

## Call to resist terrorism thru' reading books

Book Day-2003 was inaugurated on Saturday at the foot of the Central Shaheed Minar with a clarion call to resist terrorism through reading books, reports BSS.

Bangladesh Book Club organizes every year the book day on the first day of the month of February to commemorate the great 'Eku-shhey February' and the supreme sacrifices of the nation's heroes for establishing the rights and dignity of the martyrs of the historic language movement.

Noted writer and Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Barrister Moudud Ahmed inaugurated the day amid cheers and merriment of thousands of book lovers who assembled at the foot of the Shaheed Minar in the winter morning.

Presided over by the Club President and noted play write Sheikh Akram Ali, the inaugural function was also Addressed by Language Movement Hero Abdul Matin, Noted Music Composer Azad Rahman, Ex-secretary Nurul Huda, Editor of the Literature Page of the Daily Janakantha Poet Nasir Ahmed and Club Secretary General M. Moshir Rahman.

Noted poets, litterateurs, Lyricists, rhymers and educationists including Al Mujahidi, Salem Suleri, Emdadul Haq, Abu Saleh, Lily Haq, Nazim Uddin Kaisul Haq, Sajjad Sarif and Shamim

Reja were present, among others, on the occasion.

Bangladesh Book Club conferred Book-Day Award 2002, a golden book, on noted literature Late Principal Dr. Maliha Khatoon and Book Day Award 2003 on noted educationist S. Sarfuddin Ahmed Pinto.

Besides, language movement hero Abdul Matin unwrapped the covers of a set of five books, edited by Salem Suleri and presented its copy right to the Book Club.

In his brief speech Abdul Matin said, during the turmoil days of historic language movement, a malicious propaganda was launched by the vested quarters that Bangla was not the language of the Muslims.

The function was followed by a colorful procession which paraded from the Shaheed Minar to the National Press Club. Led by Barrister Moudud Ahmed, the procession was participated by individuals and organizations including 'Bangladesh Udiyaman Lekhak and Kabi Kalyan samity, Manab Sahajya Sangstha, Angan Lalitkala Kendrya, Sheikh Shahab Bazar Samaj Kalyan Sangstha, Picasso Art School and Manikganj Shishu Froum.

The processionists carried colorful banners, festoons, posters inscribed with various slogans in favour of reading book.