

OPPOSITION'S ARSON ATTACKS Nahid urges all to protect schools

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Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday urged all to come forward to protect schools from arson attacks carried out by opposition men.

"They're burning the future generation through their (opposition's) arson attacks," he said at an emergency press briefing at his residence following arson attacks on different schools and madrasas (polling centres) since Friday.

The education minister said the opposition activists set fire to almost 100 schools, prepared for using as polling stations in the last two days, to resist the national election.

Nahid requested the security forces for strengthening the security at polling stations and urged the government to take stern action against the attackers.

He said a stalemate has been created in the education sector through hartals and blockade programmes frequently enforced by Jamaat-Shibir activists during the last three and a half months, and now they are launching

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attacks on education institutions.

"The defeated forces of the Liberation War are destroying the educational

institutions in a planned way. They're taking revenge of their defeat in 1971," he said.

Strongly condemning the incidents, Nahid urged

the students, teachers and guardians of their respective areas to save their educational institutions from attacks by the "evil" forces.