

Govt college lecturers call off strike

Bangladesh Government College Lecturers' Association (BGCLA) yesterday (Thursday) postponed its indefinite strike following "fruitful" discussions with the government, reports UNB.

The Association began its strike in all the 233 government colleges on September 30 to press home its 12-point demand, including promotion of Lecturers and creation of new posts in 114 nationalised colleges.

State Minister for Education Principal Md Yunus Khan gave an assurance to consider the demands at a meeting of a high-power committee comprising Education Ministry officials and leaders of the Association in Dhaka yesterday morning.

Chaired by the State Minister, who is also Chairman of the committee, the meeting discussed the 12-point demand of the Association and agreed in principle on implementing some of the demands.

They include promotion of Lecturers who have completed five years of services or more, creation of new posts in 114 nationalised colleges according to the Enam Committee report, providing higher scale of Tk 2400 on completion of four years of service.

The meeting was attended, among others, by Education Secretary ANM Eusuf, Joint Secretary Ahmed Hossain, Director General of Secondary and Higher Education Dr Md Mozammel Huq, Chairman of the Association Kamal Ataur Rahman and other leaders, including AKM Sanáullah, ABM Siddiqur Rahman and Omar Farooq.

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