

## City pri. schools to be handed over to DMC

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Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman announced in Dacca on Thursday that all the primary schools situated within the Dacca city area will be handed over to Dacca Municipal Corporation, reports BS.

With the transfer the schools would henceforth be run by the corporation he said and added the management of the schools by the corporation would not however affect the existing status of the teachers. The Prime Minister said that the teachers would be treated as government employees and would continue to enjoy all the existing facilities. The schools were being handed over to the corporation only for better management he added.

Shah Aziz was addressing the foundation laying ceremony of the new Premises of the Siddheshwari Boys High School in Dacca on Thursday afternoon. Presided over by Mr Abul Hasnat Mayor of Dacca Municipal Corporation the function was also addressed by Mr Abdul Mahnan Khan Vice President of the managing committee and Mr S M Ashraf A i Head master of the school.

The Prime Minister who is also incharge of the Ministry of Education said that during the next four years the Government would make the universal primary education free and compulsory.

He said that by 1985 the primary schools would be set up in each of the 68 000 villages of the country. By doing this the government would only discharge the constitutional obligation of ensuring the right of Education for every citizen the Prime Minister added.

Shah Aziz said that at present there were 40,000 primary schools throughout the country. He said that different international and UN agencies were extending assistance to the Government for achieving the goal.

The Prime Minister said that with the total change of the education system of the country the Government had decided to set up "community schools" where along with general education courses would be imparted on technical and agricultural subjects.