

New advisory body to frame edn. policy

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The reconstituted 32-member National Education Advisory Council was announced on Saturday. The Education Minister will be the Chairman of the committee.

Announcing the Council at a Press conference at his chamber, the Education Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed said that within three months time the Council will help the Government to formulate an interim a mass-oriented, scientific and production-bias education system in the country. The National Education Advisory Council reconstituted with representatives from all walks of life will frame a education policy within two months time, he added. There will be a national debate for three days on the proposed education policy under the auspices of the Education Ministry, he informed. He said, the interim education policy will be declared within a month after the debate.

The Education Minister said that the Council which will consist of representatives from the universities down to primary schools and other strata

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of the society will be fully independent to pinpoint the problems of the present education system and suggest measures to solve them. He stressed the need for changing the present "faulty and outdated" education system and replace it by a work-oriented and scientific education system.

He said that the minutes of the meetings of the Council will be compiled and will be published as a report by the Education Ministry. This, he added, would be preserved as a valuable document.

Following is the list of the National Education Advisory Council:

Chairman—the Education Minister.

Members—Dr. Waheduddin Ahmed, Vice-Chancellor of Engineering University Professor Moslehuddin Ahmed Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor of Mymensingh Agricultural University, Dr. Mohammad Abdul Bari, Vice-Chancellor, Rajshahi University Professor Fazul Halim Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor, Dacca University, Professor M. I. Chowdhury of Jahangir Nagar University, Dr. Sirajul Islam Chowdhury of Dacca University, Dr. Mohammad Yunus of Chittagong University, one representative from University Teachers Associations' Federation, one representative from non-Government College Teachers' Association, one representative from Government College Teachers Association, one representative from non-Government Secondary School Teachers Association, one representative from Government Secondary School Teachers' Association, one representative from Polytechnic Teachers Association, one representative from Jamiatul Moderseen, Haji Mohammad Danesh, Mr. Kamrul Hasan, Mr. Anwar Hossain Manju, Editor of the Daily Ittefaq, Mr. Ataus Samad, Special Correspondent of the Bangladesh Times, Mr. Faiz Ahmed, juvenile litterateur, Dr. Enamul Haq, Director of Dacca Museum, Mr. A. Z. M. Obaidullah Khan, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Dr. M. A. Sattar, Secretary, Ministry of Family Planning, Dr. Mizanur Rahman Shelley, Director, Social Welfare Department, Col. A. K. M. Shamsul Islam, Director of Education branch of the Bangladesh Army, Mrs. Jahanara Imam, Mrs. Hosne Ara Shahed, Principal, Sher-e-Bangla Mahila College, Dacca, Secretary, Ministry of Education, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Education, Joint Secretary (Development), Ministry of Education and Joint Secretary (Administration), Ministry of Education will act as Member-Secretary of the Council.