

Madrasha edn. will be reoriented : PM

SHANTIDANGA-DULALPUR (Kushtia-Jessore) Jan: 16:— Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman today said that the Islamic University must aim at the balanced development of both body and soul of its students through the integration of Islamiat in arts and science: reports BSS.

Speaking as chief guest at the foundation laying ceremony of the Saddam Hussain Hall the first hall of residence in the university at Shantidanga-Dulalpur the Prime Minister said that the main objective of the university was to co-ordinate and integrate Islamic learning with various branches of arts and science.

He said that the university

will also conduct higher studies and research in different branches of Islamic studies and work for improvement and re-orientation of Madrasha education in the context of new perspectives.

Presided over by Dr. Mumtazuddin Chowdhury Vice-Chancellor of the University the function was also attended by the Iraqi Ambassador Arif Mohammad Ali Karim distinguished personalities and high Government officials.

Shah Aziz said that the hall of the university was named after the Iraqi President Saddam Hussain to fulfil the wish of late President Ziaur Rahman.

He said that Iraq alone with other Muslim countries had generously contributed to the Islamic University and expressed his gratefulness for their spontaneous co-operation in the establishment of the university.

The Prime Minister said that this university would serve the purpose which the existing universities cannot. In the existing universities he said students may study arts science and social sciences and specialise in different branches in complete isolation from the Quran and Islamiat. On the other hand Islamiat is a compulsory subject for students of all branches in the Islamic university he added.

The Prime Minister said that the Islamic University was set up at the calm and quiet rural environment at Shantidanga bordering Kushtia and Dalabour and Jessore district to offer a congenial atmosphere for the teachers and taught in which they can think evaluate emulate blend and synthesise the tenets and ideals of Islam with modern science.

He said that each and every student of the university as well as the teachers should orient their lives in accordance with ideals of Islam with a view to shaping and fashioning their career for fruitful occupation and gainful employment.

He said that "this university does not want to produce an endless line of soulless graduates with no hope to look forward".