

Recover loss in Edn sector: Hasina

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Thursday asked the concerned officials to make extra efforts to recover from the damages caused by flood in the education sector and the losses in study and syllabus, reports UNB.

"If necessary, arrange to take extra classes to make up the lost hours of students during the flood," she said and also directed the officials to ensure examinations on schedule.

The Prime Minister was addressing a review meeting of the Education Ministry at the Secretariat on post-flood rehabilitation activities.

Hasina expressed her satisfaction over the Ministry's prompt action for post-flood activities and steps for repair and rehabilitation of the damaged educational institutions.

"The students have lost their valu-

able time because of the devastating flood, educational institutions were used as flood centres," she mentioning her government's special attention to the education sector.

The Prime Minister said her Government has given topmost importance to the education sector as it believes that education is the key to development.

"As we could combat the devastating flood with united efforts, we will also be able to recoup the losses caused by the flood," she said adding that the sincere and dedicated effort of the nation were praised at home and abroad.

She also stressed the need for allowing the students to know the real history and culture of this na-

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tion, and said the students should know the real history of their culture and heritage.

The Prime Minister praised the humanitarian activities of Boy Scouts, Rover Scouts, Girls Guides and other school based organisations during the prolonged flood.

She was delighted to learn that the Magura district has been made illiteracy-free with the efforts of all and suggested to follow the example elsewhere in the country.

Addressing the meeting, Education Minister ASHK Sadique said the projects in the education sector have

been expedited after flood and a number of taken to repair the damaged educational institutions and for rehabilitation.

He said the damaged educational institutions are being repaired quickly and all steps have been taken so that the students do not lose any more time for any reason.

Education Secretary Kazi Raki-buddin informed the meeting that a special allocation of Tk 40 crore has been made for repairing the damaged secondary schools and other institutions. The work is going on as per schedule.

The meeting was told that some 8,168 secondary schools, madrasah, college and technical institutes were damaged in the recent flood. The number of primary schools damaged by the flood is 17,849.

Mass and Primary Education Division Secretary Dr Sadat Hossain said another Tk 40 crore has been allocated for the repair of damaged primary schools. Of this Tk 25 crore has already been sent and the rest will be released soon.