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3rd death anniversary

Flocking to her monument, Pindiites remember BB

Staff Report

RAWALPINDI: Pakistan People's Party (PPP), Rawalpindi Chapter, observed the 3rd death anniversary of party's chairwoman and former prime minister Benazir Bhutto (BB) at Liaquat Bagh, the site of her assassination, on Monday.

A ceremony was held at BB's memorial and scores of people offered prayer for her eternal peace. PPP Women Wing also held Quran Khawani for their martyred party leader.

Hundreds of PPP workers and people belonging to different walks of life flocked to BB's assassination site and showered rose petals and laid floral wreaths at her monument.

Federal Minister for Water and Power Raja Pervaiz Ashraf, PPP leader of house in Senate Syed Nayyar Hussain Bukhari, Pakistan Baitul Mall Managing Director

Zamurad Khan, Central Executive Committee (CEC) Member Sultan Mehmood Qazi and PPP city President Malik Aamer Fida Paracha visited the BB monument and addressed the gathering.

Ashraf said BB offered great sacrifices to guard the rights of people of Pakistan and martyrdom resulted in restoration of democracy in the country

He said BB nominated President Asif Ali Zardari as her successor in her life. Zardari through his wise and prudent politics steered the country out of crises and strengthened its economy," he added.

Ashraf came down hard on those unseen people who were allegedly conspiring against Zardari and not tolerating his presence in the President House. He said unseen hands were busy hatching conspiracies against the president office.

He said PPP was the party of mar-



ISLAMABAD: Civil society activists lit candles in memory of PPP's martyred chairwoman Benazir Bhutto at Super Market to mark her 3rd death anniversary. ONLINE

tyrs who had laid their lives for Pakistan and democracy. He PPP's founder Zulfikar Ali Bhutto (ZAB)

and BB laid their lives to lead the party by example. "This is the culture of the PPP, the same is the culture of

Islam and every section of the society in Pakistan," he added.

He said those who were talking about decreasing popularity graph of PPP should keep in minds that PPP had won the elections thorough out the country. He said some private TV channels were propagating against democratically elected PPP government. "It was the mission of BB and ZAB to end poverty and provide 'roti, kapra aur makan' to the poor people of Pakistan. He said PPP's present leadership would continue this mission.

Bukhari said BB sacrificed her life for restoration of democracy, public welfare and political awareness. He said BB wanted to resolve problems being faced by downtrodden people of the country. He maintained that the present government was making efforts to realise BB's dream.

He said Zardari transferred his constitutional powers to the Parliament in the best interest of the nation,

whereas in the past the leaders kept these powers to prolong their rule.

He said PPP was party of the people and it was not only a popular party in the country but also known across the world for its pro-poor politics.

Zamurad Khan, Sultan Mehmood Qazi and Aamer Fida Paracha also addressed the gathering and paid homage to their beloved leader. They said BB's sacrifice would not go waste and her mission to serve poor people would be continued.

The PPP decorated Liaquat Bagh and Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Road with huge portraits of BB, ZAB and Zardari and banners inscribed with slogans offering homage to their martyred leader.

The PPP workers had also set up stalls of audiocassettes, post cards, CDs and portraits of BB. The law-enforcement agencies had made tight security arrangements by blocking all the roads leading to Liaquat Bagh.