

Edn. Advisory Council to be announced today

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Kazi Zafar Ahmed, Minister for Education said on Friday that the formation of the re-constituted Education Advisory Council would be announced today (Saturday).

The body would include representatives from educational institutions from primary school to university and other spheres of national life, the Minister said. An interim education policy would be announced within three months, he added.

The Education Minister was speaking as chief guest at the special conference of the Bangladesh Sarkari College Shikshak Samity held at the auditorium of Dacca Government College.

Mr. A.N.M. Bazlur Rahman President of the organisation presided over the conference which was addressed, among others, by Mr. Abdur Rahman Khan Secretary General of the Samity.

The Education Minister said that the advisory council would suggest ways and means to solve the problems of the teachers. It would also suggest ways for a change in our present age-old education system he noted.

The Minister said that from next Monday he would sit with the representatives of the council. He said that he would sympathetically consider the reasonable demands of the teachers as they were the nation builders.

He emphatically said that if he failed to meet their demands, he would not hesitate to resign from his ministership.

He said that the nation would have to give the teachers their due respect and status in

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the society as they were engaged in the great responsibility of nation building. He requested the teachers to think over the education system of the country in its totality as the nation inherited a colonial system of education which was obsolete and without any objective. He said that he would try to leave a mark of reformation in the field of education. He further said that the present system of education of the country was mainly responsible for the large scale unemployment.

The Minister said that to make the education system production-oriented vocational and technical education were required to be imparted to our children. He said that note books upto Class V have been banned and anyone trying to write or publish the same would be severely dealt with.

Mr. Abdur Rahman Khan in his speech made a three-point demands which include acceptance of the pay scale by the Government which was earlier granted by the Ministry for the Government college teachers; to fix their scale at par with the teachers of the universities medical colleges and engineering colleges.

He said that the teachers of the Government colleges were passing their days in great hardships and anxieties.