

## **Madrasha edn reform body soon: PM**

The government has decided to constitute a national committee for reforms and development of the country's Madrasha education suit- ing the need of time, reports UNB.

The announcement came from Prime Minister Begum. Khaleda Zia at a representatives conference of Bangladesh Madrasha Teachers Association at Sugandha on Wednes- day night.

The Prime Minister also assured steps to provide similar facilities as of private primary schools to one Ibte- dayee Madrasha in each union of the country.

"Madrasha education will run alongside primary education", Be- gum Zia said, "we have to give importance to improvement of education to ensure progress and prosperity of the country".

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Besides religious education, "we need modern and advanced educa- tion to keep pace with the fast- moving world", she pointed out.

"She accused the autocratic regime of demoralising people through insti- tutionalising corruption and bribery and destroying educational institu- tions, including religious ones, in a planned way.

Begum Zia also hit out a religion- based politics, saying some parties were doing politics capitalising on religion and creating indiscipline in national life. "We have to be vigilant against those involved in politics of terrorism in the name of religion", she told the Madrasha teachers with- out specifying.

The function was also addressed by Works Minister Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia, Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda, State Minis- ter for Science and Technology Abdul Mannan, Deputy Minister for Shipping Alhaj ABM Zahidul Haq and senior Convener of Bangladesh Madrasha Teachers Association Pir- jada Al-haj S.M. Ruhul Amin.

Prof. Mohammad Nurul Islam of Barisal Division, Prof. Fazlul Karim from Rajshahi, Al-haj Maulana Abdul Awal from Chittagong, Maulana Raushan Ali from Khulna and Maulana Habibullah Mojaddedi from Dhaka spoke on behalf of the teachers.