

Qawmi madrassahs asked to suspend operations

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THE government asked qawmi madrassahs to suspend all activities except for orphanages with immediate effect on Tuesday amid closure of educational institutions for worsening COVID-19 situation.

Any relaxation of in following the order will not be allowed as the Prime Minister's Office on March 29 asked all educational institutions and coaching centres to suspended operations and restricted public movements across the country from Monday, said a circular issued by the technical and madrassah division of the education ministry.

The circular also expressed concern of operations of residential and non-residential qawmi madrassahs.

Qawmi madrassah authorities, however, said that all madrassahs remained closed and they were holding ongoing master's degree equivalent dawratul hadith examinations scheduled to end on Thursday.

Md Osiur Rahman, office secretary of Al-Haiatul Ulya Lil Jamiatil Qawmia Bangladesh, coordinating authority for the examinations among six qawmi madrassah education boards, said that they were not aware of such a circular till Tuesday evening asking them to stop all activities.

'We will have to call a meeting to take a decision,' Osiur Rahman said.

According to Al-Haiatul Ulya Lil Jamiatil Qawmia Bangladesh, 29,987 students from 1,540 madrassahs were appearing the dawratul hadith examinations at 222 centres across the country from Saturday.