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Stamp out terrorism from campuses: Khaleda

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on Monday stressed the need for congenial academic atmosphere by stamping out terrorism from the educational institution, says BSS.

Addressing a group of JCD leaders belonging to Students Union of Badrunnesa Government College at her Sugandha Office in Dhaka she said her Government had taken a number of steps for the spread of education.

Begum Zia said a particular political party was out to create violence joining hands with the autocratic forces to disrupt the development process and destroy democracy. She said if there was development, nobody would vote for them in future.

The Prime Minister said there was need for improvement of the quality of education as the autocratic government had neglected in the past. The BNP government attaches priority to education and the five basic needs of the people, she said.

Turing to the importance of female education, she said, as women constitute 50 per cent of the country's population there could not be proper development ignoring their standing in the society.

She urged the student community particularly the female students to themselves prepare for giving future leadership in different fields. The Prime Minister said the Government believed in equal development of all areas and solution to problems of all educational institutions in phases.

She said one political party having no support among the people was trying to create chaos and indiscipline in the society aimed at disrupting the development process. She said every body should remain alert to foil the design of that party so that the country could move along the path of progress.

Among others, the function was also addressed by Education Minis-

ter Jamiruddin Sircar, Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda, Parliament members Meer Shawkat Ali and Salahuddin Ahmed, Students Affairs Adviser Mr. Mojibur Rahman, JCD leaders Fazlul Huq Milon, Abul Khair Bhuiyan, Nasiruddin Pintu, Shirin Sultan and newly elected Vice President of Badrunnesa College Students' Union Newaz Halima and General Secretary Shahnaz Akhter. T and T Minister Keramat Ali was also present on the occasion.

Responding to various problems of Badrunnesa College Begum Zia said that the Government would look into improvement of physical facilities of the institute and requirement of teachers. The problems of all the educational institutions in the city were identical and the Government was alive to the situation, she stated.

She said the demands for students' transport would be considered provided congenial academic atmosphere was ensured. She congratulated the newly elected office bearers of the students union of college. She reminded the leaders of the students union their responsibility in maintenance of peaceful atmosphere in the educational institutions.