

## Qawmi madrasa students can never fall prey to militancy

*Says home minister*

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Students and teachers of Qawmi madrasas can never fall prey to militancy as the madrasa education in no way paves the way for breeding ground for militants, says Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal.

"People from Teknaf to Tentulia have stood against militancy. Members of our law enforcement agencies are fighting the menace, putting their lives at risk," he told a rally of Islamic scholars yesterday.

Bangladesh United Islami Party's Dhaka City North unit organised the rally against terrorism and militancy at Azampur Government Primary School playground in the capital's Uttara.

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Awami League presidium member and former home minister Sahara Khatun joined the function as the chief guest, while Food Minister Qamrul Islam was present as the special guest.

Asaduzzaman said Bangladesh was not only a country for Muslims, but also a non-communal and secular nation. "People of all religions are performing their religious rites peacefully here."

Sahara said Islam had no links with terrorism and militancy as the holy religion does not approve of killing human beings.

Qamrul said the people of Bangladesh were pious, but not fanatics.

He said the terrorists were undermining Muslims around the world by killing innocent people.

"The terrorists are instigating people to promote militancy by misinterpreting Islam," the minister said.