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Mass literacy must for development

Speakers at a discussion on the language movement have urged the fortunate educated people of society to help educate the illiterate poor people, reports BSS.

They said that it was a matter of great pain that after long 43 years of the Language Movement, a large number of people of our country are still illiterate. Mass literacy is a must for the development of the country, they said.

Organised by Bangladesh Lekhika Sangsad Saturday the discussion was presided over by Katinrunnessa Maksuda, Director of the Sangsad the discussion was addressed by Professor Chamon Ara as the chief guest and by journalist Rasheda Amin, writer Selima Rahman, Professor Salma Chowdhury, Professor Razia Akhter Banu and Khondaker Ayesha Khatun as special guests.

The speakers said that the best way to show respect to the Shaheeds of the Language Movement was to educate the people.

They also discussed the origin and development of the Bengali language and hoped that "we shall uphold the Bengali culture and heritage."