

Mass Literary Council body announced

The government has constituted the "national primary and mass literary council" with the Prime Minister and the Education Minister as the President and the Vice President respectively, an official handout said Monday, says BSS.

The 36-member council includes ministers, members of parliament, high government officials and educationists.

The council will render advice in the formulation of guidelines and policy in the field of primary and non-formal education. It will meet at least twice a year and more if necessary.

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Members of the council are Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives, Minister for Finance, Minister for Health and Family Welfare, State Minister for Women and Children Affairs and Social Welfare, State Minister for Religion, State Minister for Information, Cabinet Secretary, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, Dipankar Talukder MP, Begum Nargis Ara Haq MP, Prof. Jinnatunnessa Talukder MP, Rafiqul Islam MP, Nurul Islam Nahid MP, Akhtaruzzaman MP, Dr. T.I.M. Fazle Rabbi MP, member (socio economic infrastructure) Planning Commission, Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Secretary, Local Government Division, Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Secretary, Social Welfare Ministry, Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Secretary, Ministry of Information, Secretary, Education, Secretary, Primary and Mass Literacy, Secretary, Women and Children's Affairs, Secretary, Rural Development and Cooperatives, Secretary, Statistical Division, Secretary, Religious Ministry, Dr. Abdullah Al Muti Sharuddin, Adviser, Mass Literacy Campaign, Kazi Fazlur Rahman, former Secretary of the Government, Professor Rehman Sobhan, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dr. Siddiqur Rahman, Professor I.E.R. (Institute of Education and Research), Dhaka University, Director General, Department of Primary Education and Director General Non-formal Education Department.

The Primary and Mass Literacy Divisions will extend secretarial assistance to the council, the handout added.