

## Steps to remove illiteracy discussed

The National Council for Mass Literacy met in Dacca on Tuesday morning with Vice-President Mr Justice Abdus Sattar in the chair to discuss various issues relating to spread of mass literacy in the country, reports BSS.

The council in its three-hour deliberations, discussed in depth various problems on mass literacy and considered measures to remove the curse of illiteracy from the country at the earliest.

Addressing the meeting, the Vice-President underscored the urgency of eradicating illiteracy and pointed out that the bottlenecks standing in the way of mass literacy need to be identified.

Among those present at the meeting were Education Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed, Labour and Industrial Welfare Minister Shah Azizur Rahman, Home Minister Lt Col. (Retd) Mustafizur Rahman, Women Affairs Minister Dr Mrs Amina Rahman, Information and Broadcasting Minister Mr Habibullah Khan and Agriculture Minister Mr Azizul Haq.

Persons connected with adult education and mass literacy including Mr Alomgir Kabir, Mr Zafarullah, Mrs Ayesha Abed, Mr M.A. Qudus and Mr M.A. Khaled explained their views in the meeting.

## Zafar stresses revival of student activities

Education Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed has stressed the need for reviving and revitalising the democratic activities of the students through their elected unions in colleges and universities, reports ENA.

He was speaking at the sixth business session of the National Education Advisory Council (NEAC) at the committee room of the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban Tuesday evening.

Kazi Zafar Ahmed said that if the activities of the students are not allowed, the process of building up future leadership of the country would be stalled.

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dents' unions were not being allowed at present. They said that the democratic activities of the elected unions of the students should be allowed for maintaining proper atmosphere of education.

Kazi Zafar Ahmed explained his views in this regard and said "personally I believe in reviving and revitalising the democratic activities of the students." He said that the student representatives would be included among the participants of the National Education Workshop scheduled to be held on September 14.

Kazi Zafar Ahmed also said that the government had not rejected the Education Commission Report of 1974.

Earlier, some members of the NEAC wanted to know about the fate of the report by Dr Qudrat-e-Khuda. They said that questions had been raised by certain quarters about the report of the Qudrat-e-Khuda Commission and opined that the Government should clarify its position.

Kazi Zafar Ahmed said that the report was not rejected. Some steps had already been taken on the basis of that report. In this connection, he mentioned the formation of National Education Curriculum Committee on the basis of the recommendation of the commission. A syllabus upto class five had also been introduced on the basis of the Curriculum Committee report, he added.