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Khaleda addresses Islamic varsity convocation

Science, technology-oriented Madrasa edn stressed

ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY (Kushita), Apr. 27.—Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Tuesday underlined the need for making the present education system including the Madrasa education modern and science and technology-oriented to groom up skilled manpower and attain 'economic democracy,' reports BSS.

Addressing the first convocation of Islamic University the Prime Minis-

ter who is also the chancellor of the University said with the establishment of democracy people were now leading a decent life and at present the time had come to work for establishing economic democracy. She said under the present world situation, science and technology based education could help establish economic democracy.

Begum Zia said "we are giving

priority to make our education system modern and science and technology oriented to create employment opportunity and groom up skilled manpower which will help speedy industrialisation of the country."

The function which started with the convocation procession participated by the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, members of the syndicate, academic council and the graduate students was addressed, among others, by Islamic University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Muhammad Hamid, Bangladesh University Grants Commission Chairman Prof Mohammad Shamsul Huq. gave the convocation speech on the occasion.

The University Chancellor Begum Zia said Islamic University was established with a view to building up capable and skilled manpower imbued with the great values of Islam. She hoped that the members of this university which had been established with an aim to protect the special objective and ideology would contribute significantly to the introduction of production oriented education system.

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Begum Zia said the universities are the highest seat of learning which play an essential role in giving guidelines to the nation for improving the human resources of the country.

Expressing her regrets over the session jam in country's different educational institutions the Prime Minister said the session jam was causing wastage of merit and increasing unemployment.

The Vice-Chancellor of the university, Prof Muhammad Hamid, called upon the government to work sincerely for implementing the recommendation of the Bangladesh University Parishad "to keep the educational institutions free from the influence of the activities of the front organisations of the political parties for at least five years." He said of course we want that the students should be politically conscious.