

## No controversy among JF: Zafar

COMILLA, Aug. 13: Education Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed today said that there should not be any controversy among the Jatiyatabadi Front, reports ENA. He was addressing two public meetings and a cross section of people at Dolkha High School ground, Battali Bazar and Garabati.

Kazi Zafar Ahmed said that people voted overwhelmingly in favour of the Jatiyatabadi Front candidate and its manifesto and programme in the June 3 election. Now they wanted to see the implementation of the manifesto and programme of the Front, he added. So, Kazi Zafar said, all energies of the components of the Front should be concentrated in the implementation of the Front programme and manifesto.

### EDUCATION

Turning to education Kazi Zafar Ahmed said that the existing education policy is a legacy of the British colonial system and added that this would have to be completely reformed. Under the existing education system, he deplored, the educational institutions had become the breeding ground of unemployment.

He said that a new education policy, which would ensure proper utilisation of manpower for national development in all fields, would have to be evolved.

In this connection he said that the country needed a large number of technical and professional hands who will work for boosting production in all fields. So, priority would be given on technical education, he said.

The Education Minister said that the Government was determined to make education production-oriented and pro-people and to bring it within the reach of the common men. Education would be made less expensive, he added.

The Education Minister informed the audience of the steps already taken by his Ministry to improve the existing education system and its quality. He assured them that an interim education policy would be announced within three months.

In this connection he mentioned the formation of the Education Advisory Council which will help the Government in formulating the new education policy. He also mentioned the ban on publishing the note books upto class five and the reduction of price of text books which will enable the students to buy books at Taka 18 instead of 60.

He warned the publishers of note books that drastic measures would be taken if any unfair deal is carried out in this regard.

Recalling his old association with the student movements, the Education Minister said that the democratic and fighting tradition of the student should be maintained. It was a vital necessity to build up the future leadership of the country, he added.

Kazi Zafar Ahmed regretted that at this moment the student politics lacks perspective.

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and purpose. Some lackeys in the name of student community were polluting the academic atmosphere and the student politics he said. They were destroying the glorious tradition and history of the student movement.

The Education Minister said that he would sympathetically look into the problems of the teachers.