

## PM condemns distortion

# Project true history of Liberation War

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina renewed her government's pledge to establish the true history of the Liberation War to let the people, particularly the younger generation, know the fact of the liberation movement. She said that the character and image of the nation would not be built unless its younger generation was not well informed of the actual history.

"Our children want to know their identity, the true history of the liberation struggle but they were kept in dark during the last twenty-one years. Now time has come to educate them with the true history and it is our responsibility to make our children aware of their identity", she said while inaugurating a quiz and speech competition for students of secondary school level.

The Central Command Council of the Bangladesh Muktijoddah Sangsad organised the competition at

trade-fair ground of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar on the occasion of the National Mourning Day. Thousands of students of city's different secondary schools took part in the day-long competition.

Sheikh Hasina said that a certain quarter had distorted the history of the Liberation War in a planned way because they did not want the liberation and economic freedom of Bangalis. Bangalis were being exploited and they had no identity, she said and added that Bangabandhu had struggled throughout his life and gave the Bangalis an identity and economic freedom.

The father of the nation had to face imprisonment many times for encouraging people to join the liberation movement and at last the Bangalis achieved independence under his leadership, she said. But the vested quarters who were against the

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Liberation War killed Bangabandhu on August 15, 1975 and started conspiracy against the country, the Prime Minister said.

She said, the vested quarters tried to erase the name of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman from the history and distorted the history of liberation movement to keep the people, particularly the younger generation in dark. They tried to hide the true history under the cover of falsehood but their unholy efforts went in vain, she added.

Sheikh Hasina said after coming to power her government had taken steps to project the true history of Liberation War throughout the country so that the younger generation could know the real history and build themselves being imbued with the ideals and spirit of liberation war.

Referring to the killing of Russel, her youngest brother who embraced martyrdom along with Bangabandhu and other family members in August, Sheikh Hasina posed a question why ten-year-old Russel was killed brutally. Because the killers were the enemy of the Bangali nation and they

could never accept the independence.

"I see my loving youngest brother Russel when I see you", said Sheikh Hasina.

She said that her government corrected the distorted history presented in text books to let the student know the facts of the liberation movement.

Sheikh Hasina said, "truth wins and falsehood is defeated and now it is our duty to spread the truth everywhere in the country. The voting right of the people has been established, the country is marching towards development and now we have to join hands to free the people from exploitation and hunger", she said.

She called upon the teachers and guardians to project the true history of liberation war and assured that her government would extend all cooperation in the establishment of the history of independence.

Chairman of the Central Command Council of Muktijoddah Sangsad Princiaal Abdul Ahad Chowdhury also spoke at the occasion.

In presence of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, ten students also delivered speech. They were Abdullah Al Sayed and Fazle Munim of Motijheel Government High School, Sanjida Afroz, Iftekhar Amin and Taslima Abid of BCIC High School, Hasina Momtaj and Farhana Sharmin of Tejgaon Government Girls' School, Fahria Firoz of Khilgaon High School and Sweetly Sarmin of Dr Mohammad Shahidullah High School.