

New rules for naming educational instts

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Naming private educational institutions after national leaders will now require permission from the head of the government, the education ministry said yesterday.

Persons willing to set up school, college or madrasa and name them after

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family members, seven Bir Shresthas, Language Movement martyrs and recognised national leaders (dead or alive) must apply to the education ministry with requisite documents, according to an official handout.

The education ministry

will scrutinise the applications and then submit them to the head of the government.

The institutions can be named after the national leaders if the head of the government gives permission, the handout said, adding that there will be no need for any payment of money in such cases.

'Take strong stance against Tipaimukh dam'

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Speakers at a discussion yesterday called on the government to take a strong stance against the construction of Tipaimukh dam to protect the country from environmental disasters.

They also demanded cancellation of the decision to lease out offshore gas blocks to foreign companies.

They made the call at a discussion organised by Bangladesh Udichi Shilpi Gosthi at its office, said a press release.

Prof MM Akash said that if the dam is constructed, it would have severe adverse impacts on the environment and economy of the country.

He also called for vigorous diplomatic efforts to put

pressure on the Indian government to halt the construction of the dam.

Terming the decision to lease out offshore gas blocks to foreign companies a suicidal act, Engineer Helal Uddin called on the government to cancel it for the sake of the nation.

Badiur Rahman, vice president of Udichi Shilpi Gosthi, presided over the discussion.

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