

Vow to stamp out corruption in education ministry

Minister seeks help from all

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Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday vowed to continue his battle against corruption and bribery in his ministry.

"No illegal activities will be allowed in the education ministry, directorate and department. Every office under the ministry has to follow proper rules while carrying out their duties," he told reporters at a review exchange meeting at his secretariat office.

Bribes and corruption usually take place during the process of issuing MPO (Monthly Payment Order), appointments and transfers, the minister said, adding that he is shocked to see reports of allegations of bribery involving approvals for MPO and various academic activities.

But action cannot be taken due to lack of proper evidence, he added.

"The situation will not change overnight. But we will continue our fight against bribes and corruption," he said and sought cooperation from all,

including journalists, in the fight against corruption.

Stringent action would be taken against any persons found involved in corruption, the minister said and urged all to inform him of any kind of corruption with proper evidence through telephone, fax or e-mail.

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Education Secretary Syed Ataur Rahman and other officials were present at the meeting.