

## Books can help combat unholy forces: Sayeed

**Staff Reporter**

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed on Saturday said that habit of reading should be inculcated in young people to gear up war against drug addiction and only books can help combat unholy forces in the society.

Prof Abu Sayeed said this while inaugurating 'Boi Dibash' organised by Bangladesh Book Club on Saturday morning at the altar of Central Shaheed Minar in the city.

The State Minister said that henceforth February 1 every year will be observed as 'Boi Dibash' across the country. He further said that the present government is firm to spread education to give democracy an institutional shape and as a part of this programme. The government has undertaken a programme to establish library in each and every locality, he added.

Earlier inaugurating the day Prof Abu Sayeed laid a wreath at the altar of the Shaheed Minar and released a cluster of balloons with the words 'Shaheed Smriti Amar Hok' in the sky.

Presided over by Prof M Aminul Islam Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh Open University, the inaugural function was addressed, among others, by Sheikh Akram Ali, Secretary-General of the Book Club.

Later a walkathon was held from Central Shaheed Minar to the National Press Club.