

Note books for primary students to be banned

Government has decided to ban publication of note books for primary students upto class V. Education Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed said in Dacca on Thursday, reports BSS.

He was speaking at a reception accorded in his honour at the Dacca District Sports Association (DDSA) auditorium, on Thursday afternoon. The reception was organised by Matlab Thana Students, Workers and Intellectuals Association in Dacca.

The Education Minister said the necessary steps to ban the publication of the notebooks will be taken up shortly. He sought cooperation from all concerned to implement this programme.

Later, a special prayer was offered for salvation of the departed soul of Mr. Zainul Abedin Choudhury, a former General Secretary of Bangladesh Teachers' Association, who was an inhabitant of Matlab Thana of Comilla district.

A cultural function was also held to mark the occasion.

DECISION HAILED

Our Staff Reporter adds: Ten representatives of Bangladesh publishers and booksellers Association on Thurs-

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day called on Education Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed and said that they would welcome any Government measure to stop selling of note books in the overall national interest.

They said that their Association had no connection with those people who were damaging the creative faculties and inquisitiveness of students by way of selling note books. They demanded immediate seizure of all note books from the market before further damage could be done to the students.

They said that their Association supported the government call to stop selling of note books and called for immediate steps to effectively implement it.

Among those who called on the Education Minister were Messrs K.M. Bashir and Md. Omaidullah, President and Vice-President of Bangladesh Publishers and Booksellers Association respectively.