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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina speaking at the inaugural ceremony of two new halls of Dhaka University named "Begum Fazilatunnesa Mujib Hall" and "Amar Ekushey Hall" at the TSC auditorium on Monday.

## PM opens two DU halls

### Development not possible without stable democracy

Blaming military rulers for disrupting democratic environment in the past, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Monday said neither economic progress nor educational development is possible without a stable democracy, reports UNB.

"The nation can achieve economic progress by ensuring democracy and spreading education," she said while addressing the inaugural function of two dormitories on the Dhaka University campus on Monday afternoon.

In this regard, the Prime Minister called upon the teachers to work wholeheartedly for nourishing the talent of the students apart from book-centered education.

She also asked the students to prepare themselves for taking the future leadership of the country studying now hard and with utmost sincerity.

On the campus, the Prime Minister unveiled the plaque of the two dormitories - one for female and another for male students of the university. The female hall is named after (See Page 15 Col. 6)

## DU halls

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Begum Fazilatunnesa Mujib while the male commemorating the glorious history of Ekushey February - Amar Ekushey.

The university authorities completed the two dorms spending Tk 22 crore. There are 127 four-seated rooms in the Fazilatunnesa Mujib Hall while 125 in the Amar Ekushey Hall. Some 800 students will be accommodated in each of the dormitories.

Chaired by DU Vice Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, the function was also addressed by Education Minister ASHK Sadique and DU Treasurer Prof Abul Hashem. Registrar Mohammad Selim conducted the function while DU Fourth Class Employees Union President Sikder Bulu Miah expressed gratitude for PM's announcement for a 12-storied tower building for the employees.

The Prime Minister said the days ahead are full of competition. So that the students should work hard to fit in the competition and march ahead.

She said, "We achieved independence in the twentieth century and want economic emancipation in the 21st century. But if our students are not properly educated, we will not be able to attain that goal."

If democracy did not exist now development could not take place so fast, she said pointing finger to the completion of two dormitories of the university in only eight months.

She said university authorities had completed the construction in eight months, which has been possible because of the existence of a democratic government.

The Prime Minister appreciated the rise of female students in the Dhaka University and at the same time laid emphasis on increasing facilities for them.

She asked the university authorities to construct two more dormitories for the female students.

Some 40 per cent of the total - about 25,000 students of Dhaka University - are female and there were only three dormitories for them.

Referring to the abandoned place of Bangladesh Railway near Dr Shahidullah Hall that is under process to be handed over to the DU, Hasina said adequate spaces are there and there are few female student dormitories on the campus. So two more dormitories can be set up there.

She asked the university authorities to submit necessary project proposal for setting up two new dormitories.

The Prime Minister expressed gratitude to the university authorities for naming the female hall after Begum Fazilatunnesa Mujib, her slain mother.

She said this lady sacrificed a lot silently for the political movements, independence and the party. "My mother, from behind the scene, inspired my father to fight for the nation and sacrificed her life for the nation."

Hasina also thanked the Dhaka University for remembering the great language movement by naming one of its halls as Amar Ekushey. She said Ekushey February had been recognised as international mother language day, which is a great achievement for the nation.

The Education Minister said session jam due to campus politics and violence was the main problem of the universities.

To cope with the jams, the Finance Ministry approved additional Tk 8 crore for the universities according to the proposal of Education Ministry and the varsities could start another session just after the result of HSC examination.

DU VC Prof Azad Chowdhury said the varsity is determined to materialise the pledge to the nation for creating a happy, prosperous and dignified Bangladesh.