

Foundation laying of Shaheed Dr Milon auditorium at DMC Nov 27

4 new medical colleges in phases: Khaleda

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said in Dhaka on Sunday that four new medical colleges would be set up in phases in Dinajpur, Bogra, Khulna and Faridpur, reports BSS.

The preparations to set up the medical colleges would start shortly, she said while addressing the installation ceremony of the Executive Committee of Doctors Association of Bangladesh (DAB) at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium.

Begum Zia also announced that the deputation system of the doctors in upazila will be abolished from January 1 next. The doctors will be placed under district civil surgeons with the implementation of the order, she said.

The Prime Minister said the government has decided to give government jobs to 250 doctors on primary basis.

Begum Zia said drug licenses would be given to 1,000 doctors,

at least to two in each upazila for ensuring the availability of medicines in the rural areas.

The Prime Minister said the government would set up "Shaheed Milan Auditorium" at Dhaka Medical College premises as a mark of respect to Shaheed Dr Milon whose supreme sacrifice had given momentum to the anti-autocratic movement. The foundation of the auditorium would be laid on November 27, she added.

The function was also ad-

dressed by Deputy Leader in Parliament Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Health Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, DAB Chairman Dr A.K.M. Kamaruzzaman MP and Secretary General Dr Mohammad Atikur Rahman.

The Prime Minister said steps would be taken to strengthen the free Friday clinic being run by DAB to ensure free healthcare facilities to the downtrodden people.

Begum Zia said the govern-

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ment wanted to make the hospitals more effective in providing healthcare to the suffering humanity. She called upon the doctors and nurses to do their respective duties properly and help the present government to achieve its target in the health sector.

She called upon the physicians to go to the rural people to give proper treatment.

The Prime Minister said the doctors, who would work in the rural areas for mitigating the sufferings of the downtrodden people, would be provided with assistance and help to have higher training from home and abroad on priority

basis.

Begum Zia said "we are working with best of our efforts to solve the existing problems in the healthcare sector but as we have resource constraints it would take time to solve all the problems."

She called upon the physicians to work with more dedication to translate into reality the hopes and aspirations of the general masses.

Begum Zia also urged the members of DAB, the organisation which had been formed with feelings of nationalism, to work at the grass root of the country for giving relief to the suffering humanity.

The Prime Minister said the BNP government wanted to realise

the dreams of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman by implementing his rural based medicare policies.

Prof B Chowdhury said the time has come when the physicians community should make themselves aware of their responsibilities to the nation. He underscored the need for undertaking the medical policy with modern outlook fitting to the need of the time.

The Health Minister said the pay hike for the internee doctors was under consideration. He called upon the doctors of the country to extend their support to the government in implementing its development programmes in the health sector.