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Martial arts to become compulsory for Grades 4, 5: state minister

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State minister for primary and mass education Bobby Hajjaj said that martial arts would be introduced as a compulsory component of sports education for primary students in Grades 4 and 5 to promote their physical and mental development, confidence, discipline and self-control.

On Friday he also called on karate organisations to prepare a realistic plan to expand training programmes in primary schools across the country.

The announcement while the state minister was addressing the Black Belt Award Ceremony 2026, organised by the Bangladesh Kyokushin Karate Association at Rangs Bhaban in Dhaka, according to a press release issued later that night.

Bobby Hajjaj said that martial arts were not merely a means of self-defence but also an effective way to instil discipline, confidence, patience and a positive mindset among children.

‘When students develop self-confidence, they learn to avoid violence and conflict and can play a constructive role in society,’ he said.

The state minister further said that promoting sports and martial arts was essential for developing the country’s younger generation into healthy, confident and patriotic citizens.

The government would provide the necessary support to karate organisations to expand martial arts training programmes to the primary schools, he said.

At the end of the event, Bobby Hajjaj awarded black belts to karate practitioners who had successfully attained the rank.

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