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It's not for BCL to commit terrorism, extortion: PM

Prime Minister and Bangladesh Awami League president Sheikh Hasina said they don't want to see Bangladesh Chhatra League earn any bad name as this student organization has a long glorious tradition and history of playing the most significant role in every democratic movement of the country, reports UNB.

"It's not for Bangladesh Chhatra League to commit terrorism and extortionism. This is the organization which has glorious contribution to every democratic movement, including the 1952 language movement and the 1971 liberation war," she said.

The Prime Minister made the forbidding remarks while addressing a discussion meeting on Monday afternoon at the city's Bangabandhu International Conference Centre. Her reminder on the Chhatra League's glorious track record came in the wake of reports involving the name of the organization.

Bangladesh Chhatra League arranged the discussion in memory of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Bangamata Begum Fazilatunnesa Mujib, both assassinated along with three of their children and other relations in the month of August in 1975.

With BCL president Mahmud Hasan Ripon in the chair, the discussion meeting was also addressed by Dr Abul Barkat and Mairaj Latif, BCL general secretary Mahfuzul Haque Chowdhury Rifon moderated the discussion.

Sheikh Hasina urged all the BCL supporters to be attentive in studying and dedicate themselves to the betterment of the country's people. "Only a well educated and brave leadership can uphold the glorious history of Chhatra League," she told the BCL gathering.

She also laid emphasis on maintaining congenial atmosphere in every educational institution of the country.

Hasina said success of the

present government-sponsored Vision 2021 mainly depends on young community of the country, and in this case, BCL can play the most successful role.

She said that to build up a developed Bangladesh, the rural economy would have to be given the top-most priority.

"After examinations, every worker of Bangladesh Chhatra League can go to the rural areas and involve themselves in educating the illiterate people," she said.

Hasina said if one believes in ideology of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, one cannot indulge in corruption or any other crime.

"Learn about Bangabandhu and mould your life in the light of Father of the Nation's ideology," she told her student followers.

She asserted that the verdict of Bangabandhu Murder Case will be executed on the soil of Bangladesh.

"The killers of the Father of the Nation will be punished. But what should be done about those who patronized the killers and were now inspiring the killers by celebrating fake birthday on August 15," Hasina said. "I leave the matter to people for trial of the patrons of the August 15 killings."

She deplored that the killers of Bangabandhu and their collaborators introduced politics of corruption and terrorism in the country. But the corrupt force did not know that everything cannot be bought with money and muscle power.

"The people cast their votes against corruption and anarchy at the December 29 polls to elect the Awami League-led Grand Alliance," she said about the regime change.

Hasina observed people's trust and love is the biggest achievement of a politician.

Sheikh Hasina also talked about terrible traffic congestions in the city, power crisis of the country and the instability on the commodity market. She urged all of the city-dwellers, and drivers and owners of the vehicles to abide by the traffic rules and regulations.

On power crisis, Hasina said the last BNP-Jamaat government did not do anything for development of the sector.

"We could not come to power in 2001 as we were against selling gas resources. They (BNP-Jamaat) assumed power by giving undertaking for gas sellout, though the country is now facing gas crisis," Hasina said.

She reiterated her call for wearing pants and shirt instead of suit in all government and non-government offices during the summer season and not taking air conditioners' temperatures below 24 degrees in order to save electricity.

Recalling memory of her mother, Sheikh Hasina said the great personality who inspired the Father of the Nation from behind the scenes to fight for an independent and sovereign Bangladesh was Begum Fazilatunnesa Mujib.

Hasina said the main motive behind the August 15, 1975 carnage was to kill every member of Bangabandhu's family so that the Bengali nation did not have any leadership in the future.

She observed that many persons of the country dabble in politics and amass huge illegal fortunes, but Bangabandhu, Fazilatunnesa Mujib and their family members always have done politics only for people's welfare.

Hasina said Fazilatunnesa Mujib had emotional attachment with Bangladesh Chhatra League. "Even I can remember she (Fazilatunnesa Mujib) sold out her bangles to arrange money for organizational work of Chhatra League."