

PM RECEIVES DRAFT EDUCATION POLICY

Final education policy by this year: Nahid

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday received the draft of the Education Policy 2009 that envisages basic changes to set the country's outmoded education system in tune with the fast moving world.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid handed over the draft copy of the new education policy to the prime minister at her office at the Jatiya Sangsad.

Emerging from the PM's Parliament office, Nahid told reporters that the draft education policy has been formulated on the basis of recommendations placed by Education Policy Formulation

Committee led by National Professor Kabir Chowdhury.

The committee submitted their report to the ministry on September 2.

Nahid said the education policy will be finalised by this year and is expected to be implemented from next year.

He said the draft policy, from now on, will be available on the website of the education ministry for eliciting public opinion until the last day of the current month.

"Our government wants to formulate really a modern and universally accepted education policy. We want people of various walks of life put their constructive opinion on the education policy on the minis-

try's website," he said.

Asked about the main aim of formulating a fresh education policy, Nahid said under the present education system, it is not possible to turn Bangladesh into a developed and prosperous country.

"Our youths and new generations must be educated in the light of modern science and technology. Otherwise, we will never be able to be a developed nation," he said.

Nahid said implementation of the Bangladesh Awami League-declared Vision 2021 largely depends on a well-educated young community and that's why the education system must be upgraded to world standards.

"Only the youths having education on modern science and technology can implement our leader Sheikh Hasina's plan for building up a modern, digital Bangladesh," he said.

Education Secretary Syed Ataur Rahman was present.

Meanwhile, the draft education policy was uploaded on the education ministry website www.moedu.gov.bd <<http://www.moedu.gov.bd>> for public perusal with a request for all to put comments before September 30 into email address: minister@moedu.gov.bd <<mailto:minister@moedu.gov.bd>> and info@moedu.gov.bd <<mailto:info@moedu.gov.bd>>.



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BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia waves at supporters on the court premises, as she appears in the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court in the old part of the city in connection with the Zia Orphanage Trust case yesterday. (Story on Page 1)

GAS EXPLORATION LEASE

Police attack on protestors condemned

DU CORRESPONDENT

Teachers and students of Dhaka University (DU) yesterday condemned the police attack on Prof Anu Muhammad and other leaders and workers of the National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Port in the city.

At a rally at the foot of Aparajeo Bangla on the campus they also demanded resignation of the home minister saying that she is responsible for the police action.

The speakers also demanded exemplary punishment to police personnel

involved in the attack and cancellation of the government decision to lease out offshore gas blocks to foreign companies.

At least 30 people including 10 policemen were injured as activists of the committee clashed with the police on Wednesday after the police intercepted a procession of the committee demonstrating against the government decision to lease out three offshore gas blocks to foreign companies.

Speaking at the rally Professor Emeritus Serajul Islam Chowdhury said the incident of hurting students and teachers on the road

proves that the character of the rulers is still the same as it was in the past although the country achieved its independence long ago.

"So attack came on progressive force to preserve the interests of foreign companies," he added.

Prof MM Akash said the government has to prove that they are for preserving people's interest by cancelling the lease.

If the government wants to claim that they are democratic then they should participate in the war of preserving national resources, said Associate Professor Kabery Gayen.

Prof Muhammad Samad, Prof Getiara Nasreen, Associate Professor Robayet Ferdous, Assistant Professor Fahmidul Haq, and student leaders Manabendra Dev, Ariful Islam and Ashiqur Rahman took part in the rally.

After the rally, a procession was brought out marching through campus roads.

Meanwhile, leaders of the National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Port at a rally at Mirpur 10 in the city demanded cancellation of the decision to lease out offshore gas blocks to foreign companies.

International Literacy Day today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the International Literacy Day.

The day will be observed in the country as elsewhere around the globe with the objective of making society aware about the serious consequences of illiteracy and the importance of universal education.

This year the theme of the day is 'The Power of Literacy'.

The government and different non-government organisations (NGOs) have chalked out elaborate programmes to mark the day.

Primary and Mass Education Ministry will hold a

discussion at the Non-formal Education Bureau auditorium at 5:00pm in the city in observance of the day.

Transparency International Bangladesh and Institute of Education and Research (IER) of Dhaka University will jointly organise a seminar titled 'Role of literacy in curbing corruption: Bangladesh perspective' at IER building at 3:15pm.

Besides, Campaign for Good Governance will form a human chain and organise a cultural programme in front of National Museum at Shabbagh in the city at 11:30am.

President Zillur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday issued separate

messages on the occasion.

In his message President Zillur said the present government announces programmes with an aim to establishing illiteracy-free Bangladesh by 2014.

"I believe that it is possible to turn the education-deprived people, dropped out children and elderly populace into skilled manpower by bringing them under the primary and non-formal education programmes and proper training," he said.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, in another message on the eve of the day, urged the non-government organisations apart from government bodies to come forward to

ensure education for all.

Literacy is the first step of education and educated populace is the driving force of a country, she said, adding that there is no alternative to educate every citizen for achieving the aim to build 'Digital Bangladesh'.

UNESCO Director General Koichiro Matsuura in a separate message called upon governments, intergovernmental organisations, development partners, employers, trade unions and civil society organisations everywhere to stop the neglect of youth and adult literacy and to strengthen their commitment to literacy.

Names of promoted government officials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday promoted 494 senior civil servants.

Among them, 60 officials were promoted to the rank of additional secretary from joint secretary, 163 to joint secretary from deputy secretary and 271 were promoted to deputy secretary from senior assistant secretary.

Those who have been promoted to the rank of additional secretary are:

1. Asit Kumar Mukutmoni, additional divisional commissioner, Rajshahi;
2. Mohammad Abu Taher, joint secretary of defence ministry;
3. Pius Kanta, director general of department of food;
4. Mohammad Babul Hasan, member of privatisation commission;
5. AKM Manzurul Haque, director general of export development bureau;
6. Mohammad Rafiqul Islam, joint secretary to post and telecommunications ministry;
7. Faqurul Islam, director general of youth development directorate;
8. MAN Siddique, commissioner of Chittagong division;
9. Mohammad Faizur Rahman Chowdhury, joint secretary of information ministry;
10. Maen Uddin Khandaker, joint secretary of education ministry;
11. Dilip Kumar Bashak, OSD for local training;
12. Mohammad Sahjahan Ali Mollah, joint secretary of local government division;
13. Mohammad Abu Bakar Siddique, joint secretary of establishment ministry;
14. Mohammad Yunusur Rahman, commissioner of Khulna division;
15. Mohammad Niaz Uddin Miah, joint secretary of science and information and communication technology ministry;
16. Parikkhit Datta Chowdhury, joint secretary of fisheries and livestock ministry;
17. Mohammad Sirajul Islam, director general of BIAM;
18. Shamol Kanti Ghosh, director general of primary education directorate;
19. Mohammad Golam Rabbani, joint secretary of education ministry;
20. Mohammad Liaqat Ali, project director of housing project at Prime Minister's Office;
21. Begum Dilruba, joint secretary of finance division;
22. Mohammad Moshir Rahman, joint secretary of cabinet division;
23. SM Gulam Faruk, joint secretary of establishment ministry;
24. Mohammad Khalilur

Rahman, joint secretary of health and family welfare ministry;

25. Taposh Kumar Roy, joint secretary of rural development and cooperatives division;
26. Khandaker Mohammad Iftekar Haider, joint secretary of roads and railway division;
27. Rokon Uddin Ahmed, project director of higher education quality enhancement project at education ministry;
28. Prokash Chandra Das, joint secretary of finance division;
29. Mohammad Siddiqur Rahman, joint secretary of Bangladesh Jatiya Sangsad secretariat;
30. Mohammad Abdul Mannan, joint secretary of cabinet division;
31. Khandaker Mohammad Ali, member of privatisation commission;
32. Sukriti Ranjon Chakma, undergoing training at NDC;
33. Mohammad Hafizur Rahman, joint secretary at President's secretariat;
34. Mikail Shipar, director general of PMO;
35. Mohammad Zohirul Haque, joint secretary of food and disaster management ministry;
36. Mohammad Abul Kalam Azad, joint secretary of local government division;
37. Khorshed Alam Chowdhury, joint secretary of establishment ministry;
38. AKM Yeahia Chowdhury, joint secretary of home ministry;
39. Mohammad Iqbal Khan Chowdhury, joint secretary of home ministry;
40. AKM Amir Hossain, joint secretary of health & family welfare ministry;
41. Mohammad Nurunnabi Talukder, joint secretary of home ministry;
42. Mohammad Moeen Uddin Abdullah, director general of PMO;
43. Khandaker Anwarul Islam, joint secretary of cabinet division;
44. Veem Charon Roy, joint secretary of Bangladesh Jatiya Sangsad secretariat;
45. Raton Chandra Bhawmik, member of wire and telephone board;
46. ATM Mortuja Reza Chowdhury, OSD for local training;
47. Ranojit Kumar Chakrobarty, joint secretary of finance division;
48. Qamrun Nahar Begum, joint secretary of health & family welfare ministry;
49. Mohammad Abul Kashem, joint secretary of labour and employment ministry;
50. Mohammad Mostafa, director of BFDC;
51. William Atul Kalununu, OSD (joint secretary) at establishment ministry;
52. Abdul Awal Hawlader,

press secretary of President's secretariat;

53. Mohammad Mushfiqur Rahman, joint secretary of ministry of liberation war affairs;
54. GM Zainal Abedin Bhuiyan, member of RAJUK;
55. Chowdhury Mohammad Ziaul Haque, director of BISIC;
56. Mohammad Abdul Matin, joint secretary of industry ministry;
57. Mohammad Nasir Uddin, OSD for local training;
58. Mohammad Mohi Uddin Ahmed, project director of youth development directorate;
59. Mohammad Wahid Hossain, joint secretary of power division; and
60. Ahsan Zakir, director of steel and Engineering Corporation.

Joint secretaries
Following are the names of the officers who were promoted to joint secretary from deputy secretary.

1. Shelina Afroza, deputy secretary of home ministry;
2. Muhammad Mahfuzur Rahman Sarkar, director of ITCB;
3. Muhammad Fazle Elahi, director of NGO Affairs Bureau;
4. Md Fazul Haque Biswas, Hajj officer of Hajj office, Dhaka;
5. Md Nurul Islam, deputy director of energy and mineral resources ministry;
6. Md Maksudul Hasan Khan, director of prime minister's office;
7. Md Sabir Ahmed, chief chemical examiner of department of narcotics control;
8. NM Zahangir Hossain, deputy secretary of Bangladesh Jatiya Sangsad secretariat;
9. Shyam Sundor Sikdar, director of BAPTC, Savar, Dhaka;
10. Mohammad Iqbal, deputy secretary to establishment ministry;
11. Md Anwarul Islam Sikdar, director of IMED;
12. Jagdish Roy, secretary of Hindu Kalyan Trust;
13. Md Zahangir Mollah, chief executive officer of Zilla Parishad, Habiganj;
14. Shushen Chandra Das, secretary of Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation;
15. Jyotirmoy Samaddar, deputy secretary of science and information communication technology ministry;
16. Mosleh Uddin, deputy secretary of energy and mineral resources ministry;
17. Kamol Krishna Bhattacharya, deputy commissioner of Jamalpur;
18. Panna Lal Chowdhury, deputy secretary to establishment ministry;
19. Sampad Barua, personal secretary to the Speaker;
20. Abdul Mannan, deputy secretary to roads and railways division;
21. Khaleda Parvin, deputy secretary to defense ministry;
22. Khandker Atiar

Rahman, deputy secretary of food and disaster management ministry;

23. Md Nazrul Islam, zonal executive officer of Dhaka City Corporation;
24. Md Riaz Ahmed, deputy commissioner of Patuakhali;
25. NM Ziaul Alam, deputy commissioner of Khulna;
26. Abu Hena Md Rahmatul Mumin, Secretary of Rajuk, Dhaka;
27. Safat Ahmed Chowdhury, director of department of narcotics control;
28. Md Sultan ul Islam Chowdhury, zonal executive officer of Dhaka City Corporation;
29. Sheikh Abdul Ahad, Director of Bureau of Statistics;
30. Md Zahir Uddin Ahmed, deputy commissioner of Sunamganj;
31. Swapan Kumar Roy, CEO, Zilla Parishad, Bogra;
32. Md Mashhur Rahman, deputy commissioner of Barisal;
33. Swapan Kumar Sarkar, deputy commissioner of Barguna;
34. Mostafa Kamal Uddin, executive director of Bangladesh Shipping Corporation;
35. Md Main Uddin, deputy secretary of cabinet division;
36. Md Rafiqul Islam, personal secretary to water resources minister;
37. Begum Parag, deputy secretary of commerce minister;
38. Md Rezaul Haque, deputy secretary of Bangladesh Jatiya Sangsad Secretariat;
39. Muhammad Shahidullah Miah, deputy secretary of finance division;
40. Abu Nur Muhammad Bazlur Rahman, deputy secretary of industry ministry;
41. Muhammad Abdur Razzak, deputy secretary of industry ministry;
42. Md Sirajul Islam, deputy secretary of food and disaster management ministry;
43. Tapan Kumar Karmakar, personal secretary to Prime Minister's adviser;
44. Muhammad Shamsuzzaman Bhuiyan, project director of Regional Cooperatives Training Institute;
45. Muhammad Fazlul Haque, deputy secretary posted in the establish ministry;
46. Muhammad Mahmudul Hasan, director of BCS administration academy;
47. Shudhangshu Shekhar Biswas, deputy secretary of law, justice and parliamentary affairs ministry;
48. Aparup Chowdhury, personal secretary to the state minister for forest and environment ministry;

49. Md Anayet Hossain, director of Rural Development Academy;

50. Md Moajjem Hossain, deputy commissioner of Bagerhat;
51. Muhammad Shawkat Mostafa, deputy secretary of finance division;
52. AN Shamsuddin Azad Chowdhury, deputy commissioner of Mymensingh;
53. Muhammad Mahfuzur Rahman, director of BCS administration academy;
54. Muhammad Nazrul Islam, deputy secretary of health and family welfare ministry;
55. Khurshid Anwar, OSD (deputy secretary), establishment ministry;
56. Dr Rakhal Chandra Barman, deputy secretary, commerce ministry;
57. Asaduzzaman, deputy secretary, education ministry;
58. Abul Kashem, director, Bureau of Non-formal Education;
59. Fakir Kamal Uddin, director of Bangladesh Insurance Academy;
60. Ashish Kumar Sarkar, deputy secretary of finance division;
61. Muhammad Mofazzel Hossain, deputy secretary of forest and environment ministry;
62. Muhammad Shafiqul Islam, deputy secretary of fisheries and livestock ministry;
63. Muhammad Abdul Jalil, deputy commissioner of Dinajpur;
64. Kamalash Kumar Das, director of civil aviation authorities;
65. Mostak Ahmed Chowdhury, personal secretary to the finance minister;
66. Muhammad Aminul Haque, Chars Livelihood Programme;
67. Bikash Kishore Das, deputy commissioner of Gaibandha;
68. Ishtiaq Ahmed, deputy secretary of cabinet division;
69. Aktari Mamta, deputy secretary of establishment ministry;
70. SM Shawkat Ali, director of the bureau of statistics;
71. Paresh Chandra Roy, deputy secretary of economic relations division;
72. Akhter Hossain Bhuiyan, deputy secretary of economic relations division;
73. Kamal Kanti Baishya, secretary of Shilpakala Academy;
74. Patit Paban Baishya, deputy secretary of law, justice and parliamentary affairs ministry;
75. Shahabuddin Ahmed, deputy secretary of finance division;
76. Muhammad Matiur Rahman, secretary of BTMC;
77. Ananda Chandra Biswas, director of the directorate of sports;

78. Muhammad Hossain Molla, director of family planning department;

79. Muhammad Sirajul Haque Khan, deputy commissioner of Chapainawabganj;
80. Muhammad Jalal Uddin, deputy secretary of finance ministry;
81. Muhammad Sohrab Hossain, personal secretary to the education minister;
82. Golam Muhammad Zahirul Alam, member, NCTB;
83. Muhammad Atwar Rahman, deputy secretary of cabinet division;
84. Aziz Kanti Das, deputy director of land administration training centre;
85. Manik Chandra Dev, deputy secretary of health and family welfare ministry;
86. Kali Ranjan Barman, deputy secretary of forest and environment ministry;
87. Rupan Kanti Shil, personal secretary to the primary and mass education minister;
88. Muhammad Abdullah, deputy commissioner of Khagrachhari;
89. Muhammad Mafizul Islam, deputy commissioner of Moulvibazar;
90. Zuena Aziz, director of primary education department;
91. Jashim Uddin Ahmed, secretary TCB;
92. Farid Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury, deputy commissioner of Chittagong;
93. Muhammad Alamgir, deputy secretary of finance division;
94. Goutam Kumar Ghosh, deputy secretary of education ministry;
95. Kamal Uddin Ahmed, deputy secretary of forest and environment ministry;
96. Muhammad Iqbal Hossain, deputy secretary of agriculture minister;
97. Ikramul Haque, director of BPAATC, Savar, Dhaka;
98. Muhammad Majibur Rahman, deputy controller of BG Press;
99. Muhammad Zillur Rahman, deputy commissioner of Dhaka;
100. Ashok Kumar Dhar, personal secretary to the LGRD minister;
101. Tapan Kumar Chakravarty, deputy director of primary education scholarship project;
102. Basu Dev Acharya, director of NNP, health and family welfare ministry;
103. Shamsunnahar, director of post and telecommunications ministry;
104. Sultan Mahmud, deputy secretary of youth and sports ministry;
105. Faiz Ahmed, director of export promotion bureau;
106. Muhammad Golam Mostafa, deputy secretary of Bangladesh Jatiya Sangsad secretariat;
107. Muhammad Farhad Hossain, deputy commis-

sioner of Nilphamari;

108. SM Mozammel Haque, deputy secretary of industries ministry;
109. Muhammad Amir Hossain, secretary of Export Promotion Bureau;
110. Muhammad Nazrul Islam, ZSO of settlement office, Mymensingh;
111. Muhammad Mosharrif Hossain, deputy director of BRTA;
112. Muhammad Zakir Hossain, deputy secretary of home ministry;
113. Muhammad Shawkat Akbar, CEO of Zilla Parishad, Manikganj;
114. Muhammad Mahbubur Rahman, posted to the Local Government Division;
115. Jishnu Roy Chowdhury, personal secretary to the foreign minister;
116. Manabendra Bhowmik, secretary of privatisation commission;
117. Gopal Krishno Bhattacharya, CEO of Zila Parishad, Rajbari;
118. Navas Chandra Mandal, deputy secretary of food and disaster management ministry;
119. Mohammad Mokhlesur Rahman, deputy secretary of home ministry;
120. Mohammad Shah Kamal, district commissioner of Kishoreganj;
121. Abdul Malek, district commissioner of Comilla;
122. Khandaker Rakibur Rahman, director of Rajuk;
123. Mohammad Sirajul Islam, project director of rural women development project;
124. Muhammad Shafiqul Islam Laskar, deputy secretary of defense ministry;
125. Nitai Chandra Sen, deputy secretary of CHT ministry;
126. Umme Fatema Sufia Khanam, deputy secretary of finance division;
127. Sheikh Abdul Mannan, deputy secretary of law, justice and parliamentary affairs ministry;
128. Abu Hashem Mohammad Abdullah, disaster management bureau;
129. Dr Mohammad Nasir Uddin, project director of environment department;
130. Mohammad Abu Abdullah, director of foreign ministry;
131. Abu Taher, director of family planning department;
132. Shamima Ahmed, deputy secretary of information ministry;
133. Noor Jahan, deputy secretary of civil aviation and tourism ministry;
134. Gita Pal, deputy secretary, food and disaster management ministry;
135. Dr Mohammad Delwar Hossain Khan, deputy secretary of planning department;
136. Mohammad Humayan

Kabir, OSD (deputy secretary) of establishment ministry;

137. Dr Mohammad Akhtaruzzaman Hamidi, deputy secretary of water resources ministry;
138. Dr Mohammad Ali, training expert of 2nd participatory livestock development project;
139. Dr Mohammad Borhan Uddin, project director of national oceanography resource institute;
140. Mohammad Alauddin, additional secretary of Bangladesh Bridge Authorities;
141. Mohammad Saiedur Rahman, director of BRTC;
142. Nayeem Ahmed Khan, deputy secretary of roads and railways division;
143. Mohammad Nurul Islam, deputy secretary of finance division;
144. Ferdous Akhter, deputy secretary of religious affairs ministry;
145. Nurjahan Begum, deputy secretary of health and family welfare ministry;
146. Fakir Feroz Ahmed, director of Anti-Corruption Commission;
147. Arshad Hossain, deputy secretary of social welfare ministry;
148. AKM Anwar Hossain, deputy secretary of finance division;
149. Mohammad Shamsuzzaman, secretary of TCB;
150. Gayan Ranjan Shil, deputy secretary of IIRD;
151. Zia Hasan Ibne Ahmed, deputy secretary of primary and mass education ministry;
152. Syed Omar Khaiaam, deputy secretary of health and family welfare ministry;
153. Dr TM Mostafa Kamal, deputy secretary of defense ministry;
154. Mohammad Nurul Karim, deputy secretary of cabinet division;
155. Fayed Ahmed Bhuiyan, deputy secretary of home ministry;
156. Mohammad Mayzul Shahan Khan, director of IMED;
157. Mohammad Mainul Islam, deputy secretary of shipping ministry;
158. Mohammad Asif-uz Zaman, director of road and highway department;
159. Mohammad Muslim Chowdhury, deputy secretary of finance division;
160. Mohammad Nazrul Islam, accounts director of vulnerable group development for ultra poor;
161. Mohammad Zia Uddin Ahmed, accounts director of Bangladesh trade support programme;
162. Mohammad Abdur Rauf, deputy secretary of planning division;
163. Mohammad Zayedul Haq Mollah, posted to the establishment ministry.