I will extend all out support to root out terrorism from the campuses," she said.