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BCL workshop begins

Idealist, well-educated workers needed: Hasina

TUNGIPARA, Apr 15.—Awami League President Sheikh Hasina has asked the party's student wing to bring about a qualitative change by acquiring knowledge for facing up the challenges ahead, reports UNB.

"We need idealist and well-educated workers who will lead the nation in future and build country as dreamt by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman," she said.

Hasina was speaking at the inaugural function of a two-day extended meeting and training workshop of BCL at Tungipara on Tuesday morning.

The opposition leader said her party would not allow anyone to play drakes and ducks with the fate of the people and erase the spirit of the War of Liberation.

Unlike the ruling BNP-Jamaat, she said, Awami League wants that the students are equipped with modern science and knowledge so that they can face the challenge of the 21st century.

Hasina said the ruling BNP-Jamaat has no idealism. Their objective is to cling to power, promote terrorism and make fortunes. They handed over arms to students in the name of movement.

About much talked-about gas export the Awami League president said barely 3 to 4 percent people now have access to gas. The country can achieve rapid development by expanding the use of gas.

But, she said, BNP-Jamaat alli-

ance came to power through conspiracy and giving undertaking to foreign companies of exporting gas "as did Meer Jafar in 1757 to East India Company."

Before coming to power BNP-Jamaat had declared crusade against corruption and terrorism. But ironically now they themselves have indulged in it. The ruling party let loose more than 45,000 terrorists from jail against their political opponents.

BCL President Liaqat Sikder chaired the function while general secretary Nazrul Islam Babu conducted. Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim MP and Obaidul Kader were among the Awami League leaders present.

On the first day of the training workshop, Prof Shamsul Huda Harun, Prof Abdul Bayes, Prof Syed Manjurul Islam, Prof Muntasir Mamoon and Dr Shireen Sharmin Chowdhury delivered speeches on their respective fields.

The Awami League President is scheduled to visit Meherpur on April 17 and Rajbari on April 19 before returning to Dhaka.