

## Help posterity grow up as worthy citizens: Sadek

Education Minister A.S.H.K. Sadek Sunday called upon the teachers to discharge their responsibilities so that the posterity get proper education to build themselves as the worthy citizens of the country, reports BSS.

He said that teachers were the mainstay of the nation to produce an educated working force to shoulder future responsibilities.

The Education Minister was speaking as the chief guest at a function organised by the Bangladesh Government Secondary Teachers Association Oikya Parishad at the Dhanmondi Government Boys High School in Dhaka in the morning.

The Parishad also held a seminar on "Eradication of terrorism from educational institutions and the role of teachers in raising the standard of education."

Mayor of Dhaka Mohammad Hanif, State Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs Abdul Matin Khasru and Director General of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Prof. Rashida Begum attended the function as special guests.

Mrs Mamtaz Awal, Convenor of the Parishad and Headmistress of Dhanmondi Government Boys High School, chaired the function. Mr. Shamsur Rahman Khan Shahjahan, Joint-Secretary of Awami League was the discussant.

Mr Sadek said the teachers should impart good lessons to the students in the classrooms in such a manner so that they did not require to go to private tutors.

"You should give them lessons so that they get proper education," he urged the teachers.

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Mr A.S.H.K. Sadek referred to the terrorism in the educational institutions and said it could be stopped with the combined efforts of the teachers, students, guardians and the leaders of the society.

The Education Minister said the genuine demands of the teachers would be met in phases. He reminded the teachers of the resource constraints and said, "with such limited resources all demands could not be fulfilled."

Paying rich tributes to the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the Minister said that Bangabandhu had nationalised the primary schools after the country's independence. Bangabandhu had also constituted an Education Commission headed by Dr Kudrat-e-Khuda, he said adding but the proposal was shelved for 21 years.

Mayor Hanif said terrorism could not be wiped out by the teachers. The government alone could crush terrorism, if it really meant so, he said adding the terrorists should be punished no matter which party they belonged to.

Mr Abdul Matin Khasru described the situation in the education arena as alarming and said the standard of education had also gone down. He said terrorism in the educational institutions was the fundamental national issue and all

should work together to end it.

Mr Shamsur Rahman Khan Shahjahan said that democracy and terrorism could not go together.

Mrs Mamtaz Awal demanded that the assistant teachers of the government secondary schools be given the status of first class gazetted officers and a separate directorate be created for the secondary education teachers.