

UNESCO urged to help eliminate illiteracy

Bangladesh delegation to the ongoing UNESCO session in Paris has called upon the UN body to take up a global target for total elimination of illiteracy in addition to its year-long literacy campaign.

The UNESCO has also been urged to take few cord programmes with greater and effective concentration associating itself for the achievement of world literacy and equal status for all cultures according to a PID handout reports BSS.

The 124th session of the Executive Board of UNESCO commenced on May 7 in the French capital and will continue till next Friday the handout said. Bangladesh ambassador to France and permanent representative to the UN body and also the elected member to UNESCO Executive Body Dr. Majeed Khan is leading the four-member delegation.

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tion to the session.

While expressing concern over the withdrawal of membership by Singapore and UK since the 123rd general conference in Sofia last November Bangladesh has expressed the hope that it will soon be possible for these countries to be back to UNESCO.

The delegation reiterated the framework of revitalisation of UNESCO through championing world conscience for peace and take concentrated action in support of (1) education for all (2) equal status of cultures and sexes (3) promotion of application of science in problem solving (4) preservation of culture and heritage (5) free flow of information and (6) support for development of information.

Dr. Khan referred to SAARC as regional group involving one billion people where over 12 per cent of the global population who are illiterate live. He said that although a number of SAARC countries have already been requested for a sub-regional UNESCO office of education it still remained unmet the handout said.