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Maqtabas to help remove curse of illiteracy: Ershad

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President H.M. Ershad on Friday underlined the importance of imparting religious education to children saying that this will strengthen their moral values and help build themselves as worthy citizens, reports BSS.

Addressing the Juma congregation at Historic Tara Masjid (Star Mosque) in the old part of city, the President said maqtabas are being set up in all the two lakh mosques of the country to provide religious education to children.

He said the maqtabas will also play an important role in

removing the curse of illiteracy from society. 'Our children must know the teachings of Islam and ideals of Prophet Mohammad (SM) to grow up as true Muslims,' he said.

President Ershad said strict adherence to the tenets of Islam only can emancipate us. 'If we follow the path of Islam we will surely be able to establish a peaceful, happy and prosperous society,' he said.

The President expressed the happiness to note that the number of musall'es in mosques are increasing day by day and

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was in a critical condition suffering from malnutrition and heart ailment caused by rheumatic fever.

President Ershad brought her with him to Dhaka and she was admitted into Shishu Hospital where she was treated for malnutrition. Later she was removed to Suhrawardy Hospital for treatment of heart ailment.

Finding both the President and Begum Ershad at the bedside of her daughter, Ayesha Khatoon in an emotion-choked voice expressed profound gratitude to them for taking special care for her daughter.

She said otherwise the girl would not have survived. She prayed to the Almighty Allah for their (President Ershad and Begum Ershad) wellbeing.