

## *JS panel calls advises 'national history' at all edn levels*

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THE parliamentary standing committee on the education ministry on Sunday recommended the introduction of a subject on the national history in the curriculums as mandatory for all streams of education.

The committee chair, Rashed Khan Menon, said that the committee had made the recommendation for the introduction of the subject from primary to higher education with the main focus on the history of the country's war for independence. He said the ministry also agreed to the recommendation.

Menon said that the committee had also asked the ministry to take measures

for the introduction of the subject as part of university education.

The committee observed that out of 262 government colleges, 108 did not teach history and none of the three government aliya madrassahs had any facility to teach history.

The government colleges have only 14 positions of professor in history, 97 positions of associate professor in history, 165 positions of assistant professor and 314 positions of lecturers.

Considering the situation, the committee also asked the ministry to increase the number of positions of professor and assistant professor in history at government colleges, Menon said.

Bangladesh Itiha Sammilani also submitted a memorandum to the committee demanding the introduction of history as a mandatory subject in all public and private colleges.

The organisation also gave a draft curriculum of the national history narrating events from the introduction of the India Act 1935 to the Awami League's rule in 1996-2001. The committee also recommended extending age limit for recruitment of employees in non-government colleges from 30 years to 32 years.

The education minister, Nurul Islam Nahid, whip Mirza Azam, whip Sheikh Abdul Wahab, M Shah Alam and Mamtaj Begum attended.