



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressing as the chief guest at a ceremony on the occasion of the completion of one decade and University Day of Khulna University on Sunday.

## Vacation jobs for students planned Smear campaign hampers education abroad: PM

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KHULNA, Nov. 24.—Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has said we want to identify our tenure as a special period for expansion of application-oriented education and modernization besides standardization of education free from corruption and copying.

Pointing to the opposition party she said, a section and some leaders of our country are busy in making negative propaganda against our country labeling us as an extremist and fundamentalist nation that is likely to block the chance of higher education

abroad for our students.

Begum Khaleda Zia was speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural programme of Khulna University day arranged on completion of one decade of the university's founding at Khulna University play ground this noon.

UNB adds: Prime Minister Khaleda Zia today castigated a section of leaders for conducting a smear campaign at home and abroad that created additional complications for the country and countrymen in the post-September 11 delicate world scenario.

The Prime Minister announced that the government is making arrangement for vacation jobs for students so they can learn and earn during long holidays, a facility available in developed countries.

She told her campus audience at a function of Khulna University that the September-11 "terror attack on America cast influence on international relations, world economy and even on students' going abroad for higher studies from developing countries like

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## Vacation jobs

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our... Khaleda said it became difficult for the country's students to go abroad for higher studies—this is a stark reality.

"A section of leaders of our country made the situation more complicated. They are deviously propagating that we are extremists—we are fundamentalists," she told the function attended by teachers and students of the university, academics, local MP, government officials and other local elite.

The Prime Minister called upon all to raise voice against the "conspiracy" of her political opponents to push the country into a dark tunnel.

She in this context noted that all citizens in a voice are repeating the slogan that Bangladesh is a secular, democratic country.

Our Correspondent further adds: Vice-Chancellor of KU Professor Dr. M. Abdul Kadir presided over the programme while education minister Dr. M. Osman Faruk, state minister for Liberation war affairs in charge of Khulna district Redwan Ahmed, Mayor of Khulna City Corporation Sheikh Tayebur Rahman and KU Syndicate member Ali Ajar Lob MP spoke as special guest. Political Secretary to PM Hiris Chowdhury, parliament members, former KU VCs and high officials of both civil and military administration also attended the programme.

Prime Minister said, we have started programmes to make education accessible to all both rich and poor from primary level to higher stages. We have introduced cash incentives for students at primary schools and each year a total of 699 crores of taka will be allocated for the scheme while we have made education free up to HSC level for female students. We have arranged scholarship for brilliant students, free supply of books and other facilities while we are to set up Asian University

for Women to support higher education for unprivileged female students where all students will receive scholarship. We have also given books to Madrasa students free this year and arranged books at the start of the year. We checked the copying successfully and seek your cooperation to do more in this field. We have initiated technical and vocational education.

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Local people rushed him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where the attending doctor declared him dead.

Katni police, however, could not say whether anyone was injured in the explosion. The Thana police also could not tell who kept the cylinder in an abandoned condition.

A T.D. case was filed with the connection with the incident.

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