

Kazi Zafar's resignation accepted

By A Staff Reporter

Education Minister, Kazi Zafar Ahmed, has resigned his cabinet post. He submitted his resignation to the President on Wednesday morning at the Bangabhaban. An official announcement later said that President Ziaur Rahman had accepted the resignation of the Education Minister.

Kazi Zafar Ahmed, who is also the General Secretary of the United Peoples Party (UPP), told reporters at a hurriedly called Press conference at his party office that he resigned from the Council of Ministers on "political reasons". His differences arose over the dissolution of the Jatiyatabadi Front, of which UPP was a component, he said.

The 38-year-old UPP leader circulated to the newsmen his four-page resignation letter addressed to the President. The letter contained details of his political stand.

Kazi Zafar Ahmed said that he could not accept the

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"unilateral dissolution" of the Jatiyatabadi Front. He said that he decided to join the Council of Ministers in the framework of the Jatiyatabadi Front.

Following is the English rendering of Kazi Zafar Ahmed's resignation letter:

Mr. President,

I have come to learn from news published in the newspapers that you have announced the dissolution of the Jatiyatabadi Front at Chittagong on September 26. Press reports quoted you as saying that there is no need of the Jatiyatabadi Front following the formation of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP). With reference to

your said announcement I would like to say that a meeting of the Steering Committee of the Jatiyatabadi Front should have been called before taking a serious decision like the liquidation of the Jatiyatabadi Front. Besides I myself and my party do not agree that the Jatiyatabadi Front has no necessity because of the formation of the Nationalist Party, because the programme of the newly-formed Nationalist Party does not fully reflect the programme of the Jatiyatabadi Front.

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