

Scrap it, demands APUB

Proposed Pvt Varsity Ordn to hit higher education

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The Association of Private Universities of Bangladesh (APUB) on Tuesday demanded the government to scrap the proposed Private University Ordinance 2008.

They said the higher education would again face a quagmire of red tape if the government attempt to regulate every move of the private universities through the proposed ordinance.

At a news conference held at

the Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) auditorium, Abul Quasem Haider, vice-chairman of APUB said the private universities emerged in the country to offer better academic choice and openings, as public universities—enmeshed in innumerable regulations—failed to provide opportunities for innovative education and research.

He said the Private University Ordinance passed in 1992 for

regulating the country's private universities should be the one in force. Haider said that the proposed ordinance-2008 should be scrapped immediately. The proposed act would affect the country's higher education sector adversely, he said.

Prof. M Alimullah Miyan, Vice-chancellor and Founder of International University of Business

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Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) and Prof. Mohammad Abdullah, secretary general of APUB and Member of the Board of Trustee was present at the conference.

In the name of updating the Private University Act 1992, its mainstay chapters, sections and articles are being replaced with stronger regulatory tools. Haider said adding, which cannot be hailed as anything beneficial, he said.

He said the certain changes incorporated in the proposed ordinance would alter the fundamental policies and structure of the private universities.

He also said the private universities accommodated 124,000 students in 2007, offering diverse courses at less expense compared with public universities, which had reduced pressure on the public exchequer.