

## PM's call to BCL

### *Put her words into action*

We laud Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's call to the BCL leaders and activists to prioritise education above all else, and stay away from the path of drugs, militancy and terrorism. The premier reinforced that the global menace of terrorism and militancy has no place in Islam, during a discussion on the occasion of the reunion of Bangladesh Chhatra League at Suhrawardy Udyana, marking its 69th founding anniversary. She also said that the government would take strong actions against those who misguide the country's youth.

We appreciate the Prime Minister's calls urging the BCL youths to the right path at a time when the country has seen itself being gripped by the claws of militancy and terrorism. Her statement urging the BCL to set their priorities straight was much needed in light of the acts of violence perpetrated by unruly BCL activists over the years. It goes without saying that in no way do the destructive activities of BCL men speak well of the student wing. Despite a glorious past, BCL's present is checkered and the infighting within the organisation, resulting in several deaths, has tarnished its image.

The PM's call is unambiguous, and it is not the first time she has articulated her views on how the student wing of the party should behave. What we want to see is that her directive is implemented. And the AL leadership must also ensure that individuals and groups within BCL that transgress the dotted line are dealt with a heavy hand to set examples and create disincentives for the other members of the BCL.