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Primary Teachers' rally today

By A Staff Reporter

The Bangladesh Primary Teachers' Association will hold a rally at the Baitul Mukarram Square at 9 a.m. today (Friday) in support of their demand for a 'realistic primary education law.'

After the rally, the members of the Association would bring out a procession and stage demonstrations before the Secretariat and the Directorate of Public Instructions buildings.

The processionists would then proceed toward the Jatiya Sangsad building to present a memorandum of their demands to the Leader of the House, Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman who is also in charge of the ministry of education.

These decisions were taken at a conference of the different thana, sub-division and district units of the organisation at the Dacca University Teachers-Students Centre on Thursday.

Presided over by Prof. Abul Kalam Azad, President of the Association, the function was addressed by Moulana Abdul Mannan, Convener, Bangladesh Federation of Teachers' Association as a guest and the office-bearers of different district units of the association. The conference was attended by about 100 representatives from all over the country.

The teachers opposed any idea of transferring the supervisory authority over the primary schools to respective union parishads.

They said that the chairmen and the members of the union parishads were in most cases ignorant about the basic things concerning education. As such they argued, transfer of the primary schools under the jurisdiction of the respective union parishads would further worsen the state of primary education in the country.

The conference, however, in a resolution expressed its full support and cooperation to the second phase of revolution of President Ziaur Rahman which envisages eradication of illiteracy from the country.

Earlier, Moulana M. A. Mannan assured the teachers his cooperation in presenting their sentiments to the legislators and the Government.

In his presidential address Prof. Abul Kalam Azad said that the members of the Association only wanted security of job and smooth administration so that the standard of primary education could be improved.