## HARMONY

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## SOCIAL AWARENESS-RAISING CAMPAIGN

"Hate but love can bring the addicted people to a good life again"

Md. Mizanur Rahman, President, PRATTASHA Foundation



Discussion meeting on the campaign program of Drug Prevention. Photo-Julfikar

In the recent days our youths are falling victim to the all-rapacious aggression of drugs. Specially area like Ukhia and Teknaf is more dangerous and youths are more vulnerable than in the other areas in Bangladesh. To aware the youths and common people of the Kutopalong, ukhia, COAST, PRATTASHA Foundation, and Nayapara Khira Parishad jointly organized two campaigns on drug prevention in Ukhia and Teknaf upazilas. On 12 and 16 April, a total of 68 local youths participated in the campaigns. Along with youths, Bangladesh police, UP members, and Peaceful Co-existence Members (PCC) participated in these events. During these events, participants discussed the harmful effects of drugs, how to prevent youths from being involved with drugs, and how law enforcement can play a crucial role to stop it.

Md Mizanur Rahman, President of the PRATASHA Foundation said "We all hate the drug-addicted people. Apart from hate, we never think of loving them. What if, we love them? We can love them to bring them back to normal life"



You Meeting with village police at Whykong Union parishad. Photo-Julfikar

## **ABDUCTION MUST BE STOPPED FOR** THE SAKE OF **PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE**

COAST Foundation on 8th and 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023 organized two meetings on the role of village police in ensuring peaceful coexistence with the village police of Rajapalang Union and Whykong union parishad. 27 Village Police, Chakidars, Union Parishad Secretary, Union Parishad members, and Chairman participated in the meeting. In the meetings, participants expressed their great concern regarding recent abduction incidents occurring in Ukhia and Teknaf.

They pleaded for urgent concern to stop it, otherwise, it would be impossible to maintain social cohesion and peaceful co-existence.

## Religious leader's engagement is one of the key factors of social cohesion

In April 2023, the COAST Foundation organized four meetings with 87 local religious leaders on issues related to peaceful coexistence, harmony and about human rights, social

raising awareness of human rights in the light of religious perspectives. The meeting was held to raise awareness among religious leaders

connectivity and social peace and to make the general public aware of the uttered issues. The participants discussed human rights, social connectivity and ways to improve it.

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