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## Ershad meets Vice-Chancellors

# Formation of educational advisory body ordered

DHAKA, May 12 (BSS) : President Hussain Muhammad Ershad today ordered constituting a National Education Advisory Council comprising representatives of different walks of life in order to arrive at a national consensus to remove flaws in the country's education system.

The President, who is the

Chancellor of the universities gave the orders at the monthly regular meeting of the Vice-Chancellors of the universities held at the committee room of International Conference Centre here.

He urged the Vice-Chancellors to ensure the timely holding of examinations for saving the students from sufferings and at the same time making all-out efforts to ensure congenial academic atmosphere in the campuses.

President Ershad felicitated the newly appointed Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Moniruzzaman Mia and hoped that the problems facing the university would be removed under his leadership and the institution would be able to

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regain its old glory.

Prime Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed, Adviser to the President on Primary Education Mansoor Ali Sarkar, Principal Secretary to the President A.H. Sadique, Chairman of University Grants Commission National Professor Syed Ali Ahsan and Education Secretary A. N. M. Eusuf attended the meeting.

The President directed the concerned authorities to increase the amount of scholarships in the universities to Taka 200 from the existing Taka 100 with effect from July next. A decision was taken at the meeting to introduce Bangla Chair in different foreign universities.

The meeting decided to clear the session jam in the universities within the shortest possible time. In this context, the President directed the Ministry of Education to render necessary help and assistance to the university authorities on top priority basis to remove session jam.

Discussions were held at the meeting on the training of college teachers and it was decided that the existing facilities would be expanded in the form of formal and informal training courses. It was also decided to explore the possibilities of setting up a training institute for college teachers.

On private university, the meeting was of the opinion that the Education Ministry be given responsibility to prepare a guideline incorporating the basis and criterion for setting up such university in the country. The Education Ministry will prepare the guideline in consultation with the University Grants Commission.