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Khaleda asks students

Unite to resist terrorism

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on Tuesday called upon all student organisations to get united in stopping terrorism, reports BSS.

She said proper academic atmosphere, peace and discipline had to be maintained in the educational institutions and for this the terrorism had to be eliminated first.

The Prime Minister was exchanging views with the leaders of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Democratic Student Unity, an alliance of eight student organisations, who called on her at her Secretariat Office.

The student leaders freely discussed the present student politics, terrorism and academic atmosphere in different universities of the country with Begum Zia.

The Democratic Student Unity apprised the Prime Minister about the case filed against the 60 Rajshahi University student leaders by the Chhatra Shibir. Begum Zia gave them a patient hearing and called upon them to show respect to the

rule of law. Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar and DUCSU VP Amanullah Aman were present.

The Prime Minister said the students had played a glorious role during the anti-autocratic movement and because of their united struggle the autocratic regime collapsed. Now the students have to take up a united and coordinated programme for uprooting terrorism, she said.

Begum Zia called upon the student organisations to find out a process for eliminating terrorism through discussion. She said all cooperation from the Government would be extended in this respect.

The Prime Minister said: "we want that academic atmosphere is maintained in each educational institutions and students shall dedicate themselves in studies". She said the Government would give allout assistance for the improvement of educational institutions including universities. The meritorious students would

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be sent on study tour in SAARC countries and arrangements would be made to provide scholarships on the basis of merit, she said.

The Prime Minister told the student leaders not to be used as political tools of anyone and called upon them to build up student politics for the welfare of the students. She said, "do not give illegal person shelter in hall and then you will see illegal arms stop coming in and congenial academic atmosphere and peace and discipline maintained".

The Prime Minister informed the student leaders that proper atmosphere was prevailing in different universities especially the Chittagong University, Mymensingh Agricultural University and Jahangirnagar University.

The leaders of JCD who attended the meeting were JCD President Rizvi Ahmed, General Secretary Elias Ali, Khairul Kabir Khokan, Nazimuddin Alam, and Fazlul Huq Milan. The leaders of democratic student unity who attended were Chhatra League President Mokhlesur Rahman, Chhatra Maitri President Noor Ahmed Bakul, Chhatra League (BSD) President Abdus Sattar Khan, Chhatra Union General Secretary Ruhin Hossain Prince, Chhatra Maitri General Secretary Ragib Ahsan Munna, Chhatra League General Secretary Shahidur Rahman Bitul.

Also present on the occasion were Samajtantrik Chhatra Front President Belal Chowdhury, General Secretary Rajekuzzaman Raton, Chhatra Union Acting President Shahidul Islam Liton, Ganotantrik Chhatra Union President Bidhan Chandra Ray and Chhatra Federation President Ahad Ahmed and General Secretary Uday Pal.