

Stop violence against Ahmadiyyas

Speakers tell discussion

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The three-day 82nd annual conference of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat, Bangladesh, began on Friday at Central Ahmadiyya Complex at Bakshibazar in the city.

Participants at the conference called upon all to protest the publication of cartoons on Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SM) by upholding his greatness and conveying the beauty of Islam to the world in a non-violent

way.

Maulana Firoz Alam, representative of the fifth Khalifa of the World Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat Mirza Masrur Ahmed, inaugurated the conference.

A discussion was held on Saturday on the second day of the conference. Workers' Party President Rashed Khan Menon, JSD leader Mainuddin Khan Badal, Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique and Prof Tarek Saiful Islam took part in the discussion with the

Dhaka city Ameer of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat, Afzal Ahmed Khadem in chair.

Speakers at the discussion called for freeing the nation from extremist communal politics which only divides people. They also urged to stop the violent acts against Ahmadiyyas for the sake of humanity.

In the inaugural ceremony, national ameer of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat Mobashshar-ur-Rahman read the speech of their Khalifa.

Holy Ashura observed

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The holy Ashura commemorating the martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hossain (RA), grandson of Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SM), was observed in the country on Friday with religious solemnity.

On this day in the Hijri year 61, Hazrat Imam Hossain (RA), along with the members of his family and close relations, embraced martyrdom at the hands of Yazid's forces in the

desert of Karbala to uphold the cause of Islam and the teachings of the Prophet (SM).

President Iajudin Ahmed, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and the Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina, in separate messages, said the supreme sacrifice of Hazrat Imam Hossain (RA) in Karbala teaches us to search for truth and establish justice in every sphere of life.

Different religious organisations and political groups

observed the day through holding discussions and bringing out Tazia processions in the capital and elsewhere in the country.

At noon a huge Tazia procession was brought out in the capital. In the wake of the militant attacks across the country the procession paraded the streets amid tight security.

B a n g l a d e s h B e t a r, Bangladesh Television and private TV channels aired special programmes marking the day.