

Hasina urges VCs to restore discipline on campus

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Monday called for restoring discipline and congenial atmosphere on the campuses for flourishing of merit, talent and education, reports BSS.

She was talking to the members of the Standing Committee Vice Chancellors of the Universities of Bangladesh at her office in Dhaka.

She said that terrorism could be reduced to a large extent if a congenial atmosphere for education could be created on the campuses, she said her government had always discouraged terrorism. "Our government do not believe in hollow slogans, we have political commitment and objectives", she told the Vice Chancellors.

The Prime Minister said, "we have to face the challenges of the 21st century and prepare our future generations as worthy citizens", she said her party had put forward specific proposals to combat terrorism on the campuses but the then BNP government did not support those.

The committee members led by Prof Abdul Mannan, Vice Chancellor of Chittagong University and Chairman of the Committee congratulated the Prime Minister for the largest allocation in the budget for the education sector. They said this would help spread education particularly women education in the country.

They also thanked the Prime Minister to help eliminate terrorism from all the universities of the country. They said there are now very few terrorists on the campuses they observed that this was possible due to the firm role played by the Prime Minister.

Prof M. Habibur Rahman, Vice Chancellor of Shahjalal Science and Technology University, Sylhet lauded the role of the Prime Minister in wiping out terrorism from the educational institutions. He said that even the terrorists belonging to Chhatra League were not spared by the present government. Prof. Rahman said that the Prime Minister firmly believed that terrorists did not belong to any party, they are simply terrorists.

Prof A.K. Azad Chowdhury of Dhaka University said that terrorism had been checked on the campuses to a great extent in the past two years.

The Vice-Chancellors also apprised the Prime Minister some of their problems.

The members of the delegation included Prof. Abdul Khaleque, Vice Chancellor of Rajshahi University, Prof. Iqbal Mahmood, Vice

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Chancellor of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), Prof. Muhammad Hossain, Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh, Prof. Amirul Islam Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of Jahangir Nagar University, Prof. Muhammad Kayes Uddin, Vice Chancellor of Islamic University, Kushtia, Prof. S.M. Nazrul Islam, Vice Chancellor of Khulna University, Prof. Aminul Islam, Vice Chancellor of National University, Gazipur and Prof. M. Aminul Islam, Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh Open University.

Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Dr. S.A. Samad and Education Secretary Qazi Raquibuddin Ahmed were also present.