

## 13TH SESSION OF CHILD PARLIAMENT IN CAPITAL Nahid calls for hygiene at education institutes

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Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday asked the heads of all educational institutions to ensure hygienic toilet facilities for the students keeping their health issue in mind.

"Hygienic toilets and safe drinking water are the key elements for ensuring a healthy atmosphere at educational institutions. Actions will be taken against those who fail to ensure that," he said.

The education ministry in June last year issued a circular asking the schools to build toilets for students, especially for the female ones.

The minister was speaking at the 13th session of the "Child Parliament" - a children's platform where they have discussions regarding their rights and demands at the national level and place recommenda-

tions to the authorities concerned.

The parliament was organised by Save the Children, Bangladesh, Plan International and Bangladesh Shishu Academy at Spectra Convention Centre in the capital's Gulshan area, where children from 64 districts and 20 special regions took part.

Speaking on the "increasing of budgetary allocation for improving water and sanitation system at secondary schools" session, Nahid said the government is mulling to build hostels with every school in hilly and coastal areas.

Deputy Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Md Fazle Rabbi Mia said all involved in child murders would be brought to justice and given exemplary punishment.

Hasan Mahmud, speaker of Child Parliament, said the platform is working to spread children's voice.