



Khaleda addresses IU convocation

University should build skilled manpower

KUSHTIA, Mar 28.—Prime Minister Khaleda Zia today (Thursday) announced her government's plans for making its tenure memorable through flourishing and modernizing education for serving needs of the time, reports UNB.

She also sought cooperation of all, including teachers, guardians and students, in removing irregularities from academic arena and stopping unfair means in public education.

"Besides general education, we are also giving emphasis on technical and vocational education for rearing skilled manpower," she said addressing the third convocation of the Islamic University.

This varsity was established by Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman to impart modern and effective higher education to students graduating from madrasa education system.

Begum Zia said her government is taking effective measure for introducing a people-oriented education system in the University.

She reminded the graduates of their responsibility to the people because it is their tax money that helps run the educational institutions in the country.

The PM urged them to vow to work for socioeconomic emanci-

pation of the people and the country. "Your main objective should not be just receiving certificates but progress of humanity, welfare of the people and above all developing a sense of responsibility to society and the country," she said.

She recalled the contribution of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman who established the University for rearing skilled human resources and modernizing madrasa education in the country.

She said the Islamic University was established studying and researching the relationship between religion and Islamic education and science.

Convocation speaker Prof M Shamsheer Ali of Dhaka University suggested uniform education system at least up to secondary level, blending ethics and morality with traditional education.

Earlier, the Chancellor entered into the Shah Azizur Rahman Auditorium in a ceremonial convocation parade.

Later she distributed certificates among honours graduates and post-graduates, and handed over gold medals to students with extraordinary talent.

Education Minister Dr Osman Faruque also spoke while vice-chancellor of the university Dr Mustafizur Rahman chaired the certificate-awarding session.