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CAMPUS VIOLENCE Hasina warns BCL men of stern action

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Prime Minister (PM) Sheikh Hasina has warned Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) men of stern actions for creating unrest in educational institutions.

She has also warned top BCL leaders of a possible 'five-year jail' if the warning goes unheeded.

The PM made the warning as a team of top BCL leaders led by its President Mahmud Hasan Ripon and General Secretary Mahfuzul Haider Chowdhury Roton met her on the occasion of Pahela Baishak

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Hasina warns

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at her official residence Jamuna in the city on Tuesday.

"Those who instigate violence in educational institutions won't be spared and tough actions will be taken against them," BCL Joint Secretary Iqbal Mahmud Bablu told The Daily Star quoting Hasina.

"But those who work positively will be rewarded," said the PM as quoted by Bablu.

BCL president Ripon said, "The PM asked us to play the key role in ensuring a congenial atmosphere on all campuses."

Hasina issued the warning two weeks after she had quit as the BCL's organizational chief. Hasina took the decision at a presidium meeting of AL on March 31 following a series of clashes between BCL men on different campuses.

Meanwhile, Rab arrested two BCL central leaders-- Ashrafur Rahman and Sohel Rana Mithu from a city residence on April 12 on charge of creating unrest on the Dhaka University campus.

Meanwhile, RAB has prepared a list of some top BCL leaders including Golam Sarwar Kabir, Khairul Hasan Jewel of FH Hall, Utpal Saha of Jagannath Hall, Sumon of SM Hall, Shahidul, Ashraf and Sumon of Jahurul Hauqe Hall, Salman of Ziaur Rahman Hall and Siddique Najmul Alam of Surya Sen hall for instigating violence in the educational institutions mainly on the Dhaka university campus, sources said.