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Foreigners laud progress : Khaleda

# Opposition blind to Govt's successes

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Tuesday said the foreigners were now highly commending the sustained development, flourishing of democracy and establishment of neutrality in the election system in Bangladesh under the leadership of the present government, reports BSS.

"But the opposition has kept a blind eye on these successes attained by the people of Bangladesh under the BNP gov-

ernment. They (opposition) are terming the successes of BNP as the failures only to befool the people," she regretted.

Begum Zia, who is also the Chairperson of BNP, was addressing the newly elected representatives of student unions of different colleges of Sylhet and Shahjalal University of Science and Technology at her Hare Road office in Dhaka.

"Do you think the rise in per capita income in the past three and a half years is the failure of BNP? Is the attainment of near self-sufficiency in food production a failure? Is the financing of 36 per cent of annual development budget from own resources a failure?" The Prime

Minister posed the questions. Amidst repeated slogans denouncing the opposition, the newly elected student leaders and workers replied in the negative.

Begum Zia said her government had expanded the base and infrastructure of education in the country.

Begum Zia said people was now reaping the fruits of massive development programmes undertaken by the present government in the past three and a half years.

"You can feel the touch of development everywhere across the country. BNP believes in the policies of production and development. BNP government

has been attaching highest priority to education and flourishing of the national culture for the overall development of the country," she said.

Listing the measures undertaken by her government in the past three and a half years for the uplift of the people and development of human resources in the country, the Prime Minister said her government had been pursuing the policies of production and development initiated by Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman.

She regretted that the autocratic regime had ruined the national economy, educational institutions and destroyed the

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national culture during its nightmarish misrule of nine years.

Begum Zia asked the newly elected student leaders and workers to help strengthen the BNP and its front organisations for the unhindered development of the country and uplift of the people.

A number of leaders and workers of Chhatra League also announced their joining into the Chhatra Dal Tuesday night at Hare Road Office.

Finance Minister M. Saifur Rahman, Education Minister Barrister Zamiruddin Sircar, BNP Student Affairs Secretary and DUSCU VP Amanullah Anan MP BNP Chittagong Division Organising Secretary Haris Chowdhury, Chhatra Dal President Fazlul Huq Milon also spoke on the occasion.