

QAWMI MADRASA POLICY

Hefajat warns of civil war

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Radical Islamist group Hefajat-e Islam has warned of a civil war if the government goes ahead with its plan to control Qawmi madrasas like state-funded Alia madrasas.

"We won't allow Qawmi madrasas to be controlled by the government. Lakhs of people will be killed if anyone tries to control Qawmi Madrasa," Junaid Babunagari, secretary general of Hefajat, told a press conference in Chittagong yesterday.

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The press conference, at AB Community Centre at Hathazari, was held to warn the government against passing Qawmi Madrasa Shikkha Kartipakkha Ain-2013.

"We won't abide by such a law," Hefajat Ameer Shah Ahmed Shafi told reporters at his madrasa in Hathazari after the press

conference.

"Don't try to control Qawmi Madrasa. There will be a civil war if you do," he warned.

Allegations are that a section of Qawmi Madrasa students and teachers are involved in militancy. But Shafi said those allegations were false.