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Academics observe

Education system on verge of ruination

Education system is on the verge of ruination due to political chaos, teachers' negligence and inefficiency and lack of social awareness, said a group of academics at a round-table meeting in Dhaka on Saturday, says UNB.

They observed that the society as a whole is equally responsible for this sad situation and declining standard of education.

The day-long round-table discussion on the situation of the country's education system was organised by Daily Bhorer Khagoj in collaboration with World Bank at Hotel Sheraton.

Some 24 participants from the government, public and private universities, schools, teachers' associations, World Bank and NGOs joined the discussion.

Education Minister ASHK Sadeque, Education Secretary Quazi Rakib Uddin, Secretary to Primary and Mass Education Dr. Sadaat Hossain, Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, Jahangirnagar University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Amirul Islam Chowdhury, Chairman, Education Commission Prof. Shamsul Haq, BUET VC Dr. Iqbal Mahmud, Dr. Moyeen Khan MP, Nurul Islam Nahid MP, Dr. Farashuddin, Milia

Ali, Quazi Anwara Monsur and Samseara Hasan were among the participants.

The Education Minister agreed that the present grim situation has been created due to mistakes, negligence and irresponsible behaviour of political leaders, officials, social leaders, teachers and guardians.

Sadeq apprehended that the future of the new generation would become dark and gloomy if a consensus could not be reached on the education system.

He said although it will take time to free the education system and campus from all vices, we should not waste time and work together to ensure a sound education system and congenial academic atmosphere.

"Without changing our attitude, it is impossible to improve the educational system," he said adding that a political consensus is needed to introduce a suitable and effective education policy.

He said a draft of a uniform education policy has been formulated and it will be implemented after fruitful discussion between the government and opposition Members in Parliament.

Bhorer Khagoj Editor Matiur Rahman narrated a number of existing problems in the education system which include mismanagement of the managing committees of educational institutions, corruption and inefficiency in the system of monitoring and inspection of schools and colleges, teachers' negligence, inadequate training for teachers, lack of coordination between the Education Ministry and its different departments, students' involvement in politics and terrorism on the campus.