

No steps for 25 pry schools despite listed risky in 2010

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Around 25 primary schools listed as risky in 2010 in Moulvibazar Sadar upazila are still in a dilapidated condition as the authorities concerned have not taken any steps in this regard.

Ponchanon Bhala, district primary education officer, told The Daily Star, "I have sent the list of the risky schools to the ministry concerned, urging them to take necessary steps."

But so far nothing has been done, he added.

Sources said these school buildings were constructed about 10 to 15 years ago and in many places cracks have developed.

Of the 25 primary schools, Belagaon Government Primary School, Norton Government Primary School, Debipur Government Primary School and Vhottosri Primary School are in most danger.

Holding classes during rainy season is very difficult as the roofs leak, said teachers, adding that it is also dangerous as sometimes chunks of plasters fall from the walls and ceilings.

Talking to this correspondent, some parents said they are scared to send their children to schools but they have no other option.

There are 147 primary schools in the upazila and of them 61 are government and 86 are registered primary schools.