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## Govt firm to build society free from illiteracy: Zafar

Prime Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed said in Dhaka on Thursday that the government of President Ershad was determined to establish a modern and new Bangladesh free from poverty and illiteracy, reports BSS.

Speaking at a reception accorded in his honour by the Bangladesh Primary Teachers Association, the Prime Minister said the present government believed in flourishing of talents in all sections of people including teachers, peasants and labourers for establishing a decent and creative society.

Held at the auditorium of the Institution of Engineers, the reception was addressed by President and General Secretary of the Association, Prof. Abul Kalam 'Azad and

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Kazi Abul Quasem Fazlul Huq respectively.

The Director General for the Primary Education Directorate, Mr. Aziz Ahmed Chowdhury was present.

Hundreds of Primary teachers who gathered from different parts of the Dhaka Metropolitan city chanted full-throated slogans, expressing their happiness on the appointment of Kazi Zafar Ahmed as Prime Minister. They also profusely garlanded him.

The Prime Minister described the teachers as the most respected community in the society and pointed out that President Ershad had already brought about qualitative changes both in their living and profession.

Expressing his sincere love and respect to the teachers, Kazi Zafar said the nation had entrusted the teachers with the noble responsibility of enlightening thousands of lives from a single lamp.

Reciting a few lines from a poem, "Taleb Master," composed by Dr. Ashraf Siddiqui, Kazi Zafar said: "I always tried to uphold the dignity and rights of the teachers". In this connection he recalled the steps taken for the improvement of the condition of teachers in the past.

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