

Service rules for PM non-Govt teachers soon, says PM

Representatives of the Bangladesh Secondary School Teachers Association and Bangladesh Non Government College Teachers Association called on Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman at his Secretariat chamber on Saturday morning reports ENA.

Led by Mr Kamruzzaman, chers Association and a former President of Bangladesh Teachers' Association, the representatives placed their grievances to the Prime Minister and the Prime Minister gave them a patient hearing.

Later the Prime Minister coming out of his chamber addressed a gathering of the teachers who staged a sitdown strike at the second gate of Secretariat building and said that the service rules for the non-Government teachers had been finalised and would soon be published.

Shah Aziz, who is also in-charge of the Ministry of Education told the teachers that a committee headed by Mr Kaza Anwarul Haque, Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism and comprising their representatives was processing the recommendations for a uniform and reasonable pay scale for the teachers of the non-Government colleges, schools and madrasas and it would be finalised shortly.

He said that the salaries of the Government college teachers had been increased and (Continued on page 12 col. 5)

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The Prime Minister said that the Government's contribution towards the salaries of the teachers of the non-Government colleges, schools and madrasas had also been raised from Taka 10 crore in 1976 to take 32 crore at present in addition the college and schools now receive liberal grants from the Government for their development.

Shah Aziz said that the Qudrat e-Khuda Commission report on education curricula was being gradually implemented and the education policy would be announced shortly.

He said that the Government was taking all possible steps to improve the standard of living of 1,60,000 primary school teachers, 90,000 secondary school teachers, 12,000 college teachers and 25,000 madrasa teachers of the country.

The Prime Minister appealed to the teachers community to desist from strikes particularly at a time when examinations are being held all over the country.

Our Staff Correspondent adds:

Earlier teachers of different colleges and schools held a rally at Baitul Mukarram. After a brief address by the leaders of the teachers representatives they went to Bangladesh Secretariat gate No. 2 in a procession.

Another report says teachers of different schools, colleges and madrasas of the city held a meeting at the auditorium of the Islamic Foundation on Saturday evening according to a Press release issued by the Bangladesh Federation of Teachers' Association.

The meeting was presided over by Maulana Abdul Baten convener of the Dacca city unit of the Federation. The meeting expressed full support to the strike call of the teachers beginning throughout the country from Monday.

The meeting was addressed among others by Prof. Shariul Islam General Secretary of the College Teachers Association and joint convener of the Federation of College Teachers Association Sheikh Annullah Vice President of the School Teachers Association Prof. M.A. Latif Prof. Shahadat Hossain Mr Ansar Ali and Prof. A. Rob.