



Islam never supports terrorism

Speakers tell seminar

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Islam never supports terrorism but a vested quarter is carrying out a propaganda campaign against it for its own interests, said speakers at a seminar yesterday.

They said Islam is in no way a threat to world peace. Rather, it preaches that world peace could be ensured only through love and care for humanity.

The Centre for National and Regional Studies (CNRs) organised the seminar, 'Islam is the religion of peace and friendship', in the port city, with its Chairman Abul Hashim Khan in the chair.

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Unicef representative Morten Giersing said children were badly affected by floods.

He said this after a visit to Sylhet, Sunamganj and Brahmanbaria recently.

Many were showing visible signs of suffering from Vitamin B deficiency and living in makeshift shelters around their former homes, he added.

'A large number of tubewells were also submerged and these will have to be cleaned and disinfected otherwise we will have widespread cases of diarrhoea,' he said.

Unicef has received five million water purification tablets and over 2000 boxes of syringes. Another 8,800 vials of measles vaccine will arrive in Bangladesh by Monday. The disease can spread rapidly in displaced populations that do not have adequate shelter or food.

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Abdul Sattar Moosa Didi, special envoy of the Maldives president, called on Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan at his office yesterday.

'Unite against fundamentalism'

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Speakers at a condolence meeting yesterday urged the people to unite against fundamentalism and communalism.

The meeting was organised by 'Writers-Teachers-Artists-Cultural Activists' at the TSC of Dhaka University (DU) marking the death of eminent writer Prof Humayun Azad.

The speakers said Prof Azad's death was a big protest against the fundamentalist forces.

They said the government did not take any steps to arrest the culprits who attacked Humayun Azad last February

and those who wanted to abduct his son on the campus recently.

The speakers said the fundamentalist forces are continuing their threats on writers, teachers, journalists, artists and cultural activists.

They criticised the government for not taking any action against them.

Prof Serajul Islam Chowdhury said Prof Azad was forced to death after repeated mental and physical torture.

Dhaka University Teachers' Association General Secretary Prof Muhammad Akhtaruzzaman said the body of Prof Azad would come on Thursday's flight.

He said the Bangladesh Embassy in Germany has informed the university authorities that they have completed all formalities to send the body.

Prof Anu Muhammad, Dr Shahidul Islam of Rajshahi University, Swadhin Sen and Rehnuma Ahmed of Jahangirnagar University, Farook Wasif and Tahera Begum Jolly also spoke.

Biggan Chetona Parishad, Samagrit Sangskritik Prangon, Bangladesh Chhatra Federation, Suchana Oddhayan O Anushilon Kendra, and Gono Sangskritik Front expressed their solidarity with the meeting.

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