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Bogra Chhatra Oikya Parishad programme called off

BOGRA, Sept. 9:—Chhatra Oikya Parishad here today withdrew all its action programmes launched following last month's tragic incidents, after a fruitful discussion with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, reports UNB.

The Prime Minister, who left here from the capital this (Monday) morning to attend a programme at Bogra Cantonment, met with the student leaders at Bogra Circuit House in the afternoon to pacify them.

Earlier, Hasina, consoled the parents of Rafiqul Islam, who died in police firing during the August 22-24 incidents, and sister of Akhter Ali Moon, whose deadbody was found floating in a river. Both the victims were students of Azizul Huq University College.

The Prime Minister also handed over two cheques for Tk. 100,000 each to the representatives of the victims' families.

Hasina said a commission had been constituted to investigate the incidents. None who is found guilty by the commission will be spared, she told the student leaders. "The commission will work neutrally. The government will not influence the probe."

The Prime Minister informed the students of her government's measures taken immediately after the incidents, including closing the police men.

A seriously injured student was flown to Dhaka and was admitted to the Combined Military Hospital while another was sent abroad for treatment, she said.

"I didn't wait for any demand. Whatever steps have been taken that have been taken out of my sense of responsibility".

Hasina, however, asked the students not to become rowdy. "Raise your voice against any injustice, but don't indulge in indiscipline."

Everyone should maintain discipline from one's own place, she said. The government will enquire into the police atrocities as well as the persons responsible for the killing of a policeman. "Culprits will be punished," she categorically said.

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Responding to the student leaders' demand for withdrawal of "false cases" filed, they said, against 1,500 students, Hasina directed the authorities not to take any action against anyone before the enquiry.

Responding to the demands of teachers and students of Azizul Huq College, She assured that problems of the college would be looked into with utmost consideration.

They demanded of the Prime Minister for development of the most important college of the region. Demands include recruitment of adequate teachers required for a university college, transport, building and separation of the higher secondary section from the university college.

Principal of the College Abdus Sattar, Vice-President of the College student union Ahsanuzzman Chowdhury Suin, General Secretary Md. Yusuf Ali and other leaders spoke on the occasion.

Later, the Prime Minister addressed the local leaders and workers of Awami League, directing them to engage themselves in nation-building activities.

"Don't sit idle. Plant trees, use derelict ponds and waterbodies, and fallow lands for pisciculture and poultry farming. Engage yourselves in literacy drive", she told her party leaders and workers.