

Violence in the name of religion criticised

Prayer meeting for world peace

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Speakers at a prayer meeting yesterday said the true followers of religions could never be terrorists as each religion teaches the path to peace.

Those who resort to violence and communal conflicts in the name of religion are the enemies of religion, they said.

Hajqani Anjuman organised the 10th universal prayer meeting at the National Press Club in the city to promote peace and harmony for all mankind irrespective of caste and creed.

Although every religion emphasises peace, conflicts over religion are taking place throughout the world, said Communications Minister Nazmul Huda as chief guest.

"God gives us the power of reasoning, but we have misused the power and made the world unstable," he added.

He alleged that a vested quarter is trying to project Bangladesh as a communal country for its own interest.

State Minister for Water Resource Goutam Chakraborty said Bangladesh can never be a communal country as Islam teaches its followers to respect other religions.

Presided over by Advisor to the commerce ministry Barkatullah Bulu, the prayer meeting was also addressed by Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation Chairman Taimur Alam Khandaker, former state minister AK Fazul Haque, Prof Shamsur Ali and Prof Kazi Nurul Islam.



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Sammiliti Ainjibi Samannaya Parishad forms a human chain on the High Court premises yesterday demanding separation of judiciary and protesting deaths in custody and politicisation in appointment of judges.

SECOND BANGLADESH-INDIA DIALOGUE OF YOUNG JOURNALISTS

Share information to improve standard of life in South Asia

Reaz Rahman urges journalists

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South Asian journalists should share information, use the common regional inventory and pool commonalities to improve the standard of life in the South Asian region, Adviser to the Foreign Ministry Reaz Rahman said yesterday.

The concept of sovereignty and security, nature of conflict and the primacy of the state are changing because of globalisation, and the role of the media is to present these changes to the region, he added.

"There is a need to share our perceptions to put things on the table to find quick solutions," the adviser told the concluding session of the Second Bangladesh-India Dialogue of Young Journalists, co-organised by Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI) and the British High Commission.

The two-day dialogue had four sessions and was attended by renowned Indian columnist and The Asian Age Editor MJ Akbar and Editor of The Telegraph Ashish Chakrabarti from India. The Daily Star Editor Mahfuz Anam and The Independent Editor Mahbubul Alam attended it from Bangladesh.

The dialogue brought together 13 journalists from India, five of them from the northeast, and 20 from Bangladesh.

The four sessions focused on Bangladesh-India energy cooperation, regional and sub-regional cooperation and the future of Saarc, and Bangladesh-India communications.

Speaking as the special guest, British High Commissioner Anwar Choudhury said the only way to resolve differences is to recognise them first. He stressed the media has a role to report responsibly in order to create an environment for the prosperity of India and Bangladesh, which share both resources and culture.

He added that despite a gloomy picture of Indo-Bangla relationship portrayed by the media, "people tell

me that in reality day-to-day links are as healthy and positive as ever".

Speaking on behalf of the dialogue participants, MJ Akbar proposed some forms of joint reporting by Bangladeshi and Indian journalists on contentious issues to find what he said was, "The elusive truth".

On the success of Saarc, Akbar said, "There comes a time for an idea to mature and flourish and we may have reached the ideal moment."

Explaining the lacklustre performance of Saarc to date, he observed, "Nothing might happen for a long time, but everything might happen at once."

Indian High Commissioner Sarvanjit Chakrabarti and BEI Chairman Farook Sobhan also spoke.

PM seeks FAO support in developing gene bank

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia requested the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) to include Bangladesh with its regional networking programme.

The request was made when FAO Director General Jacques Diouf called on the prime minister at her office yesterday in the afternoon.

The components of the FAO regional networking programme include integrated pest management, biotechnology and bio-safety, fertilizer and fertility management and plant and animal genetic information.

Khaleda, who is the chairperson of the National Task Force on Biotechnology, also sought FAO support in developing a gene bank as well as in the development of biotechnology, its capacity building and research.

Jacques assured FAO support in supplying agri-inputs like seeds and fertilizers to the farmers.



Amanullah gets Atish Dipankar Award

AMANULLAH, chairman of the Audit Committee and sponsor director of Mercantile Bank Ltd., was awarded Atish Dipankar Scholar Congress Award for his outstanding contribution to the banking sector, says a press release.

President Iajuddin Ahmed handed over the award to him recently.

A distinguished industrialist and entrepreneur, Amanullah was also awarded Sarojini Naidu Gold Medal in 2000 for his contribution to the banking and insurance sector.

Chairman of Aman Group of Companies, Mousumi Enterprises Ltd., Arena HRI Ltd., Arena Industries Ltd., and Arena Infotech Ltd, he is also an advisor to Global Insurance Ltd. and a director of Desh General Insurance Ltd.

Amanullah has also significant contribution to the field of education. He is a member of the Governing Board of the Presidency University and director of the Institute of Business & Technology (IBIT) and Metropolitan University.

Make films for peace, amity

PM tells Second International Film Festival inaugural function

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday urged the filmmakers both at home and abroad to make powerful films against war, repression, destruction, terrorism, and in favour of peace, amity and good sense.

Inaugurating the Second International Film Festival at the Osmani Memorial auditorium in the city, Khaleda Zia also called on them not to make films presenting those merely as a medium of entertainment. She said that victory song of humanity should be sung sonorously in the large canvas of film.

Khaleda called upon the film makers to portray genuine picture of the country in their films.

She expressed the hope that the filmmakers would produce films in an artistic way that would portray life struggle of the people, their happiness, sorrows, laughter and convey the message of overcoming poverty and disaster.

Calling for united stand against vulgarity in films for the sake of healthy social uplift, she said her government is going to take stern measures to stop vulgar and indecent films side by side with patronising creative film making.

Information Minister M Shamsul Islam, Chairman of the festival committee MM Rezaul Karim, Advisor of the Bangladesh Federation of Film Societies (BFFS) Shafiq Rahman and Festival Director Golam Rabbani Biplob also addressed the function.

Organised by the BFFS, more than 100 films from 42 countries will be screened during the two-week festival.

The prime minister reiterated her government's determination to patronise the film industry to help direct this art medium towards a healthy and correct path. Otherwise, she said, the harmful impact of this powerful medium would affect society.

She thanked the organisers of the festival for selecting "film for the people" as its main theme.

Khaleda paid tributes to noted filmmakers, including Zahir Raihan, for their valuable contribution to the film industry.

In his speech, Shamsul Islam underscored the need for producing healthy films to encourage people in improving their standard of life and contributing to socio-economic development.

Organisers said, during the festival, films would be screened at the National Museum auditorium, the Central Public Library auditorium, the Russian Cultural Centre, Star Cineplex and major cinema halls in Dhaka, Narayanganj and the divisional towns.

They said about eight lakh people are expected to attend the festival during which the city of Dhaka would wear a festive look.

Later, the prime minister witnessed the movie "Chin Akke Chin" directed by Malay Bhattacharya.

Ministers, MPs, diplomats, filmmakers and artistes were present on the occasion.

SCAS signs agreement with Indian IT firm

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

for every child under the age of one year from 2005, Sinha said.

Medical specialists from home and abroad took part in the biennial symposium.

Liver disease in pregnancy may be fatal and must not be undermined, said Dr. Katherine Williamson, lecturer of Obstetrics Medicine, Imperial College of London.

Vice-Chancellor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) Prof. MA Hadi, Bangladesh Medical Association General Secretary AZM Zahid Hossain, ASLDB President Prof. Moinul Khan, Prof. Deirdre Kelly from Birmingham, Prof. ST Fan from Hong Kong and Dr. KC Tan from Gleneagles Hospital, Singapore also spoke.

Over 20,000 children die of Hepatitis B a year

Sinha says at int'l symposium

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least five to eight per cent of the population in Bangladesh is infected with Hepatitis B virus while less than 1 per cent with Hepatitis C, said State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Mizanur Rahman Sinha.

Sinha was speaking at an international symposium on liver disease organised by Association for the Study of the Liver (ASLD) in the city yesterday.

About 1.5 lakh newborn babies get infected with Hepatitis B every year and at least 20 to 23 thousand children die of it, he said.

The government is going to introduce vaccination against Hepatitis B

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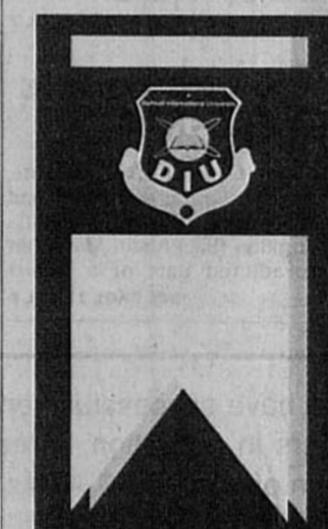
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