

## Bring all anti-social elements to justice

President asks senior police officials

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President Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday called on the police force to bring all the anti-social elements to justice.

"Bombers, terrorists, extortionists, lawbreakers and those who shelter them are enemies of the nation. Now it's your main responsibility to identify and arrest them," he said.

The President was addressing a meeting of high police officials at Bangabhaban on the occasion of the Police Week.

Reiterating the government's firm commitment to building a terrorism and corruption-free Bangladesh, he said, "The onus to quickly face any situation, including protecting public life and property and maintaining law and order, lies on you. Your activities, honesty, dedication, bravery and responsibility to state and society can play a significant role in facing this challenge."

He termed the duties of police as service-oriented saying "You have a lot of responsibilities in establishing the rule of law as members of the law enforcement agency."

The President asked them to discharge their duties with honesty, dedication and sincerity for improving the law and order situation, and sought cooperation of all concerned in this connection.

Iajuddin advised the policemen to go to the people and provide them service as, he said, development of relations between police and people could make the job of maintaining law and order easier for them.

He also recalled the contributions of the martyred police personnel who had stood in armed resistance against the occupied forces at Rajarbagh Police Lines on the night

of March 25, 1971 and later laid down their lives for the independence.

He lauded the police force for building close relations with all sections of people and contributing to development activities along with maintaining law and order.

Iajuddin also appreciated the security arrangements taken by police for peaceful holding of the

Saarc Summit, maintaining the sanctity of holy Ramadan and celebrating Eid-ul-Fitr and Durga Puja.

The President stressed the need for advance training both at home and abroad for the senior police officials to enhance their efficiencies, as there is no alternative to training for development of professional skills.

## BRTC special bus service on Eid, Biswa Ijtema

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State-run BRTC will introduce special bus service on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha and Biswa Ijtema.

BRTC senior officials at a two-day meeting decided to launch the special bus service to facilitate the journey of homebound Eid passengers and the Ijtema devotees.

The meeting began on Wednesday. BRTC Chairman Advocate Taimur Alam Khandaker presided over yesterday's meeting.

On the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha, some 453 special buses will ply 120 routes from today and the service will continue 10 days after the Eid.

The meeting also decided that the number of buses would be increased as per demand of the passengers and the passengers would not be charged more than the fares fixed officially.

A control room will be opened at the BRTC Motijheel depot for smooth operation of the service. Passengers can lodge any complainant with the control room over phone (9333803).

For Biswa Ijtema, some 366 buses will ply from various parts of Dhaka, Narayanganj, Meghnaghat, Narsingdi, Bhairab, Joydevpur, Tangail and Mymensingh up to Ijtema venue from January 20 and it will continue till January 31.

BRTC ambulances will also be available for carrying sick devotees to hospitals, says a BRTC press release.