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All educational institutions shut for Today

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The government on Wednesday asked closure of all educational institutions across the country for today considering law and order amid the ongoing protests at the deaths of two students in a bus accident at the capital's Kurmitola on Sunday.

Education ministry's deputy principal information officer Afrazur Rahman said that education minister Nurul Islam Nahid ordered closure of all secondary schools, colleges and universities across the country for the day.

An additional secretary of the ministry said that the government made the decision Wednesday evening to avoid any further untoward incidents.

The decision came after Dhaka district education office on Wednesday asked all school authorities to take steps so that students 'cannot create chaos' over the deaths of two of their fellows in a bus accident at the capital's Kurmitola on Sunday.

Education minister Nurul Islam Nahid urged students to have 'patience and remain calm' while expressing their shock.

Angry protests by students in the streets of the capital and elsewhere in the country continued for the fourth straight day.

Two students of city's Shaheed Ramiz Uddin Cantonment College — class XI student Diya Khanam Mim and class XII student Abdul Karim Rajib, were killed and 12 others injured as bus of Jabal-e-Noor Paribahan ploughed through a crowd of students in front of Kurmitola General Hospital on Airport Road on Sunday as three buses were allegedly in a race over getting passengers.

Since then students of different educational institutions took to the streets in the capital to press home their demands including justice for the victims, safe road for all and resignation of shipping minister Shahjahan Khan who is a transport leader and wore a smiling face when asked about the deaths of the two students.

Dhaka district education officer Bengir Ahmad said that his office sent a letter to the head teacher of all schools in the capital.

'We also asked them [head teachers] to steps and motivate their student so that they do not create any chaos centering the incident,' he said.

There are about 350 schools in the capital.

Guardians said that authorities of Gulshan Model School and College, day shift at Banasree branch of Ideal School and College suspended classes for the day.

Bengir Ahmad said he was aware about suspension of classes by Gulshan Model School and College.

Education minister Nurul Islam Nahid after meeting with high officials of the ministry expressed shock at the death of students.

He urged students to show restraint in expressing their grief and to have 'patience and remain calm' while expressing their shock at the death of their fellows.

He also urged teachers, guardians and others for running academic activities.

Nahid said that prime minister Sheikh Hasina already asked authorities concerned to take stern action against culprits and make the transport sector more disciplined and safe.

Home ministry is taking action following the instruction and law enforcers arrested culprits, he said.



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