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Nahid asks teachers to motivate students for returning to classes

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Education minister Nurul Islam Nahid exchange greetings with headmasters of schools in Dhaka before a meeting with them at International Mother Language Institute in Dhaka on Sunday. — Ali Hossain Mintu

Education minister Nurul Islam Nahid on Sunday warned principals of schools and colleges in the capital that they would be held accountable if they failed to keep their students from taking part in the street protests seeking road safety and justice for their fellows killed by a bus.

The minister also directed the principals of government and non-government schools and colleges of Dhaka to persuade their students to leave roads and return to their classes at any cost.

He gave the warning while talking at emergency views exchange programmes at International Mother Language Institute in the capital.

Education ministry's secondary and higher education division organised the two meetings — one with principal and vice-principals of colleges and the other with head teachers and assistant head teachers of schools.

Education ministry called the emergency meetings in the wake of student protests demanding safe road and justice for their fellow student of Shaheed Ramiz Uddin Cantonment

College killed by a bus on July 29.

‘The chief of an educational institute has responsibility. They have to take steps from their own positions and figure out how to convince and take back the students from the streets to the classroom,’ Nahid said.

‘They will be accountable for the activities of students. They (teachers) have to take the responsibility of everything. The government will monitor their efforts to bring back the protesting students to their class rooms’, he said.

Nahid said the government accepted their nine-point demand, they achieved victory and now they should return to their classes. The current situation would not be tolerated, he warned.

Students of different schools and colleges have been staging demonstrations for the last eight days demanding punishment of those responsible for July 29 road accident that killed their two fellows in the city.

At the views exchange programme, teachers sought police presence in front of all schools, closure of Facebook for few days, ending to so-called transport strike for smooth running public transport, awareness among students and others. Teachers also said that most of the protestors were not students.

Nahid asked all teachers to take motivational programmes so that no students took part in any kind of anarchy. ‘Organise a meeting with all students and say them to come back at classes as they achieved a victory in their movement,’ he said.

Nahid also asked teachers to hold teacher-parent meeting as soon as possible to make guardian aware about the situation.

‘Keep watch so that no one can use the students’ protest for their vested interest,’ Nahid said.



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