

WE MOURN

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful
 Mr. Ahmad Shafi Maqsood, Founder and Executive Director of the Institute of Hazrat Mohammad (SAW) breathed his last on Tuesday, December 29, 2009 at 10:25PM. Inna lillahi Wa Inna Ilaihe Rajعون.
 His namaz-e-janaza will be held on Friday, January 1, 2010 after Jumma prayers at Bandhara Jaame Mosque, And at 3pm at the Institute's premises at House 22, Road 27, Block-K Banani, Dhaka.
 Family, friends and well-wishers are requested to join the namaz-e-janaza and pray for the Blessed Soul

Bereaved Family and Friends & Members of the Institute of Hazrat Mohammad (SAW)



JU classes from Jan 2

BSS, Savar
 The classes of first year honours of 2009-10 academic session of Jahangirnagar University (JU) will begin on January 2.
 Authorities concerned have asked the first year students who could not manage dormitories to have existing transportation facilities.

Unmask evil force that uses Islam to serve political interests

PM urges Imams

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the religious leaders to unmask the "real face" of the force that uses Islam to confuse people with a view to preserving their political interests.

The evil force is distorting the real message of Islam, which is a religion of peace, she added.

She was addressing the National Convention of Imams trained on Human Resource in 2009 at the city's Osmani Memorial Auditorium.

The premier also requested the religious leaders to wage a social movement against corruption, militancy and drug addiction to build a prosperous and peaceful society.

She also urged the Imams to help the government protect women from repression, eliminate early marriage, dowry and

poverty alleviation, preserve the country's environment, achieve cent-percent literacy rate and ensure quality health services for all.

State Minister for Religious Affairs Md Shahjahan Miah, Project Director Kamaruddin Ahmed, Islamic Foundation Director-General Shamim M Afzal and Assistant Representative of UNFPA Dr Nur Mohammad spoke at the programme with acting secretary of the Ministry of Religious Affairs Abdur Rab Hawlader in the chair. Imam AFM Nazmus Salehin of Eidgahpara Mosque in Kushtia spoke on behalf of the Imams.

Hasina said the defeated force of 1971 liberation war always tries to misguide people with propaganda against Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Awami League.

But those who came to power using the name of Islam

had withdrawn those revolutionary laws enacted by the Father of Nation. They also gave license for wine manufacturing, she added.

She observed that drug addiction and corruption are social diseases.

The Imams can make people aware of corruption and the dire consequences of drug addiction, Hasina also said.

About militancy, the prime minister urged the Imams to remain alert so that none could create chaos or any kind of violence in the name of Islam.

"Killing is considered as one of the most heinous acts in Islam and suicide is also completely prohibited in Islam. Then, how an Islamic person can launch suicide bomb attacks on others and kill people?" she posed a question.

Bangladesh is considered a model country with communal and religious harmony. Imams can play a significant

role in keeping the harmony and peace unharmed in the future, she said.

The prime minister also laid emphasis on including texts of all religions in the school curricula for balanced education of the children.

Expressing her government's strong commitment to ensure peaceful co-existence of people of all religions in the country, Hasina said Islam teaches that people of different faiths should perform their respective rituals with full freedom.

She said the government would take measures for expediting the Imam-Muazzin Welfare Trust under which the Imams and Muazzins are being given interest-free loans and donations.

The prime minister distributed certificates among the best Imams for their outstanding performances in the training programmes and contribution to social cause.

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Govt withdraws army vehicle torching case against 7 DU students

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The government finally withdrew the army vehicle torching case against a number of students of Dhaka University (DU) considering it an act of 'harassment'.

The case was filed against 25 students in connection with the campus unrest in August 2007. Later, 18 students were acquitted of charges, but seven students continued to face the charges.

First Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Ali Hossain yesterday passed the withdrawal order following a government petition. The court also acquitted the remaining seven students of charges.

The seven students are Deen Islam Angel, a student of mass communication and journalism, Deen Islam of

accounting, Zahidul Islam Biplob who completed his MBA recently, Asaduzzaman Asad of mathematics, Rafiqul Islam Sujon of Islamic studies, Rashedul Habib of Sanskrit and Abul Hasan of Arabic department.

In his order, the magistrate mentioned that the Dhaka Metropolitan Public Prosecutor submitted a petition on Tuesday, saying that the home ministry had earlier decided to withdraw the case.

Following the decision, the prosecution appealed to the court not to go ahead with the case. So, the petition seeking withdrawal of the case was allowed, the magistrate said.

The case was filed against the students on charges of torching an army car at Shahbagh intersection, on August 23 of 2007.

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