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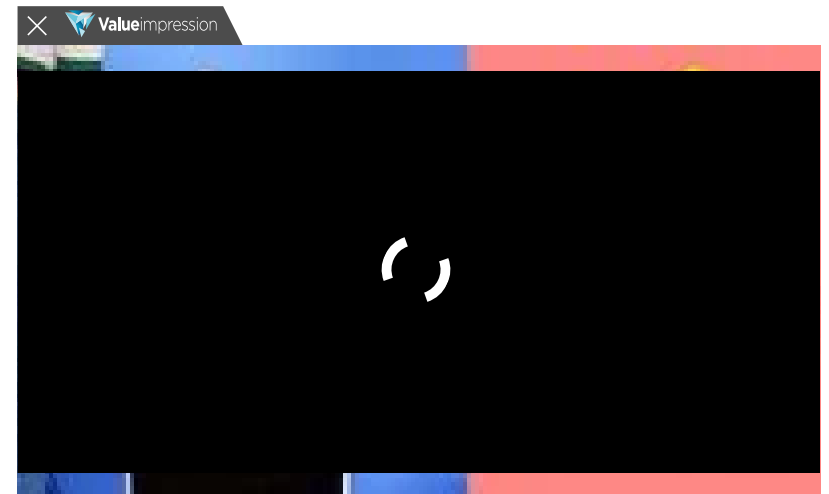
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## Search all university dorms

*PM says she will give the directive to the authorities to stop criminal activities*

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said directives would be given to conduct searches at all educational institutions and dormitories to arrest the rowdy elements to stop the recurrence of incidents like the murder of Buet student Abrar Fahad.

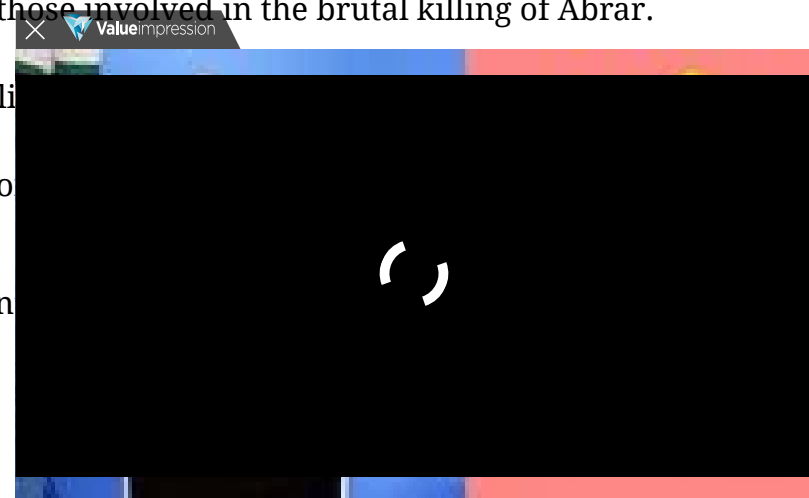
It is unacceptable that students would indulge in hooliganism while staying at dormitories run with public money, she noted.

The PM also assured that maximum punishment would be meted out to those involved in the brutal killing of Abrar.

Hasina said she considers offenders as offenders irrespective of their political affiliations.

“When someone commits a crime, I don’t care which party he or she belongs to,” she said.

“I don’t care who belongs to Chhatra League or Chhatra Dal. I’m taking in the name of the state an old boy to death. It’s an inhuman act.”



The PM was addressing a press conference at the Gono Bhaban about the outcome of her recent official visits to the USA and India, reports UNB.

She further said, “What’s the reason behind the brutal act of picking up and beating such a brilliant student [Abrar]? We’re taking action against them [the perpetrators]. The highest punishment will be given to them and there’s no doubt about it.”

Abrar, a second-year student of electrical and electronic engineering department of Buet and a resident of Sher-e-Bangla Hall, was brutally beaten to death by some Chhatra League men at the dormitory between 7:30pm Sunday and 2:30am Monday.

Replying to a query, she ruled out the call for banning student politics.

“I myself emerged [as a leader] through student politics, why should I talk about banning it?”

The PM, however, said if the Buet authorities want to do so, they can. “They have a Syndicate and a committee. They can do it. We won’t interfere in it.”

She also said this is an autocratic attitude that student politics should be banned.

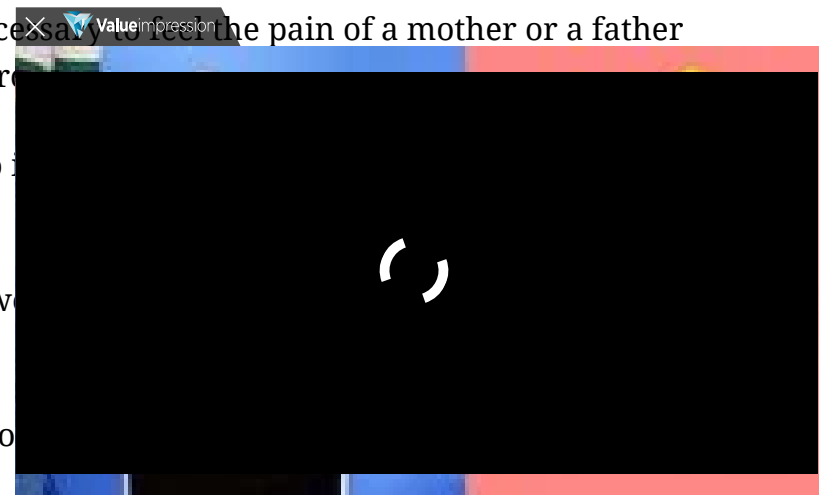
The PM also questioned the justification of the student movement when the government is taking action against the offenders.

“Why is this movement? The trial [of the offenders] must be held. It’s necessary to feel the pain of a mother or a father who lost their children. I understand it ... I lost my father, mother and brother.”

She mentioned that after learning about the incident, she asked police to search for CCTV footage from the spot.

It is regrettable that policemen were obstructed by students when they were searching for CCTV footage, she said.

“The IGP informed me that police personnel were not being allowed to conduct a search in the dorms.”



She said students obstructed police not because they were taking the CCTV footage but in fear that they would destroy the evidence. But police took steps for proper autopsy of the body, collected evidence and arrested those involved in the incident from different rooms of the Buet dormitory.

“My question is why police were obstructed from collecting evidence? .... they [police] later collected the footage and gave a copy of it to the authorities. Now police are identifying the offenders by examining the footage.”

The PM said it is necessary to find out the reason for obstructing police as three hours were lost because of it.

Hasina said she immediately instructed Chhatra League leaders to expel all those involved in the murder. “I also instructed police to arrest them. We had taken steps before students took to the streets.”

Referring to her India visit, the PM said the Awami League government always protects the country’s interest, reports BSS.

She pointed out that the volume of water India would get from the Feni river is insignificant and meant only for drinking.

“We always protect our interest in all fields... the stretch of the river [Feni] from where India will take water is a catchment area and it belongs to Bangladesh. That is why we signed an MoU with India,” she said.

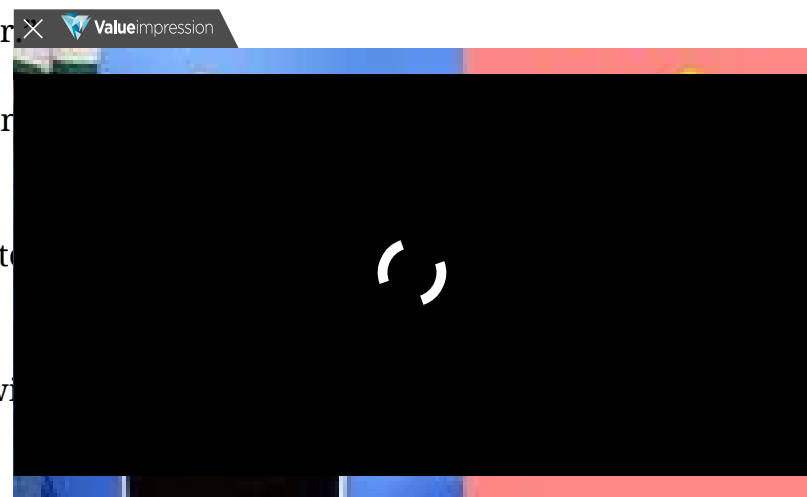
She said her government has already discussed with India the water-sharing of the Monu, Mohuri, Khowai, Gumti, Dharla and Dudhkumar rivers, and steps are being taken in this regard.

“Besides, discussion is going on over the water-sharing of the Teesta river

She also mentioned that the source of the Feni river is in Khagrachhari and is near the Indian border.

Hasina said the scarcity of drinking water is acute in Tripura’s Sabroom town which gets only 1.82 cusec water.

“The volume of water we will give to India is very insignificant and we will



“If anyone wants water for drinking purposes, and if we don’t give that, it doesn’t look good,” said Hasina.

Taking a swipe at BNP leaders for criticising the Feni river deal, she said Ziaur Rahman and Khaleda Zia during their visits to India could not strike any deal on the water-sharing of the Ganges river.

“When the media asked Khaleda Zia about the issue of Ganges water-sharing upon her return [from India], Khaleda Zia said she forgot to raise the issue,” she said.

“How could that party [the BNP] talk about the issue of Feni river when it forgot to protect the country’s interest and realise the rightful demand for water of a big river like the Ganges?”

Turning to the recent deal for exporting LPG to India, the PM said she can never ever compromise the country’s interest and everyone should know that.

“We always put our country’s interest first and there is nothing to raise question about this. We import LPG in bulk, then we bottle it and supply throughout the country as per our demand. We will export part of the excess LPG to Tripura of India.”

She mentioned that a new LPG item would thus be added to the country’s export basket.

She also recalled the role of the people and the government of Tripura during Bangladesh’s Liberation War in 1971.

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