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Pry Teachers Assoc calls on PM

Extend all cooperation to remove illiteracy

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Saturday urged the primary school teachers to sink their all narrow differences and bickerings and to be united for launching an integrated thrust for freeing the country from the curse of illiteracy, reports BSS.

Addressing the members of a 350-member delegation of Bangladesh Primary Teachers Association, the Prime Minister called upon the teachers to extend all kinds of cooperation and assistance to implement the declared pledge of the government to remove illiteracy from the country within ten years.

The Prime Minister said that to attain this objective the nation needs to launch a social movement and the primary school teachers would be the guiding force in this noble thrust.

Led by the association president Prof. Abul Kalam Azad the delegation included teachers, representatives from all district level organisations.

The Prime Minister told the teachers that to uphold the country's constitution and run the country as per constitutional provisions would be the fundamental principle of the present government. "We shall always be guided with the fact that the people are the owners of the country while running the government," the Prime Minister asserted.

While felicitating Sheikh Hasina for her assumption of the office of the Prime Minister on behalf of the association Prof. Abul Kalam Azad said that the teachers community would lend all kinds of support to materialise the government policy to free the country from illiteracy. "We have come here not to place any demand or not for enhancement of our salary

but to express our noble intention to make the society free of illiteracy within five years," Mr. Azad said.

Recalling the contribution of the father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in forming the then East Pakistan Primary Teachers' Association (now Bangladesh Primary Teachers' Association) in 1969, Mr. Azad said that it was Bangabandhu who gave 1,40,000 primary teachers the status of government servants by nationalising 36,800 primary schools at a time after the liberation of the country.