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BMTA demands probe into fake Madrasas

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Urging all to keep Madrasa Education out of politics, Bangladesh Madrasa Teachers' Association (BMTA) on Tuesday demanded of the Government to probe into the establishment of some fake Madrasas and give exemplary punishment to those responsible for setting such Madrasas.

The office bearers of the association stated that most of the fake Madrasas did not have any students. The BMTA was addressing a press conference at the National Press Club. They invited concerned authorities and associations to a dialogue in solving the crisis of the Madrasa Education.

BMTA also denied the rumours that a good number of Madrasas had been closed down. "No Madrasa has been closed down, but the salaries of some Madrasa teachers were cancelled, that happen down according to the Government rules", they said. "And we don't have any complaint against that", they added.

Moulana A.K.M. Nurul Islam, President of BMTA said the former President of the Association, Moulana M A Mannan, had been involved in corruption and tarnished the image of the Association. Dubbing Moulana Mannan a killer, they said, "We know very well about his role in '71".

They also said that the anti-liberation forces had been hatching a conspiracy against the Madrasa Education despite the order of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in '72 to take all necessary measures to improve the system.

"The conspirators are still there to make situation worse", they said. "We urge all the teachers of the Madrasas around the country to remain alert", said the leaders of the association. They underscored the need of a dialogue for solving the prevailing crisis in the entire Madrasa Education. The association has already submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister seeking a congenial atmosphere for a dialogue.