

## Check terrorism in educational institution: PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on Monday said her government has been taking effective steps to check terrorism and killings in educational institutions so that there is no repetition of such incidents that happened during the Awami League rule, reports BSS.

Begum Zia was talking to the bereaved members of one SSC examinee, one female teacher and two college students who were killed at Kalaroa Government College, Satkhira, during SSC examinations on March 2, 2000, when they met her at her office seeking justice.

The Prime Minister handed over cheques for Taka 1 lakh to each of the victims' family to help meet their emergency needs. She also assured that jobs would be provided to the victims' family members having requisite qualifications.

As the bereaved members narrated the harrowing tale of the tragic incident, which claimed four innocent lives in acts of terrorism and vulgarism let loose by a number of unruly young men belonging to the AL.

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ing to AL on the day. Begum Zia became visibly moved.

Those who met the Prime Minister are: Anwarul Islam, father of SSC examinee Shamsunnahar Lipy, Mohar Ali, father of female teacher Fazilatunnesa, Mosammiet Asia Khatun, mother of college student Habibur Rahman and Asia Khatun, mother of college student Al Mamun.

They told the Prime Minister that although most of the victims were supporters of the then ruling party, no case of the incident could be filed due to pressure from top AL leaders. They said all the demands for justice had fallen on deaf ear of the AL government of Sheikh Hasina.

According to the letter sent to the Education Ministry by the Chairman of Jessore Board on March 23 this year, one SSC examinee, one female teacher and two college students were killed in the incident when a group of unruly young men started snatching gold ornaments of female students and molesting them by closing the main gate of the college.

Consoling the bereaved families, the Prime Minister said the Kalaroa incident was an example of the acts of terrorism that had been let loose in educational institutions by AL government.

She sought cooperation of all to make the country's educational institutions free from terrorism, while mentioning some of the steps already taken to check terrorism and make education easily available to all.