

SSC EXAMINATION

# Postpone SQ method

## Guardians urge govt

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Guardians of secondary-level students yesterday urged the caretaker government to postpone the structural question (SQ) method for SSC examinations in 2010, as most of the teachers, students and guardians are still in the dark about the new system.

They also demanded that the new system should be introduced from class six so that the students can familiarise themselves with the system.

"Our children are worried about the new system as the teachers of schools are still not trained enough to teach the students the newly introduced SQ method. How will our students take preparations for their life's first certificate exam in 2010", said Sufia Begum, a guardian, at a roundtable discussion at the National Press Club in the city.

Advocate Abed Reza, coordinator of Guardians' Forum (GF), read out a written statement, while Prof Muzaffer Ahmad, chairman of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB), Prof Emaz Uddin Ahmed, former vice chancellor of Dhaka University (DU), Prof Aktaruzzaman, Prof Abdullah Abu Syed, journalist Sadek Khan and a good number of guardians were present at the roundtable.

Prof Muzaffer Ahmad said a

'National Dialogue' can be arranged in an effort to solve the demands of the guardians.

As the students and guardians are apprehensive about the system, a 'National Dialogue' should be held on the issue, he said, adding that the demands of guardians are considerable.

He said guardians have to come forward to avoid guide-based education and stop teachers' recruitment business in the school.

"They have to take decision whether they want education or certificates in their children's academic life", he added.

Prof Emaz Uddin Ahmed said before introducing a new system in the education sector, it is more important to make people

informed who are related to introducing the system.

"We have to take and chose right kind of education, but it is not possible by one or two years. We have to implement the new system step by step", he added.

He underscored the need for training teachers and said "providing education is more important than receiving it".

Expressing solidarity to the demands of the GF, Prof Emaz Uddin said, "guardians would take to streets to press home their demands, it is really unexpected".

Leaders of the GF also urged the government to publish a "white paper" on corruption in the education sector during the previous BNP-Jamat government.