

'Bangladesh trapped in an int'l geo-political conspiracy'

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Bangladesh is trapped in an international geo-political conspiracy, said the speakers at a function yesterday.

Revised nat'l strategy paper on sanitation approved

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The revised national strategy paper on sanitation has been approved on Sunday.

The strategy paper was approved after a detailed discussion at a meeting of the Local Government Division at its conference room.

LGRD and Cooperatives Secretary HM Abul Kashem presided.

LGRD & Cooperatives minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, State Minister Ziaul Haq Zia, former secretary AYBI Siddique, the director general of the Local Government Division, chief engineer of the LGED were present.

Mannan Bhuiyan said that the rural areas made a rapid progress than urban areas in terms of sanitation.

He called upon the authorities concerned to remove the hanging toilets on both sides of different roads and highways as well as Dhaka City Corporation areas.

The function was organised at the National Press Club to launch two books titled 'Challenges in Bangladesh Politics: A Londoner's View' and 'War on Terror: A pretext for new colonisation' by Dr Abdul Malik.

"It is unfortunate that Bangladesh is taken in a geo-strategic conspiracy," said Prof Emajuddin Ahmed, former vice-chancellor of Dhaka University.

"Root of this conspiracy stretches out not only to a neighbouring country but also far beyond that," said Prof Ahmed.

He said in a situation like this, political parties must act unitedly. "National unity must be forged at any cost to overcome this sort of national crisis," he added.

Prof Ahmed said any political front that undermines national interests in such a situation would be responsible for any national damage.

Science and ICT Minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan said the author has made some bold statements on major national concerns of Bangladesh.

Dr Moyeen said the author has also carefully examined why the world's biggest gas producing country is interested in importing gas from Bangladesh.

"Independent existence of Bangladesh in the region is irritating for some countries," said journalist Sadeque Khan, adding, "That's why, the people of Bangladesh will have to assert their national entity in a vigorous manner."

Responding to the propaganda

highlighting Islamic extremism in Bangladesh and elsewhere in the world, Brigadier General (ret'd) M Sakhawat Hossain said, "If Islam is extreme, it is just a reaction to other extremism."

Chief Editor of the state-run

Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha Gaziul Hasan Khan, former vice-chancellor of Jahangirnagar University Prof Jasim Uddin Ahmed, and publisher Syed Zakir Hossain also spoke.

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