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Primary teachers' status won't be changed

The Government in a Press note on Thursday categorically said that it had no intention to change the Government status of the teachers of Government primary schools, reports BSS.

The teachers of Government primary schools would remain as Government servants and the Government had no desire to revert their status into non-Government one, the Press note pointed out.

Issued by the Ministry of Education the Press note said, "the attention of the Government was drawn to a statement of Acting President and Secretary of the Primary Teachers Association published in a section of the Press on September 30. It claimed that the agreement between the Government and the association was not implemented and that the Government, with a view to changing again the Government status of the primary teachers into non-Government one, has arrested the President of the

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association, Prof. Abul Kalam Azad".

The Press note said, in this context, it may be mentioned that the Primary Education Act, 1981 was passed by the Jatiya Sangsad keeping the Government status of the primary teachers in accordance with the March 6 agreement with the Primary Teachers Association. Necessary formalities are being completed for implementation of this act.

Besides, the Press note said, "the Government has already issued instructions relating to payment of pension and gratuity to the primary teachers on the basis of counting 50 per cent of their services of the pre-nationalisation period".

DMC PRY TEACHERS

Our staff reporter adds Messrs. Moslem Ali Hawaldar, President and A. B. M. Chand Mia, Secretary, Dacca Municipal Corporation Area Primary Teachers Association in a joint statement to the Press on Thursday opposed the day-long token strike called by "some quarters" in primary schools today (Friday).

They said that they were concerned that a particular group had called the strike to cover up illegal activities of Prof. Abul Kalam Azad who was arrested on specific corruption charges this group wanted to goad the general primary teachers into beginning a political movement again, they said.

Meanwhile, six leaders of Bangladesh Primary Teachers Association in a joint statement said those who were expelled from the association on charges of collaboration and questionable moral character were issuing statements to materialise their unholy motive of denationalising the services of primary school teachers.