



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressing JCD leaders and activists on Monday at ICC in the city.

PM asks partymen to accept govt decision gladly

BNP Chairperson and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia called upon the members of her party and front organisations to remain ready to accept gladly any tough decision taken by the government for welfare of the country on Monday, reports BSS.

"We should remember that the party is greater than a person and the country is greater than the party," she told a big delegation of BNP's student front, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) at the Prime Minister's office in Dhaka.

Referring to the anti-crime operation by the joint forces, Begum Zia said the operation was launched considering the welfare of the country, not the party.

"We have nothing to do if any of our party men is affected in the drive. We cannot and will never own anybody involved in criminal activities," she asserted.

She said the party would have to accept it, if the government takes any hard decision in future for the benefit of the nation and the country.

"I hope my party men will not think what they are getting immediately, they will think the country's benefit in the long run," she said.

About 200 leaders of the central, district and other important units of JCD, led by its central

president Shahabuddin Laltu and general secretary Azizul Bari Hossain, called on Begum Zia Monday afternoon following a representative council of the organisation in the capital on Sunday.

The representative council was the final stage of a six-month long initiative to reorganise the JCD at all levels to strengthen its organisational activities throughout the country. The council was attended by the newly elected presidents and general secretaries of the reorganised district and other units of JCD.

BNP senior joint secretary general Tareque Rahman, BNP joint secretary general and Prime Minister's political secretary Harris Chowdhury, student affairs secretary of BNP and state minister for health and family welfare Amanullah Aman and Prime Minister's political secretary M. Musaddek Ali were present at the meeting.

JCD president Shahabuddin Laltu spoke about various steps taken in the last six months to rejuvenate the organisation.

Begum Zia said she wanted to see JCD as a disciplined, ideal and patriotic organisation.

She advised members of the JCD to devote themselves in search of knowledge to be ideal citizens.