

# No room for terrorists in JCD: Khaleda

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on Wednesday said there is no room for terrorists and extortionists in the Jaiyatabadi Chhaira Dal (JCD), reports BSS.

"We don't need terrorists and extortionists. They would be dealt with iron hand," she emphatically said at the 24th founding anniversary and reunion of the JCD, the student wing of BNP, at the Shatayu Angon of Ramna Park in Dhaka.

The Prime Minister called upon JCD leaders and activists to introduce the politics of merit, study, peace, compassion and coexistence on the campuses, replacing the practice of occupying dormitories that began during the past regime.

Ministers, MPs, Standing Committee members and other central leaders of the BNP attended the function along with hundreds of JCD workers from different educational institutions of the city.

BNP Secretary General and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, BNP Student Affairs Secretary and State Minister for Health and

Family Welfare Amanullah Aman and a good number of present and former JCD leaders also addressed the rally, presided over by JCD Convenor Shahabuddin Laltu.

Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary General and Social Welfare Minister Ali Ahsan M Mujahid was present.

"The days of politics of slogans and processions are over.

You will have to acquire knowledge to build yourselves as worthy citizens for taking responsibility of running the country and making it poverty-free and self-reliant," the Prime Minister told the big gathering of leaders and

activists of the JCD.

Begum Zia directed all concerned to gear up activities of the JCD in all educational institutions. At the same time, she voiced a tone of warning against any sort of illegal and terrorist activities by any member belonging to her party's student front.

She said the students would have to behave well and do good things to prove that they are not terrorists and extortionists which has become a common belief about them.

The Prime Minister called upon students to devote themselves to  
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studies to acquire knowledge of modern technology to make a self-reliant Bangladesh capable of facing the challenges of 21st century.

The programme began with Begum Zia, who is also the chairperson of BNP, hoisting the national flag and JCD convenor Shahabuddin Laltu the flag of the organisation amidst rendering of the national anthem.

The Prime Minister also released multi-coloured balloons and pigeons into the sky.

As Begum Zia stepped onto the dais, artistes rendered "Protham Bangladesh Amar Shesh Bangladesh," a patriotic song reflecting the philosophy of BNP and JCD founder Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman.

After recitation from the holy Quran, a condolence motion was moved and special prayers were offered for Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman, and the leaders and activists of the JCD who were killed during different movements.

The Prime Minister said Shaheed Zia had formed the JCD for making ideal and quality leaders, and worthy citizens. Now, it is the time to review to what extent his dream could be materialised, she added.

Begum Zia said reformation of the JCD has begun. Only regular students will lead it and new leaders of the JCD will be elected through conference every year, she added.

The Prime Minister expressed her gratitude to the JCD, specially its former leaders and activists for their contribution during the nine-year anti-autocratic movement that had brought the BNP to power through a free and fair election in 1991.

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