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## Hasina urges students to rise against misrule

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Awami League Chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina on Sunday called upon the student community to rise against what she said tyranny, misrule and misdeeds of the present government.

Addressing as chief guest the reunion of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) at Paltan Maidan organised in observance of 55 years of BCL, she said that country's student community had in the past played vital role against the tyranny and misrule of autocratic and repressive regimes.

She said Chhatra League, the student wing of Awami League, had a glorious role in establishing people's rights and democracy and liberating the country.

The Leader of the Opposition accused the present government of establishing a reign of terror across the country and carrying out political persecution.

She held the present government responsible for putting Bangladesh on terror-risk list of the US, Terrorism by the BNP-Jamaat cadres, political persecution and patronisation of local and international terrorists had prompted the US to put Bangladesh on the list of suspects countries, she added.

Sheikh Hasina further accused the BNP-Jamaat coalition government of trying to eliminate leaders and workers of Awami League and its front organisations including Chhatra League. None could eliminate Awami League and its front organisations through repression, she asserted.

She said that Chhatra League was born for protesting against injustice, repression and misrule and from the inception it struggled for establishing the rights of the people.

The former Prime Minister called upon the leaders and workers of Chhatra League to give priority to study over student politics.

Holding Begum Zia responsible for 53 deaths in army custody during Operation Clear Heart, she said that Begum Khaleda Zia could not escape the legal action.

She alleged that during the Operation Clean Heart, common people specially workers and leaders of Awami League and its front organisations were tortured in the name of curbing terrorism.

Presided over by Chhatra League President Liaqat Sikder, the function was attended by former Presidents and Secretaries of the organisation, central leaders of Awami League.