



PM urges teachers to stay away from politics

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia urged the teachers to stay away from politics to help redeem the image of educational institutions, particularly universities, as sanctified seats of learning, reports UNB.

"We cannot allow the future of the nation to be destroyed," she said inaugurating a two-day International Conference on Computer and Information Technology 2001 at the Teacher-Student Center of Dhaka University Friday morning.

Addressing a galaxy of scholars from home and abroad at the international IT conference, the Prime Minister made the suggestions amid growing criticism of what passes for 'teacher politics' on which much of blame for tensions on campuses is put by conscious circles.

(See Page 15 Col. 2)

PM urges

(From Page 1 Col. 5)

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia in the inaugural session of the new parliament had announced that her government would go for slapping a ban on student politics, if necessary, to restore congenial academic atmosphere in educational institutions stopping violence.

In her first visit to the DU campus after taking office following a big win at the October 1 general election, the Prime Minister said it's unpalatable but true that the country's premier university lost its glory for various reasons.

"We will have to regain the lost image of the university because it's the symbol of pride of our country. Flourishing our talents and thoughts and grooming our future generations are linked with it," she observed.

The Prime Minister mentioned that steps had been taken to keep all educational institutions of the country open as per pledges spelt out in her government's 100-day programme, and hoped that there would be no troubles on the campus anymore, except studies.

"Seeking cooperation from all in maintaining academic atmosphere in educational institutions, including Dhaka University,