

Teachers urged to make literacy drive a success

Mr. Abul Hasnat, former Minister for Public Works and Urban Development on Thursday urged the teachers to help make the literacy campaign a complete success, reports BSS.

The mass literacy campaign which is a part of the peaceful revolution launched by late President Ziaur Rahman should be materialised, he added.

Mr. Abul Hasnat, who is also Mayor of the Dacca Municipal Corporation, was addressing as the chief guest the triennial conference of the city branch of the Bangladesh Teachers Association at West End High School premises in Dacca on Thursday morning.

Describing illiteracy as the curse for the society and the nation, Mr. Hasnat said the exploiters would continue to oppress the masses if they remained uneducated.

He said the present government had attached great importance to educate the people and taken up various programmes and projects. In this regard, he recalled the significant role played by the teachers community to make the programme a success.

Mr. Abul Hasnat said that in the past teachers were utilised by the political parties for their own self-interest. He urged them to maintain unity for the greater interest of the nation.

Referring to the housing problems of the teachers, Mr. Hasnat said that government was aware of their problems. He called upon them to form co-operative housing society and solve their problems. He pointed out that the Government would provide lands at a nominal price for the society.

He said that a large number of housing societies had been formed recently in many areas of the city where unscrupulous traders were extracting money from the innocent people. These elements are utilising the people's money in their own business, he said, and added that the Government would soon investigate into the affairs of these societies and (Continued on page 11 Col.

bring offenders to book. Presided over by Mr. Abdur Rashid Sarkar, President, City Unit of the Association, the meeting was addressed among others by Mr. Abdus Salam and Sheikh Aman Ullah, Vice-Presidents of Bangladesh Teachers Association and Mr. Abdul Khaleque, General Secretary of the Association.

Mr. Abdul Mannan, President of Bangladesh Teachers Association formally declared the conference open.