

40,000 new teachers will be employed in coming years **Strengthen hands of BNP for sake of democracy: PM**

PURBADHALA, (Netrakona) Apr 30: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia today urged the people to continue their support to her government and strengthen the hands of BNP for the sake of democracy, national independence, development and production, reports BSS.

Addressing a mammoth public meeting at JM Pilot High School field here the Prime Minister said the BNP government believed in the politics of production and development and all its programmes were intended for the welfare of the people.

Presided over by President of Purbadhala thana BNP Dr Mohammad Ali the meeting was addressed, among others, by BNP Secretary General and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder, Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad MA Karim, Abu Abbas MP, Luftuzzaman Babar MP, Mrs Bani Ashraf MP, Social Worker Mrs Rabeya Khatun and local leaders Abu Taher Talukder and Maksud Ali Khan.

At the meeting seven hundred leaders and workers from different political parties including Awami League, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal and Jamaat joined the BNP, expressing their solidarity with the ideals and principles of the party and lending their full support to the leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia.

The Prime Minister welcomed the newly joined leaders and workers in BNP and said

the leaders and workers of various political parties were joining her party because they (people) favoured production and development.

The Prime Minister referred to the construction of roads, bridges, culverts, new schools and repairing of new ones and supply of electricity across the country and said efforts were on to make the nation self-reliant in all fields of development.

Referring to the increased food production Begum Zia said the production-oriented policies of her government had enabled the people to have "Dal-bhat" (rice and lentil) regularly.

The Prime Minister said all programmes to ensure

education for all and health for all would be implemented.

She said there was no alternative to educating the people for the development of the country.

The Prime Minister mentioned a number of programmes including the free education for the female students upto class eight outside the municipal areas for the development of education.

Steps would also be taken, she said, to provide free education for female students upto class ten outside the municipal areas. The Prime Minister said 30 to 40 thousand new teachers would be employed in the coming years.