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PM tells FBUTA team

Govt pledge bound to uproot terrorism from campus.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Monday said her government would make all efforts to free the educational arena of terrorism to create a peaceful atmosphere for students and teachers, says BSS.

"We are pledge-bound to uproot terrorism from the country, especially from the educational arena", she said seeking cooperation of all to make this effort a success in the greater national interest.

The Prime Minister was talking to representatives of the Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers' Association at her office.

Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister Sayed Ahmad and Secretary to the Prime Minister Dr. Mahiuddin Khan Alamgir were also present.

President of the Federation Prof. A.T.M. Zahurul Huq and Secretary General Prof. Md. Shah-e-Alam placed before the Prime Minister a memorandum containing their de-

mands and suggestions.

Sheikh Hasina stressed the need for raising the standard of education in the universities upto the international level and also called for enhancing the image of these highest seats of education of Bangladesh in the world.

In response to their congratulations on her assuming as the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina thanked them for their contribution the movement for restoration of people's rights.

She said, the chair of the Prime Minister is meant for serving the cause of the nation. "This is an assignment to serve the people and nothing else", she said.

Secretary General of the Federation, read out the memorandum which the Prime Minister heard patiently and took notes of various demands and suggestions mentioned in it.

The memorandum, suggested en-

suring rule of law in all educational institutions, including the universities, uprooting terrorism and creating a conducive atmosphere for education. It also suggested formation of an all-party parliamentary committee, integrating the federation, to take effective measures in this regard.

Other demands and suggestions included introduction of 1973 University Ordinance in other universities, raising the present age-limit of 60 years to 65 years for university teachers, increasing facilities for university teachers for scholarship and fellowship, adequate financial allocation for them to take part in seminars and symposiums at home and abroad, allocation of land for their housing, loan on easy terms for their house building, and construction of a university complex in Dhaka for all universities.

The federation urged the govern-

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