

Remain vigilant against trouble makers: PM

Govt firm to wipe out campus terrorism

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Saturday said her government is determined to wipe out all kinds of terrorism and irregularities from the campus to entrance the standard of education and re-establish the dignity of teachers, reports BSS.

"We are tooth and nail against the practice of giving arms to the students for achieving political and other selfish ends" Sheikh Hasina told a delegation of the Bangladesh Sikhkhak Samity Federation who called on her at the International Conference Centre.

The Prime Minister pointed out that even when she was in the opposition he handed over books and khatas instead of arms to students.

Education Minister AHSK Sadeque, Federation Chairman Sheikh Mohammad Amanullah, Secretary General Kazi Faruque Ahmed, President of Bangladesh College Sikh-

khak Samity Principal Zahirul Islam, Secretary General of Bangladesh Madhyamik (secondary) Sikhkhak Samity Mohammad Selim Bhuiyan, President of Bangladesh Sarkari College Sikhkhak Samity Principal Ali Akbar Khan and Secretary General of Bangladesh Sarkari College Shikhkhak Parishad Mohammad Taha also spoke on the occasion.

Terming the teachers as architects of building future generation, the Prime Minister urged upon the federation members to impart such education and wisdom to their pupils so that they could correctly and properly shoulder the responsibility of running the nation in future. "You have to prepare our new generation who could be able to face very courageously the challenges of the coming century which would be tough and competitive," she said.

While speaking on the raising the standard of education, the Prime

Minister said that her government would enunciate a modern education policy to be based on science, technology and need of the hour in the light of the famous Dr. Kudrat-e-Khuda Education Policy.

"The world has gone far and is advancing at a greater speed," she said posing a question, why the nation would be lagging behind while we have both manpower and natural resources. We could be able to change our destiny if we could properly tap and utilize those. "The nation which earned its independence through war cannot remain poor" she said.

The Prime Minister also called upon the teachers to make endeavours for instilling the sense of morality into the minus of the students and raise their ethical standards while aiding them in their thrust for acquiring knowledge and

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wisdom.

The Prime Minister, while speaking on her government's vow to eradicate the curse of illiteracy from the country, called upon the teachers to deploy the students in this noble task. "We shall, Inshallah remove illiteracy even before the stipulated time if you can make the people conscious about education," she added.

The Prime Minister urged the teachers to help her government streamline that education system as well as to stop leakage of question papers, copying in the examination halls and other illegal practices.

The Prime Minister also urged them to remain vigilant against the motives of those who wanted to fish in the troubled water through creating artificial issues by setting fires on college buildings, jute-godowns, disrupting examinations and fuelling illegal activities and patronising violence and terrorism.

The Prime Minister lauded the role of the teachers during the crucial co-operation movement laun-

ched by her party to ensure voting right of the people. She also recalled with gratitude their opposition against holding the farcical February 15 so-called election by the then BNP government.

In his brief speech the Education Minister said that an education policy would be enunciated which would win the confidence of the nation including the teachers of the country.

Earlier, the federation leaders hailed the decision of the Prime Minister to relegate the responsibility of the chancellor to the president. "This decision will be regarded as an historic and epoch-making steps in the annal of country's education," they added.

He lauded total support to the Prime Minister in her thrust to translate into reality in the true perspective, the values and ideals of the Liberation War as well as to materialise the hopes and aspiration of the people for a prosperous hunger-free Bangladesh.

Earlier, one minute silence was observed as a mark of respect to the Father of the Nation, who despite war-ravaged economy took revolutionary measures for expansion of education and enhancing dignity