

## PM supervises MPO list: Nahid

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Against the backdrop of resentment among the lawmakers over the list of non-government educational institutions that qualified for government subsidy, the prime minister directly supervised the latest list of institutions, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid said yesterday.

"The directives of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina have been followed in preparing the entire list," he told reporters at a press conference at the secretariat in the city.

On Wednesday, the government, for the third time, published a list of 1,612 schools, colleges, technical institutions and madrasas after reviewing two previous lists prepared by the education minister and prime minister's education adviser. These institutions qualified for monthly payment order (MPO) facilities.

On May 6, the education minister had listed 1,022 educational institutions, but the list was cancelled in the wake of resentment among the lawmakers.

The prime minister then asked her adviser to review the list and the adviser on May 31 came up with a list of 1,483 institutions, but that too came under criticism from the members of parliament.

The prime minister again gave a directive to revise the roll. She also asked the adviser to consider requests of the lawmakers while preparing the list, Nahid said.

There might be some errors in the list, the minister said, adding: "We will continue the process of giving monthly payment order."