

School students to get textbooks on Jan 1

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Textbooks will be in the hands of primary and secondary level students on the first day of next year, despite the ongoing violence by the BNP-Jamaat/ Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid said yesterday.

He also said that discipline had been restored in the country's education sector over the last five years.

"Now we can distribute books among students on January 1 ... examinations begin on the specific date while their results are published within 60 days," he told a discussion at the NCTB auditorium in the capital.

Nahid, who is also primary and mass education minister, said the

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BNP-Jamaat clique had been enforcing different violent programmes and carrying out acts of sabotage to destroy the new generation.

When the government is holding war crimes trials, the Jamaat-Shibir and their allies were carrying out sabotage to save the war

criminals, he told the audience.

"They [Jamaat-Shibir] remove rail tracks, destroy bridges and roads, and unleash sniper attacks. They are killing general people by setting fire to buses and trucks, and throwing petrol bombs into vehicles," he said.

The education minister

said many people were leading miserable lives after suffering burns in arson attacks.

Education Secretary Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury attended the meeting with National Curriculum Textbook Board (NCTB) Chairman M Shafiqur Rahman in the chair.