

Teachers being identified for action: Nahid

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THE government would take stern action against teachers involved in coaching business, neglected in class room, education minister Nurul Islam Nahid said on Wednesday.

We have already issued directives for identifying the teachers engaged in coaching business, he told reporters after an inter-ministerial meeting on the issue in the secretariat.

He said that the exercise was being done to comply with a High Court order. Officials said that no leniency would be shown to teachers found compelling parents and guardians to send children to coaching centres.

Nahid said that the education ministry asked for making a list of teachers engaged in coaching business. He said that stern action would be taken against them.

He said that the students would need no private coaching if the teachers paid attention to class room teaching in government and non-government schools.

The High Court in an order asked the government in October, 2011 to explain why it should not be directed to issue a gazette notification banning mushrooming private coaching centres in the capital and elsewhere in the country.

The HC made an observation that the private coaching centres were affecting the standard of education. Guardians complained class room teaching.

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The petitioner said that most of the teachers of famous schools and colleges in Dhaka were engaged in coaching at the private coaching centres neglecting class room teaching.

On October 17 last year, the HC issued the rule following a writ petition filed by Ziaul Kabir Dulu, the guardian of a student of Dhaka Ideal School and College.

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