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US reorganisation plan under fire

Foundation of madrasah building laid

From A Corresponden. | KUDIGRAM, Nov. 8: The foundation stone of the Science Building of Kurigram Senior Madrasah was laid recently.

Mr. Shafful Alam, Commissioner, Rajshahi Division laid the foundation stone while Mr. Enamul Hoque, Deputy Commissioner, Rangpur, presided over the function.

Addressing the gathering the Commissioner opined that the introduction of science in the Madrasah education was a new step towards modernising the old system of the education. He also expressed hope for success of the step of the Governmnt for making the Madrasah education popular and urged the people to come forward to fulfil this objective in the interest of the country.

It may be mentioned here that the Rajshahi Divisional Development Board has sanctioned Taka 50 thousand and President Ziaur Rahman declared a grant of Taka one lakh during his last visit here for allround development of the Kurigram Senior Madrasah

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19 The Carter Administration outlined for Congress its second reorganisation plan on Tuesday which would consolidate the Government's public diplomacy activities into a proposed agency for international communications, reports AP.

But several members of a House Government Operations

Subcommittee challenged it.

Representative Frank Horton described the idea as timid and complained that the White House Office of Management and Budget had not supplied enough background material.

Representative John Moss said he questioned whether the plan would save money or improve operations.

It calls for transferring, the U.S. information agency and the State Departments Bureau of Educational and cultural affairs to the proposed new agency, about 8.500 employees and 3.50 million dollars in annual expenditures are involved.

Harrison Wellford, a top
OMB official, said the consolidation move is part of a changing tone in public diplomacy
activities.

The emphasis is going to be on mutual understanding, not on one way communication nor on propagandistic communications, he said.

The plan goes into effect in 60 days unless either the House or Senate disapproves it.