

BNP believes in and practices democracy

Politics secondary task of students: Khaleda

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said here Sunday night that the first and foremost duty of the students was to acquire knowledge, asking them to devote themselves to their studies to prepare themselves to become the future leaders of the country, reports BSS.

Addressing a students' gathering at here 30 Hare Road office, the Prime Minister said learning should be the first duty of the students and added the present government had taken steps to create much greater opportunities of education for all.

The Prime Minister said politics could be the secondary task of the students.

The students' gathering comprised the elected office-bearers and members of the students unions of six colleges of Dhaka city who made a courtesy call on the Prime Minister. Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, student wing of BNP, swept the students' union elections in those colleges.

The teachers of the six colleges were also present.

The college are: Government Titumir College, Bangladesh Krishi Institute, Government Bangla College, Textile Engineering College, T and T College and Khilgaon Model Degree College.

Presided over by President of Dhaka City JCD Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintoo, the function was addressed among others by Education Minister Jamiruddin Sirdar, DUCSU VP Amanullah Aman MP, DUCSU GS Khairul Kabir Khokan, JCD President Fazlul Huq Milon, JCD General Secretary Nazimuddin Alam, JCD organising Secretary Abul Khair Bhuiyan, Vice Presidents of the six colleges Abul Kalam, Asif Iqbal Chowdhury, SM Mizanur Rahman, Shamsin Parvez, Muradul Hasan, and Mohammad Hanif also spoke on the occasion.

The Prime Minister said

that the BNP government had attached utmost importance to the education sector, taking steps to educate all citizens of the country.

Educating the people, she said, would make them more conscious and enable them to solve their own problems by themselves.

Referring to the number of steps taken by her government for the development of education, the Prime Minister said the people had started yielding benefits of those measures.

A massive progress, she said, had taken place in the education sector, mentioning the increase of the rate of literacy

to 31 per cent from 25 per cent and enrollment of 92 per cent in primary schools.

Referring to the widely acclaimed food for education programme, she said this beneficial programme would be expanded in future.

On women education, the Prime Minister said, the government had laid importance on education the women, who make up half of the country's population.

If a mother is educated, she said, then the whole family would be educated.

The Prime Minister Begum

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Zia urged the teachers to guide the students so that they were not distracted from the right path.

UNB adds "BNP believes in democracy and practises it. BNP not only believes in democracy but also in the multi-party system", she said. "We have introduced multi-party democracy for the first time in the country."

The BNP Chairperson advised the students to show utmost tolerance in the face of all provocation and shun all sorts of indiscipline.