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# Recast of madrasha education stressed

Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman said in Dacca on Wednesday that the government had decided to convert some madrasahs in every district into community madrasahs 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 madrasahs in the country at Banani Jame Masjid premises.

Organised by Bangladesh Jamiat-ul-Madarreseen, 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 madrassha education and said there would be atleast one vocational oriented Government Alla Madrassha in every district and two Kamil Madrasahs in every sub-division.

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

He said mushroom growth of furcania madrasahs in rural areas had to be checked and regulated.

Shah Aziz said the Govern-

ment of President Ziaur Rahman had provided adequate financial grants for the development of madrasah education all over the country.

The Prime Minister said the Government had allocated Taka 4.51 crore as grants for the non-government madrasahs in the current year's national budget.

Shah Aziz said the government was already spending Taka 79 lakh annually for the two Alla madrasahs in the country. With the establishment of one government Alla madrassha 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

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he said, would be spent for the Islamic education and research centre in Dacca.

The Prime Minister said that grants to non-government madrasahs 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 Minister 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.

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

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