



Education minister Nurul Islam Nahid addresses a view exchange meeting with madrasah teachers on resisting extremism at Krishibid Institution in Dhaka on Sunday. — New Age photo

## Provide students right explanations of religion, Nahid tells madrassahs

### *Engage them in co-curriculum, cultural activities*

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EDUCATION minister and senior officials of his ministry asked the madrassah teachers to provide their students with appropriate explanations of Islam and offer them more co-curriculum and cultural activities to keep the pupils away from religious extremism.

Education minister Nurul Islam Nahid, education secretary Sohrab Hossain at a views exchange programme with the principals of dakhil and alim madrassahs, equivalent to secondary and higher secondary schools and colleges, as part of government campaign against religious extremism also urged the teachers to form a social movement against any religious extremism.

The principals of madrassahs at the programme at the Krishibid Institute, outright said that their students were

not indulged in any acts of extremism.

They said people and youths who have little knowledge about religion were engaged in such radical activities.

'Tell them (students) the right explanations of religion, be cordial to them, and pay more attentions,' Nahid advised the teachers.

As 'the criminals are drafting youths from different educational institutions, you should be more responsible and careful about their activities,' he pointed out.

'Do not say madrassahs are the factories of creating militancy... now it is being proved that children of well off families are involved in the militancy' Nahid said.

Education secretary Sohrab Hossain said radicals are not following the religion rather they are using it for some other purposes.

'IS is operating from a Jew country so it is definite

that what they are doing is not for the sake of religion,' Sohrab said.

Additional education secretary (madrassah) SM Ehsan Kabir asked madrassah principals to raise co-curriculum and cultural programmes in their institutions.

The attending principals said madrassah students do not involve them in terrorism as they learn the real lessons of Islam.

They also demanded for inclusion of precise faith based teaching at all streams of the educational institutions.

Mymensingh SD Kamil Madrassah principal Idris Khan said, 'The militants declared war against Tarikah, Sufism and Peer of the country. They are the enemy of Islam.'

Islamic Arabic University vice-chancellor professor Dr Ahsan Ullah said the deaths of the terrorists are regarded as suicide and that is not the way to heaven.