

## College principals want back reevaluation of exam scripts

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COLLEGE principals on Friday demanded reintroduction of the provision to evaluate answer scripts of honours and degree pass-course examinations by second and third examiners for the sake of maintaining the quality of education at colleges under the National University.

While speaking at a workshop on management and enhancement of quality of education at National University they also said that irregular class, a time-consuming admission system for enrolling honours and Masters course students and unethical pressure to provide high marks in viva voce, were some major reasons for the poor quality of education provided by the

colleges at present.

Over 500 principals of government and non government colleges of Dhaka and Mymensingh region took part the workshop arranged by the National University in the capital.

At least five principals including Dhaka College principal Moazzem Hossain and Netrokona Government College principal Abul Kalam Azad demanded reintroduction of second and third examiners to check answer scripts.

Both Moazzem and Abul Kalam said a lone examiner was not adequate for proper evaluation of the scripts at higher education level, and Moazzem added that no other public university other than the NU has a single examiner system.

NU authorities in July 2014 dropped the provision of second and third examiners to reduce the time taken to publish results and ease session jams, said NU Vice chancellor Harun-or-Rashid, and added that it was an interim decision.

Narayanganj College principal Fazlul Huq and Mohammadpur Kendriya College principal Abdul Salam and two others principals said that the time-consuming admission process also hampered education at the colleges.

Many principals of non government colleges demanded their institutions inclusion in the Monthly Pay Order facility of the government in which teachers get 100 per cent of basic salary

from the public exchequer.

Principals said classes are often cancelled at the colleges under the NU and attendance of students was poor. Teachers face tremendous pressure to provide the full mark of 50 at viva voce from influential quarters, affecting the quality of education as a result.

Education minister Nurul Islam Nahid said they were aware that in many colleges teachers do not stay at the colleges in the afternoon. 'We came to know that they provide private tuition to students. We will not tolerate this anymore and will take action,' he said.

He said that new educational institutes will be included to MPO facilities only after budgetary allocation in this regard.