

## Khaleda to help student for higher studies

A poor but meritorious student's will to complete higher studies might come true as the Prime Minister has shown personal interest in giving him financial support to reach his cherished goal, reports BSS.

He is Mohammad Abdul Karim, who stood fourth in the merit list in Social Science Group in this year's S.S.C. examinations from Rajshahi Board.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia assured Karim on Thursday of bearing all expenses for his studies from her monthly salary.

A student of Bakhtiarpur High School of Durgapur thana under Rajshahi district, Karim secured a total of 850 marks with letters in seven subjects.

Despite his brilliant academic record Karim was about to stop his studies due to his poor financial position.

But the newspaper reports, which pointed out his will, academic background and poor financial position after S.S.C. results, helped Karim draw the sympathy of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia.

The Prime Minister brought Karim to her office on Thursday and enquired about his family, financial condition and future plan of studies.

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Karim, accompanied by his school Headmaster, Mr. Mujibur Rahman, apprised the Prime Minister of his family's poor financial condition.

He informed her that one of his brothers had stopped his studies after Class IX due to financial constraints. Karim expressed his willingness to do Masters with Honours in English.

The Prime Minister asked the school Headmaster to take the responsibility of helping Karim's brother resume his studies and said that she would bear all expenses for Karim's studies.

He was overwhelmed with joy to hear the assurance of the Prime Minister for his studies. Karim expressed his gratitude to the Prime Minister and sought her blessings.

"I am very happy today," said Karim who came to capital Dhaka for the first time in his life.

Karim, son of late Kofer Uddin of village Pachubari under Rajshahi district, apprised Begum Zia that he had to take up the task of a day labourer and teach as a private tutor for continuing his studies.

His father was also a day labourer and had a small nursery. Karim followed his father, who died three years back.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is currently helping another poor but brilliant student to continue his studies.

Anwar Hossain, a student of Dhaka College, is receiving Taka 1500 per month from the Prime Minister's monthly salary. He was also given a lump-sum grant of Taka 10 thousand.

Hossain, who took up the job of a day labourer for continuing his studies, topped the merit list in Social Science Group from Jessore Board in last year's S.S.C. examination. He appeared from Dhamura High School in Ujirpur, Barisal.

The Prime Minister also helped Bahar Uddin Mantu, a school student of Chandpur, from her Welfare Fund to continue his studies.

Sahar, a student of Class VII took up the job of a rickshawpuller for continuing his studies.