

## Teachers' dignity to be upheld: PM

DHAKA, May 19 (BSS) : Prime Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed today said the government was determined to help the teaching community to uphold their prestige and dignity.

He said President Hussain Muhammad Ershad is the first head of the state in our history who helped them stand on their own feet through undertaking various revolutionary steps. It is now their turn to reciprocate, he added.

The Prime Minister was addressing a big rally of the members of Jamiatul Mudarresin at Gausul Azam Complex at Mohakhali here.

Presided over by the Chairman of the organisation Maulana Abdul Mannan, MP, the function was attended by Commerce Minister Maj Gen (Rtd) M Shamsul Hoq, Land Minister Tajul Islam Chowdhury, Adviser to the President on Compulsory Primary Education Mansur Ali Sarkar, State Minister for Religious Affairs Kazi Shah Mofazzal Hossain Kaliko

bad, Political Secretary to the Prime Minister Advocate Humayun Kabir, MP and the Ambassador of Iraq to Bangladesh Zahaer Mohammad Al-Omar.

Kazi Zafar Ahmed said though the history of the primary education in this region of the globe dates back to 170 years ago it is President Ershad who unfolded a new chapter in the history of public instruction through announcing the primary education compulsory for all.

He said the Madrasah teachers were to play a very significant role to make the government programme a success.

The Prime Minister said the government is resolved to eradicate all malpractices from the examination hall and bring about fundamental and qualitative change in the field of education through the wholehearted support and endeavour of the teaching community including the Madrasah teachers.