

500 arms deposited in Sylhet

BSS, Sylhet
A total of 499 licensed firearms were deposited with 13 thanas of the district in last four days ending on Saturday evening in compliance with the government order. Police said the licensed arms holders are mostly government officials and businessmen. The highest 232 arms were deposited with Kotwali Police Station while the lowest three were deposited with Companyganj thana during the period. According to government order, all licensed arms owners are to deposit their weapons within November 15.

'Integrate science into dev efforts'

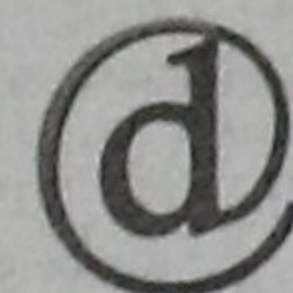
BSS, Dhaka
Science and Information Communication Technology (SICT) Minister Abdul Moyeen Khan yesterday called for integrating science and technology into national development efforts. We have to make best efforts with our limited resources for advancement in science and technology to reduce poverty and hunger," he said. The minister was addressing a discussion on 'Science for Peace and Development' organised by the SICT Ministry at Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC) here in observance of the World Science Day. The day was observed worldwide, including Bangladesh, for

the first time this year. Chaired by SICT Secretary Karar Mahmudul Hasan, the function was also addressed by South East University Vice-chancellor and Bangladesh Academy of Sciences President Prof M Shamsheer Ali and Bangladesh Computer Society Executive Director Dr AM Choudhury. Dr Amir Hossain Khan, Professor of Chemistry at Dhaka University, presented the key-note speech. Dr Moyeen Khan said the government constituted a fund, albeit

small, for individual research, as the scope of institutional research was limited in the country. He called upon scientists to avail themselves of the opportunity and contribute to nation-building through their researches. Dr Shamsheer said science must be used as means of development and peace in a world where one billion people go to bed hungry. He called upon scientists to take a vow on the day to conduct their researches for development, peace and satisfaction of the basic needs of people.

In his key-note speech, Dr Amir said: "If we are serious in our intent to remove poverty, ensure social security and improve our quality of life and thereby establish peace in society, we must not be miser in investment in science and technology." He said investment in science was the best insurance against all odds and hazards, the premium of which was never costly. "It is only in this way, we can achieve the cherished goal of building self-reliant and prosperous Bangladesh," he said.

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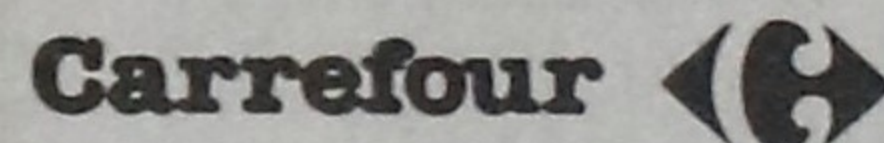
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