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## Govt for standardising Qoumi education stream

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Education minister ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon on Sunday said that they did not want the Qoumi education stream to remain separate.

Attending the first day of the Deputy Commissioners Conference 2026, he said that the government wanted to standardise the degrees of the Qoumi education stream so that they became equivalent to those of general education.



'We have to fix those levels, their boards need further strengthening and we need to provide them with technical education to some extent,' he said, adding, 'we are ready to do what they want.'

The statement from the minister for the ministries of education and primary and mass education came while he spoke to journalists after attending a session on his ministries with the deputy commissioners of all 64 districts.

Earlier, the Netrakona and Chandpur deputy commissioners suggested that a policy for qoumi madrassahs should be formulated to bring all these educational institutions under its fold.

The four-day conference began on Sunday at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital Dhaka, aiming to strengthen governance, improve public service delivery and address administrative challenges at the field level.

The session on education discussed issues, including implementing the election pledges of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party that now leads the government, creation of a retired teachers' pool and completing the Secondary School Certificate and Higher Secondary Certificate exams within the scheduled academic year.

Discussions were also held on modernising madrassah and Qoumi education by expanding the opportunities for science, technology and information technology education in addition to the main subjects of religious education, while also ensuring vocational education.

The issues of introducing school uniforms to ensure an inclusive and non-discriminatory education system, organising year-round sports and cultural events, Notun Kuri sports programme, mid-day meals and ensuring playgrounds in every school were also brought up.

Inclusion of general knowledge on land law, traffic law and practical education on various issues in the new curriculum was discussed too.

Ehsanul Hoque in his briefing to the journalists said that he had met representatives of Qawmi Madrasahs for three times to discuss the issue of equivalence of their degrees.

‘They will submit their solid proposal in brief’ in this regard, the minister said.

He had also discussed with the deputy commissioners the problems they were facing at the field when they mentioned, among other issues, absence of playgrounds and examination halls.

Replying to a question on the possibility of establishing an independent Directorate of Secondary Education, the minister said that they did not want to increase administrative body.

Replying to another question on the shortage of teachers, Ehsanul Hoque said that appointment of over 32,000 teachers was stuck due to cases.

He also mentioned that prime minister Tarique Rahman had promised to increase the education budget.

The briefing was attended, among others, by the prime minister’s adviser to the education ministry Mahdi Amin and Secondary and Higher Education Division secretary Abdul Khaleque.

At the conference the deputy commissioners also suggested that the government should declare education for all children with special needs from low-income families free.

They also suggested setting up government primary schools at tea gardens in Sylhet division and an inclusive curriculum and assessment method for children.

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