

## Old education system to be replaced: PM

Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman on Thursday said that the colonial education system will be gradually replaced by a modern system, suiting the needs of the nation, reports ISS.

Speaking as the chief guest at the first anniversary of founding of the 'Manarat Dacca'—a children's school at Gulshan—on Thursday morning the Prime Minister said that bad things of

the colonial system will be discarded while the good aspects will be retained.

Shah Aziz stressed on building of good citizens from tender age, which, he said, was suitable for the purpose because it was at that stage of life that perception and receptivity remain at their peak.

The Prime Minister said that the Islamic Education Centre will go into the matter to evolve an Islamic education system with stress on modern, scientific and technological education suiting the needs of the time.

He said that religious education will be made a must at the Primary level—so that the children of the followers of different religion could have true religious, moral and ethical teachings at the schools. This, he added, was essential for building good and honest citizens.

The simple function in observance of founding anniversary of the school was presided over by Abder Razzak Laskar, Chairman of the governing body of 'Manarat Dacca' and addressed by Mr Justice Al Haj A K M Baquer, Mr Charita Ranasinha, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka in Bangladesh, Barrister Jamzul Haq and Mr Shahjahan.

The Prime Minister said that fear of God, the spirit of renunciation and contentment should form the basis of education policy—with the objective of building good citizens.

Shah Aziz said that Islam alone can provide solution to

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the present day 'world torn by conflicts, cold and hot wars.'

Describing the Holy Quran as the fountain head of knowledge, science and technology the Prime Minister said that the mosques were once the centres of research of knowledge, science and technology.

Mr Charita Ranasinha, the Sri Lankan High Commissioner, said that all the religions basically taught the same thing and the common message of humanism.

Mr Justice Al Haj A K M Baquer, said that Islamic learning and modern science were needed in our country for the proper training of the people. He said that no education would be of any use so long as we cannot have people with character.