

NEW MPO LISTING Ministry passes it on to adviser

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The process of Monthly Pay Order (MPO) listing of non-government secondary and higher secondary educational institutions took a new turn as the education ministry yesterday handed over all documents relating to the listing process to prime minister's Education Adviser Dr Alauddin Ahmed.

The ministry has sent all the papers including the MPO policy, directives of the PM and finance ministry, proceedings of inter-ministerial meeting and other meetings to the adviser's office to complete the roll.

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Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday said that he sent the necessary papers through his ministry's additional secretary to the education adviser in the evening.

"As per Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's direction I talked to the education adviser and told him to take the responsibility. The adviser agreed," he said.

Nahid also said he will give all sorts of support to the adviser to complete the list successfully.

"We want the schools get government facilities as soon as possible," he said.

After a gap of six years the government on May 7 published the list of 1,022 new non-government secondary and higher secondary educational institutes for giving MPO facilities.

But, in the face of vehement opposition of some lawmakers the prime minister directed the education ministry to suspend the new inventory and asked it to review.

The premier also asked Alauddin to revise the list.

As both the education minister and education adviser are scrutinising the list separately some 13,000 teachers and employees of newly registered institutes are apprehending elimination from the list.

Sources said many teachers are now worried that the entire process might hang in the balance if the roll is not completed by this current fiscal year.

Around 26,340 educational institutions including 2,386 colleges, 15,515 secondary schools, 7,344 madrasas and 1,095 technical institutes are currently receiving MPO facilities.