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High-powered body to reform exam systems

DHAKA, BSS: The government has formed a high-powered committee to formulate a series of recommendations aimed at bringing about reforms into country's examination systems to stop unfair means in various public examinations at the secondary, higher secondary, degree and madrasah level.

State Minister for Education Principal M Yunus Khan will be the convener of the committee. The other members of the committee are: Wing Commander (Rtd) Hamidullah Khan MP, Al-Haj Dr. Abdul Latif Bhuiyan MP, Mr. Abdul Hye MP, Dr. Abdul Moin Khan MP, the General Manager of Dainik Desh Mr A K A Firoze Noon, the Controller of Examinations of the Dhaka University and Chairman of the Bangladesh Madrasah Education Board, Dhaka. The Chairman of the Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board, Dhaka, will be the member

Secretary of the committee. The committee will recommend a better method of stopping leakage of question papers after reviewing the existing method of maintaining secrecy and security of the questions papers and also the methods of question paper setting and their distribution at the examination centres.

The committee will also give suggestions on the formulation of a better system to stop participation of illegal students at the examinations after examining the current system of selecting examinees by the educational institutions.

The committee will also place recommendations on possible organisational measures for holding the examinations fairly and peacefully after reviewing the existing system of conducting the examination.

It will also give suggestions on the improvement of law and order situation in the centres and selection of examination centres to prevent outsiders from supplying copies into the examination centres.

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necessary amendments of the existing laws and regulations about giving punishments to those adopting unfair means in the examinations and also to their accomplices

The committee will also put forward its recommendations to ensure secrecy and security of the different programmes from collection of examination scripts to publication of the results.

The committee will submit its report to the government in two weeks time.