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The fifth meeting of the 'Nagorik Committee 2006' was held on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> May at the CPD Dialogue Room. The Committee discussed the recommendations of the Jessore, Comilla and Barisal regional dialogues at length. It suggested that the brief on 'Electoral and Political Reforms' should be disseminated through print media.

The Committee's main agenda of discussion was the broad structure and outline of the vision paper. Eight goals were formulated and decided upon in the meeting, namely: a) To attain true democracy b) To be a middle-income country c) To be a more equitable society d) To have a skilled and a healthy population e) To have a publicly accountable and transparent government f) To offer necessary infrastructure to be a regional commercial hub g) To be environmentally sustainable and h) To be effectively integrated in regional and global economy.

It may be noted that the vision paper is being prepared keeping the next 15 years in mind, when in 2021 Bangladesh will celebrate its 50 years of independence.

The meeting was chaired by *M Syeduzzaman* and was attended by *Laila Rahman Kabir, Anisuzzaman, Mahmuda Islam, Syed Manzur Elahi, Mahmudul Islam, Sultana Kamal* and *A S M Shahjahan*. *Debapriya Bhattacharya* facilitated the meeting as Member Secretary, Nagorik Committee 2006.