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DUCSU leaders call on PM

The representatives of DUCSU led by Mr. Mahmudur Rahman Manna and Mr. Akhtaruzzaman, Vice-President and General Secretary respectively called on Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman at his Secretariat office on Friday and submitted to him a seven-point demand which include some academic problems, reports ESS.

The Prime Minister assured them of phasewise implementation of the demands. He further told them that they would be informed about the steps Government would take in solving their problems and assured them of periodical meetings.

Meanwhile the Dacca University Central Students' Union (DUCSU) on Friday held an hour-long 'sit-down strike' in front of the Secretariate to press home their 7-point demands which include immediate introduction of compulsory free primary Education.

The strike over, the DUCSU Vice-President Mr. Mahmudur Rahman Manna, in a brief speech informed the students that a DUCSU delegation held discussion with the Prime Minister who is in charge of Education Ministry, about the charter of demands.

The student leader said the Prime Minister had assured them of necessary steps to implement the demands which include introduction of compulsory free primary education up to Class VIII, phase by phase, elimination of discriminations between Government and non-Government educational institutions.

The seven-point charter of demands include reorganisation of the existing education policy making it people-oriented and technical biased and uniform one, expansion and improvement of education institutions and residential accommodation, easy availability of books and library facilities and job opportunity on completion of education.

The seven-point demands also include abrogation of the amendment of the Dacca University Ordinance-1973, Fourth and Fifth amendments of the Constitution and the "unequal" 25-year pact between Bangladesh and India, and the unequal Farakka agreement on Ganges waters.

They also demanded of the Government to repeal the Special Power Act and Printing and Publication Ordinance.