

Nahid for mounting social resistance to curb assault on female students

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THE minister for education, Nurul Islam Nahid, on Saturday called for waging social resistance alongside the existing laws to contain attacks on the female students.

At a press conference at Krishibid Institution, Bangladesh, he announced a 2-day nationwide programme to raise social awareness against assailing girl students.

A 15-minute symbolic human chair in all educational institutions across the country will be held on October 18 to deliver a message to mount social resistance on 'the attackers', he said.

Besides, all institutions will hold a meeting on October 20 where members of school committees, teachers, ulema, local representatives, and general people will take part over the burning issue, the minister said.

Nahid was addressing a news conference to announce steps by his ministry following recurring events of physical assaults on the female students, across the country.

The news conference followed the latest attack on Sylhet Government Women's College student Khadiza Akter Nargis who is fighting for life at the Square Hospital in Dhaka after a Bangladesh Chhatra League leader hacked her indiscriminately a week ago.

Nahid said his ministry would form committees at all the campuses, comprising local people, guardians, teachers and local public representatives to create awareness against oppressing girl students.

'Mere law could not handle the attackers, a social movement is essential', he said.

Pointing at the delay in the trials of murdering Comilla Victoria College student and theatre activist Sohagi Jahan Tonu, Willes Little Flower School student, Sumaya Akter Risha and other such homicides, Nahid said such delays made his ministry anxious.

'Justice must be ensured...' he said.

Nahid urged police to arrest the perpetrators, whatever party he belongs to, and ensure their speedy trials.