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## Islamic studies to be taught in IU as compulsory subjects

By A Staff Reporter

Education Minister Barrister Jamir Uddin Sircar on Sunday said government is determined to let Islamic University run with its objectives for which it was once established.

He was speaking as the chief guest in a seminar on "university curriculum with reference to Islamic University" organised by Bangladesh Institute of Islamic Thought (BIIT) held at the National Press Club.

The seminar was presided over by Bangladesh University Grant Commission Member Prof. Mosharraf Hossain Khan while Vice-Chancellor of Islamic University Prof. M.A. Hamid, Vice-Chancellor of Darul Ehsan University Prof. Syed Ali Ashraf, Prof. Syed Abdul Hai, Prof. Muhammad Ashraf Ali and Prof. Muhammad Ahsanullah of Islamic University, Bangladesh Bank Deputy Governor Shah Abdul Hannan and Islamic Univer-

sity Student Mamun-al-Amin and Muhammad Iqbal took part in the discussion.

Bangladesh Public Service Commission Member Prof. Muhammad Azheruddin presented the key-note paper in the seminar.

Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar said Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman set up the Islamic University with a view to enlightening coming generation with Islamic knowledge and making them religious minded people in real sense.

Education Minister said Islamic studies must be taught as compulsory subject in the Islamic University and no party, how powerful it might be, will be able to change the Islamic characteristic of the university after coming to power, he said.

VC of Islamic University Prof. M.A. Hamid said the university is facing many problems including teacher shortage and scarcity of Islamic books.