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## Hasina's call to fulfil demand of teachers

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina on Friday called for meeting the just demands of the striking teachers, saying that development of education is not possible without redressing the grievances of teachers and employees, says UNB.

Hasina made the call when a delegation of Central Teachers' Action Liaison Committee met her at 29, Minto Road on Friday evening. The Liaison Committee leaders apprised her of their current movement and future programme to press home their demands which include higher pay and other financial benefits.

The Liaison Committee was represented by Mohammad Qamruzzaman, Dr. M. Akhtaruzzaman, Principal Kazi Faruq Ahmed, SM Habibur Rahman, Mrs. Hena Das, Mohammad Gulzar Hossain, KM Jamaluddin, Chowdhury Khurshid Alam, AN Rashed, MA Awal Siddique, Hasina Parvin, Afzal Mia, Prof. Rana Ahmed, Prof. Hosne Ara, Principal Mohd. Akram Hossain, Principal Badiuzzaman, Prof. Abdul Gaffar, Azizul Islam, Principal Zahirul Islam, Azizul Haq Shah, Shahidur Rahman and Prof. Golam Mohiuddin.

Expressing concern at the government's attitude towards the demand of the non-government teachers, the opposition leader criticised the ruling party for police oppression on teachers and for not implementing the agreement signed with them.

It has become a practice of the government for violating its own agreements with different professional groups including teachers, workers, employees and even with

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the opposition, Hasina observed.

She said that the country's education system has totally been disrupted during the present regime and instead of education, violence and terrorism are dominating campuses.

Hasina said Awami League firmly believes that teachers are the backbone of educational system and recalled the initiative of the Sheikh Mujib government to introduce universal scientific education system.

She assured the delegation of her party's cooperation in realising the demands of teachers.