

Educational Advisory Council today

A reconstituted Education Advisory Council would be announced today (Saturday) Education Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed said in Dacca on Friday, reports BSS.

The Council would have representations from among educationists, teachers, litterateurs, poets and painters, he added.

The Minister was addressing as the chief guest at the special conference of Bangladesh Government College Teachers Association at Dacca College auditorium in Dacca on Friday evening.

Presided over by Principal Bazlur Rahman president of the Association, the function was also addressed by Prof. Abdur Rahman Khan, Association Secretary.

Kazi Zafar Ahmed said that the country by this time had experienced six education

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policies, but not one was implemented. "Our education policy must reflect hopes and aspirations of the people", he stressed.

The Minister told the gathering: "We have inherited an education system which aimed at serving the masters who introduced it. It made us educated", but at the same time turned us servants of colonial masters". He called upon the teachers to educate our boys and girls so as to make them worthy citizens of the country.

He emphasised the need for technical and vocational institutions to teach people how to contribute towards the national development.

The Education Minister referred to the banning of note books upto Class Five and said traders who indulged in this "crime" would be brought into book. Sounding

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a note of warning; he asked them to refrain from publishing such note books in the greater interest of the nation.

Terming the teachers as the "life blood" of the nation, Kazi Zafar said they enjoyed maximum honour in the society and reminded them of their responsibility in turn.

The Minister gave a patient hearing to the problems of the teachers and assured them all possible help.