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Govt college lecturers call off strike

Bangladesh Government College Lecturers' Association yesterday (Saturday) announced postponement of their abstention of work following assurance from Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar to meet their demand in phases, according to a press release of the association, reports BSS.

The press release said, the central leaders of the association held an emergency meeting yesterday with the Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar and Education Secretary Mir Mustafizur Rahman.

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Detailed discussion was held on the 12-point demand of the lecturers, the release added.

Among the office-bearers of the association, president of the association Kamal Ataur Rahman, senior vice-president A K Muhammad Sanaullah, vice-president S M Hatem Ali, organising secretary Mrs Naznin Begum, joint secretary general Hirendra Nath Biswas and joint organising secretary Sabbir Ahmed were present during the discussion.

709 lecturers promoted

Meanwhile, the government yesterday (Saturday) approved promotion of 709 lecturers of the government colleges to the post of assistant professors.

These promotion cases were under pending for a long time, an official handout said.

The government is also taking appropriate measures to promote about 400 more lecturers as early as possible.

Actions are also being initiated to fill up the vacant positions of associate professors and professors in the government colleges through promotions.

Recruitments to fill up the resultant vacancies in the posts of lecturer will be made as early as possible, the handout said.