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Third Meeting of the Nagorik Committee 2006 held

The Third meeting of the Nagorik Committee 2006 was held on Sunday, 30 April 2006 at the CPD Dialogue Room. The meeting reviewed the first regional dialogue held in Mymensingh and took note of the suggestions put forward by the participants. In the meeting the committee took the following decisions: 1) Issues discussed in Mymensingh dialogue will be carried forward in Jessore regional dialogue to be held on May 13, 2006. 2) A list of citizen's aspirations was prepared at the meeting which will be placed before the participants at Jessore regional dialogue for prioritization. 3) Six core areas were primarily identified for the vision paper: general economic issues, social issues, information and technology, external issues and globalization, human rights, rule of law and institutional reforms, transparency, accountability and responsiveness at all levels of state activities. 4) The committee solicited suggestions from the people about their aspirations and vision for Bangladesh and comments on the six core areas, which should be sent to CPD (House 40/C, Road 11, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka 1209) or through email <election07@cpd-bangladesh.org>. 5) The committee will meet the leaders of the main political parties in course of time and discuss about the suggestions put together by the people at various regional dialogues. Soon they will also meet the election commission, anti-corruption commission and NBR. 6) The statement of expenditures made in connection with the civil society initiative will be posted regularly on CPD website. 7) The committee will take cognizance of all the comments made in news media with regard to the initiative.

The next meeting of the committee is convened on 7 May 2006.

Professor Rehman Sobhan, Chairman, CPD and Convener of the Nagorik Committee 2006 chaired the meeting. The meeting was attended by *Professor Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, Maj Gen (Rtd) Moinul Hussain Chowdhury, BB, Dr Iqbal Mahmud, Mr M Mujibul Huq, Dr Mahmuda Islam, Ms Laila Rahman Kabir, Mr M Hafizuddin Khan, Ambassador Abul Ahsan, Mr A S M Shahjahan and Mr M Syeduzzaman. Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya*, Executive Director, CPD attended the meeting as Member Secretary of the Nagorik Committee.