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Nationalism based on Islamic tenets : PM

Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman said in Dacca on Saturday that the Muslim conquerors and travellers who came to this subcontinent brought with them a distinctive cultural heritage and way of life and refused to assimilate with the then existing Indian culture reports BSS.

Speaking as the chief guest at a publication ceremony of a book styled "Mosque Architecture of pre-Mughal Bengal" Shah Aziz said Muslims in the territory now comprising Bangladesh maintained and sustained that distinctive Islamic culture and heritage throughout the ages. Bangladeshi Jatiyata is based on this distinctiveness in culture and heritage and therefore is our natural identity, the Prime Minister added.

Shah Aziz quoting Holy Quran justified the compatibility of this Jatiyata with the Islamic tenets.

Held at the Dacca University Press the function was presided over by Mr. Mohiuddin Ahmed, Managing Director of

the Press. Dr. Nazimuddin Ahmed Director Archaeology and Museum and Prof. M. Serajul Islam Chairman Department of Islamic History and Culture also spoke on the occasion. Dr. Syed Mahmudul Hasan is the author of the book.

Shah Aziz said Islamic fraternity as enjoined in the Holy Quoran stimulated our concept of nationalism and our constitution also provided for the consolidation and strengthening of fraternal relations among the Muslim countries based on Islamic solidarity.

Shah Aziz said the Muslim contribution to the development of architecture was very great and recalled the architectural splendour and ornamental style of the Abbaside Khalifat in building mosques during the pre-Mughal era. The Prime Minister referred to architectural pattern of Adina and Pandua mosques which enjoyed a distinct position in Muslim architecture.

The Prime Minister said Islam came to India through conquerors and travellers and wherever they settled they first built a mosque for Islam enjoys congenial worship. He said mosques exalted a distinct architectural pattern and became centres not merely of worship but all community activities including research on science, agriculture irrigation and education.

Shah Aziz said that all mosques in the country should now become the centres of research and undertake all cultural activities. Material prosperity on a national scale

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cannot be attained without spiritual enlightenment he said adding Islam stood for 'perfect harmony between matter and spirit.'

The Prime Minister recalled Muslim scholars contributions towards science technology agriculture mathematics and architecture. Shah Aziz mentioned in particular the names of Ibn Sina Al Razi Omar Khayyam and other scholars who enriched world scientific knowledge to such an extent that even today it was the basis of modern research.