

No alternative to edn for uplift, says Hasina

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Wednesday said there is no alternative to education for development, calling education "the best investment" for the future of an individual and of the nation, reports UNB.

"Poverty is the main problem of the country and education is the primary step to alleviating poverty," she told the secondary school teachers at a discussion meeting at the National Museum auditorium on Wednesday morning.

Bangladesh Teachers' Association organised the discussion on the occasion of the World Teachers Day to be observed on October 5.

The Prime Minister said right to education is the right to participate in the life of the modern world. "So, the present Government has attached top priority to the education."

She said the teachers community had been playing a pioneering role for the expansion of education to initiate changes in social life. In this context, she said, the theme of this year's Teachers Day—"Teachers Make the Difference"—is timely and significant.

Hasina said with the passage of time, social values have changed and technology advanced, but poverty has increased along with terrorism and violence.

At the same time, competition in the economic, commercial and educational fields has spread in national and international life, she said. "The nation needs an educated population and a congenial atmosphere to survive this competition and grow."

Responding to the problems of non-government teachers, the Prime Minister said the Government was aware about those and would take steps in due course to remove their genuine problems.

Teachers' association President Principal Mohammad Qamruzzaman, Vice President Hena Das and General Secretary Chowdhury Khurshid Alam also spoke on the occasion.