

Madrasa teachers urged to shun indiscipline

President Hussain Muhammad Ershad on Thursday called upon the madrasa teachers to keep themselves away from those trying to create disruption, indiscipline and chaos in the name of Islam and contribute their mite unitedly to establishing the teachings and values of Islam in the society.

Addressing the eight grand national conference-90 of madrasa teachers held under the auspices of Bangladesh Jamiatul Mudarresin in Dhaka, the President said the madrasa teachers could play a vital role in eradicating the curse of illiteracy by

strengthening the ibtedai madrasa throughout the country.

With this end in view, he declared, amid cheers and slogans, that the Government would provide Taka 36,000 as salary of teachers of each ibtedai madrasa annually.

President Ershad said a study was being conducted to assess the standard of ibtedai madrasa in the country and said the teachers of those madrasa attaining the standard of primary school would be given the same salary as the primary school teachers get.

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Held at the Ershad National Parade Square, the function was presided over by Moulana M.A. Mannan, MP and President of Jamiatul Mudarresin and also addressed by Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam.

A special munajat was offered at the end of the meeting seeking divine blessings for the late peer Shaheb of Sarshina Hazrat Shah Abu Zafar Mohammad Saleh and the late mother of President Ershad Begum Majida Khatoon.

President Ershad told the audience that he had never made any pledge that he could not redeem. He said while announcing the decision to introduce compulsory primary education he had taken into account the strength of the ibtedai madrasa.

He said there were several thousand ibtedai madrasa which could impart primary education to lakhs of children, in addition to the existing 36,000 primary school.

The President said the Government wanted to make madrasa education on par with government schools.

President Ershad said he would put in all out efforts to establish the values of Islam in society. "The path shown by Allah will lead to the solution of the enormous problems" being faced by the 11 crore people of the country, he added.

The President said he had tremendous respects for the teachers and that was why he had tried his best to establish them with honour and dignity in all spheres of society.

He said the teachers too had the responsibility to maintain that honour and dignity so that none could see in newspapers reports about teachers supplying copies to the examinees or helping them with various other methods to adopt unfair means.

leaders.

He said the Peer Sahab used to move around the country to preach Islam and did never want anything for himself.

The President said the establishment of the teachings and values of Islam would be the only way to honour the late Peer Saheb.

President Ershad said there is only one Islam which the Holy Prophet, Khulafaye Rashedin, Sahabaye Ikram, Ghausul Azam and many others had followed in accordance with the Sharia.

President Ershad said the people did not accept Moududi's Islam and added, let Allah help good sense prevail upon those who want to follow Moududi's Islam.