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Delegates from Government and Non-government schools and colleges met President H.M. Ershad at the President's Secretariat on Sunday. Photo: PID

## Education sector given topmost priority: Ershad

Leaders of Bangladesh College Teachers Association, Bangladesh Government College Teachers Association, Bangladesh Non-government School Teachers Association and Bangladesh Government School Teachers Association met President H.M. Ershad at the President's Secretariat in Dhaka on Sunday evening, reports BSS.

During the meeting President Ershad urged the teachers to make all-out efforts to improve the standard of education in the country, "If we can educate our future generations properly, we shall be able to overcome a great hurdle on our way to achieve overall development of the country" he said.

Referring to the steps taken by his government for the betterment of the teachers, the President said on Sunday the teachers have been established

in an honourable position in the society. He said the present government had given top most priority to education and earmarked highest allocation in the budget for this sector.

He said all these are the demonstration of the sincerity of his government for the development of education sector. In this connection, he urged the teachers to make efforts to maintain proper academic atmosphere in educational institutions and said this is the main pre-requisite for providing meaningful education to our wards. He told them to resist any attempt by any quarters to vitiate academic atmosphere.

President Ershad said he would make all possible efforts to remove the problems to the teachers. He hoped that the tea-

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chers would continue to discharge their responsibilities to the nation through building worthy citizens who would take up future leaderships in all spheres of national life.

Earlier, the leaders of the teachers thanked the President for taking revolutionary steps for improving the quality of education as well as the condition of the teachers. They said the steps taken by the President in education sector were acclaimed by all sections of people.

They also expressed their gratitude and thanks to President Ershad for taking personal initiatives to solve their problems. They thanked the President for setting up the Education Commission.

A.K.M. Shahidullah, President and Kazi Faruq Ahmed, Secretary General of College Teachers Association, Jahanara Begum, convenor of Government College Teachers Association, Sheikh Amanullah, President of Non-Government School Teachers Association and Shahidur Rahman Secretary General of Government School Teachers Association spoke on the occasion.

Education Minister, Mahbubur Rahman was present.