

10 more institutes for cadre services training planned

By A Staff Reporter

Establishment Minister Mr. M. Majidul Huq said on Thursday the Government had planned the establishment of about ten more specialised institutes for training of members of different cadre services. Inaugurating the training academy for planning and development at Mohammadpur, he said such institutes were deemed necessary for raising professional skills of civil servants.

The Establishment Minister also inaugurated a 3-week course on project management at the academy through the same function.

Presided over by Planning Minister Dr. Fasihuddin Mahtab, the function was also addressed by Mr. Md. Jainul Abedin, Vice-Principal and project Director of the Academy.

He said that late President Ziaur Rahman had established the national training council at the end of last year with the objective of organising and coordinating training for improvement of professional skills of members of cadre services. The training academy for planning and development was the second of the 12 planned by the council, the first

one being the institute under the Foreign Affairs Ministry.

He said that the Pakistani colonial rulers neglected training of civil servants and such after independence they could not play their roles in national development as efficiently as expected.

He said that the government was fully aware of this deficiency and determined to remove it. Without trained cadre services it was impossible to speed-up development efforts. The Establishment Minister said if we failed to accelerate development activities, the very existence of the country would be in danger.

PLANNING MINISTER

In his presidential address, Planning Minister Dr. Fasihuddin Mahtab said that the government was now considering a framework for monitoring the implementation of the Second Five-Year Plan.

For this, he said, there was the need for strengthening the capabilities of the planning cells in the ministries.

Dr. Fasihuddin Mahtab said the government was considering the question of bringing the services in the ministries and other organisations under a cadre with more opportunities like promotion to attract more qualified people.

He said that due to weakness in planning and implementation capabilities, foreign donors were giving lesser amount of aid. Although the planning and implementation capabilities of Bangladesh were relatively better compared to some other Least Developed Countries, there still remained deficiencies which should be removed as early as possible, he added.