

Over 100 Barisal private colleges without regular principal

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OF 282 private colleges in Barisal division 108 do not have any regular principal, according to the Secondary and Higher Education Barisal zone office.

Absence of regular principals has caused these colleges to face serious setbacks in maintaining their academic discipline and carrying out administrative activities.

Deputy director of the zone office Mustafizur Rahman said there was no regular principal in 27 out of 60 colleges in Patuakhali district, 18 out of 41 colleges in Pirojpur district, 15 out of 25 colleges in Jhalakathi, 13 out of 41 colleges in Bhola, 12 out of 28 colleges in Barguna and 23 out of 87 colleges in Barisal.

In most of these colleges the post of vice-principal is also vacant, he said.

Colleges having vice-principals or senior teachers have appointed them as acting principal while those do not have senior teachers even are managed by junior teachers, said the deputy director.

Mohsin Ul Islam Habul, acting principal of Barisal Islamia College and regional secretary of Bangladesh College Shikkhak Samity, said the colleges without regular principals were plagued with serious academic and management issues.

"There is a dearth of qualified teachers to be vice-principal or principal," he said, adding that attempts by the college managing committees many times failed to find suitable persons.

We are trying to work out the situation, he said.

Solution of the problem lies mainly with the ministry, said Mustafizur Rahman.