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Khaleda surprises primary students

# Help reduce number of school drop-outs

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on Saturday paid a surprise visit to a 63-year old government primary school in the outskirts of the capital to see for herself the running of the institution, reports BSS.

Begum Zia's unscheduled visit to Azampur Government Primary School near Tongi on Saturday morning overwhelmed the students and the

teachers.

She checked the attendance of the students and enquired about the progress of their studies and the problems on way to their learning.

Begum Zia freely mixed with the little learners of the school, established in 1930. She talked with the students of different classes and asked them various questions to test their knowledge.

The Prime Minister asked Shuktara, a student of class two, whether she could say her lessons. Shuktara promptly responded to Begum Zia's query

and recited a Bengali poem.

In reply to the Prime Minister's question Rashed, another student of class two, also recited a Bengali poem.

Begum Zia advised the students to be mindful to their studies to attend school regularly and to motivate the poor and distressed children of their age to come to the school for studies.

The Prime Minister instructed the school teachers to be pay more attention to the students. She asked them to take care to stop school drop-

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outs and enroll more students in the school. During her visit, Begum Zia felt sorry about the congested classrooms, lacking sufficient light and ventilation.

Mr. Sultan Ahmed, the Headmaster, told the Prime Minister that there were 1100 students in the school and there was not enough space to accommodate them properly. He, however, said a new wing of the school building was under construction.

The Prime Minister found 13 teachers present out of 15 during her visit, one teacher was on leave.

On last Tuesday, Begum Zia visited Keutkhali Government Primary School at Munshigonj.

The government of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has launched an education movement in the country by introducing various programmes including compulsory primary education and food for education.

The programme of compulsory primary education was introduced in 64 thanas under 64 districts of the country in January last year.

The government introduced the programme of compulsory primary education throughout the country this year. The introduction of compulsory primary education in this country was contemplated more than half a century back.