

# Islamic education

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in the Muslim world, Shah Aziz said we are making all-out endeavours for introducing compulsory religious educations in the primary and secondary educational institutions.

Sponsored by King Abdul Aziz University, Saudi Arabia, and the Islamic Foundation in Bangladesh, the conference was inaugurated on Saturday by President Ziaur Rahman.

D. Kamal Baqir was the chairman of the session which was attended by eminent scholars from various Muslim countries.

#### CODE OF LIFE

Shah Azizur Rahman said that the impulse of the Islamic ideal is the most vital catalyst for the material and cultural renaissance of the present world. Islam is not merely a religion but is a complete code of human affairs both profane and spiritual. The Quran provides a large

measure of conceptual and imaginative homogeneity and universal framework for judgements.

The Prime Minister said the history of mankind is a history of conflict and agonies. All the ideologies that were thought to be the supreme cure for ailments of humanity are now clashing against each other and have brought humanity on the verge of death. In the mad race for global supremacy, there are blatant interventions, particularly in Muslim countries, which have threatened world peace and stability. The leaping flames of lust for power seek to reduce to ashes all that mankind has built painstakingly for ages. Only the Islamic ideology is capable of reducing world tension and ensuring world peace and stability.

#### SURPLUS WEALTH

Quoting the Holy Quran, Shah Azizur Rahman said that Allah has directed the affluent Muslim nations to dispose of their surplus wealth for the welfare of the least developed Muslim countries. He said this will help consolidate the concept of the new international economic order. Bangladesh, being the second largest Muslim democratic country of the world has been playing an effective role in the Third World, the non-aligned summits, the Commonwealth and above all, the Islamic conferences.

The Prime Minister called upon the participants of the conference to further stimulate the concept of Islamic fraternity which is enjoined in the Quran. He said that President Ziaur Rahman has already laid the foundation for setting up an Islamic University, the biggest of its kind in the eastern zone of Asia, conceived to become a real centre of Islamic education as well as of science and technology. The idea is to build up a residential university far away from the vulgarities of modern life so that in a serene academic atmosphere the students are able to devote themselves to the pursuit of higher knowledge untroubled by tensions of the city life. We have decided to impart religious education for all communities as a compulsory subject in the primary and secondary stages.

## Only Islamic education can solve world problems

Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman on Monday said introduction of Islamic education and the spreading of Islamic ideas and values could only offer a durable solution to a world tormented by conflict, agony, arms race and destruction, reports BSS.

He said the concept of communism and materialism could not be able to solve the problems of the people and reduce tensions in this turbulent world.

Addressing the fourth session on the final day of the three-day international conference on education and culture

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