

Madrasa, general education to be harmonised: PM

Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman said in Dacca on Wednesday that the government had decided to convert some Madrasas in every district into community Madrasas where both ethical and vocational training would be imparted, reports BSS.

He was speaking as chief guest at a conference of the Principals, Superintendents and teachers of 3,600 Madrasas in the country at Banani Jame Masjid premises.

Organised by Bangladesh Jamiat-ul-Mudrarrassen, the conference was presided over by Moulana Abdul Mannan MP and President of the Jamiat. The Peer Shahib of Sharshina also spoke on the occasion.

Shah Aziz emphasised the imperative need for reorientation of Madrasa education and said there would be at least one vocation-oriented government Alia Madrasa in every district and two Kamil Madrasas in every subdivision.

The Prime Minister said that Madrasas and general education would have to be harmonised in accordance with the requirements of the modern age of science and technology.

He said mushroom growth of Furqania Madrasas in rural areas had to be checked and regulated.

Shah Aziz said the Government of President Ziaur Rahman had provided adequate financial grants for the development of Madrasa education all over the country.

The Prime Minister said the government had allocated Taka 4.51 crore as grants for the non-government Madrasas in

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the current year's national budget.

Shah Aziz said the government was already spending Taka 79 lakh annually for the two Alia Madrasas in the country. With the establishment of one government Alia Madrasa in each district, the expenditure will substantially go up, he pointed out.

He told the conference that the government would spend Taka 3.90 crore for the preliminary work of the Islamic University during the current year. Another amount of Taka one crore he said, would be spent for the Islamic Education and Research Centre in Dacca.

The Prime Minister said that grants to non-government Madrasas would in future depend on their performance in the adult literacy campaign.

Quoting verses from the Holy Quran, Shah Aziz said the Quran was the basis of all knowledge and Islam was a complete code of human affairs both profane and spiritual.

Islam provides a distinct socio-economic system based on justice, equity, administrative and judicial structures, he added.

The Prime Ministry recalled the contribution of Muslim scholars in 9th, 10th and 11th centuries to different subjects which were till today the foundation of scientific and technological knowledge.

He said, the impulse of the Islamic ideal is the most vital catalyst for the material and cultural renaissance of the present world.

Shah Aziz said in the world of today torn by conflicts and confrontations Islamic ideologies could ensure peace, security and stability and reduce tensions.

He said Bangladesh had promoted the concept of Islamic world order and had played a pivotal role in strengthening and stimulating Islamic fraternity.