

Huda urges primary teachers not to involve in party politics

Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda Friday urged the primary school teachers to perform their duties with utmost sincerity and dedication for furthering the cause of education which is the prerequisite for attaining self-reliance, reports BSS.

He was addressing the installation ceremony of the Central Executive Committee of the Government Primary School Teachers' Association in the Public Library Auditorium in Dhaka.

State Minister for Science and Technology Prof M A Mannan, Chief Adviser of the association Abu Abbas MP, Adviser AFM Mahbulul Haq, Secretary General Abdul Awal Talukdar, and Prof Shariful Islam of the Federation of the Teachers Association among others, spoke on the occasion while President of the association Suruj Zaman was in the chair.

Barrister Huda said the government had taken up allout efforts to make the country self-reliant. But some vested quarters are trying to foil the government efforts for their evil interests. Any disruption in the education process will help these quarters implementing their evil design, he said.

He urged the primary teachers to cooperate with the patriotic forces and cautioned that

their involvement in the politics of petty interests would disrupt the the education process in the country. He also advised them not to be involved in party politics actively.

Referring to the problems of the primary teachers, he said the primary teachers are not the teachers in the class room alone, rather they are the leaders of the society and agents of development. So the government will do everything for their benefit for the sake of education as well as social development.

The Information Minister also assured them of allout cooperation on his behalf so that the primary teachers might get all the facilities extended to the other government employees.

Prof MA Mannan said the government was determined to promote primary education in the country and had taken up different programmes, including compulsory primary education, food for education and stipend scheme.

Mr Abu Abbas said the vested quarters were trying to capture the support of the primary teachers to fulfil their narrow personal interests. He urged the authorities to fulfil the genuine demands of the

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teachers so that the vested quarters might not get the opportunity to implement their evil design.

Elderly primary teacher AFM Mahbulul Haq said despite allout efforts of the government for the promotion of primary education in the country indiscipline was prevailing in the primary education sector for want of proper management.

He urged the government to remove all anomalies regarding the wages and facilities of the primary teachers and reactivate the Primary Teachers' Welfare Trust.

Mr Abdul Awal said efficient teachers are needed for quality education. If the due financial facilities are not ensured no competent person will be interested to come in the teaching profession and thus the desired outcome of education will be impossible, he said.