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Call to rid admin of bureaucratic red-tapism Medical varsity under consideration: PM

DHAKA, BSS : Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said here Wednesday that the establishment of a medical university in the country was under active consideration of the present government to fulfil the long-standing demand of the physicians.

Addressing the inaugural session of the third national convention of Bangladesh Medical Teachers' Samity Federation at the auditorium of Institution of Engineers Bangladesh here, The Prime Minister said her government would also consider to set up the medical colleges in different parts of the country which were promised by the government of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman.

Amid standing ovation from the physicians on her announcement, Begum Zia said "we want to revitalise the health sector, destroyed by the long nine years of autocratic rule, through proper utilisation of our limited resources."

Begum Zia said struggle against autocracy had ended but the movement to reach the fruits of democracy and economy to the

people had just started.

The Prime Minister said "our movement will not stop until we reach proper medicare, education, shelter, food and clothing to all—the blood-drenched demand of the Shaheed, like Dr Milan."

Assuring trial and punishment of the killers of Dr Milan, Begum Zia said her government had already taken necessary measures in this regard.

The function was also addressed by Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Bangladesh Medical Association President Dr M A Majed, the Federation President Prof Abdul Byas Bhuiyan, General Secretary Dr Gazi Abdul Haq, Prof Golam Rasul and the mother of Shaheed Dr Milan, Mrs Selina Akhtar.

Referring to the active contributions of physicians to the ousting of autocratic regime, Begum Zia hoped that the community would continue to work unitedly with the democratic government to build up a self-reliant and happy Bangladesh.

She expressed her firm deter-

mination that with the united efforts of all sections of people her government would be able to make the country free from poverty, illiteracy, malnutrition and problem of housing.

The Prime Minister said the martyrs had sacrificed their lives with the dream of establishing a prosperous and exploitation free society and they had left the responsibility on us to realise their dreams. We will be able to realise the cherished dream of Shaheeds if we remain united in preserving the real national interests.

Begum Zia said the last nine years dictatorial rule not only created problems for the physicians alone but it had damaged the traditional values and organisations.

The past regime had destroyed all sectors calculatively to make it difficult for democratic government to run the country, she said.

CAMPUS VIOLENCE

Begum Zia pointed out that educational institutions had always remained the main target of attack by the autocratic rulers a

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