

Deprived teachers to hold convention on Dec 2

FF CORRESPONDENT

ional convention of the teachers who have been deprived in the last five years, organised by the National Front of Teachers and Employees (NFTE), has been scheduled to be held on December 2 instead of today.

The themes that will be discussed in the convention at Engineers' Institute include statement of teacher representatives on politicisation of the education sector and repression and probable assurances to stop repressions.

They will also urge the president/chief adviser to handover the charge of education sector to any teacher.

The convention will begin at 10.00am and it is expected that the All Bangladesh Teachers' League President Sheikh Nazim Hossain will inaugurate the day-long function, said leaders of NFTE, a platform of 11-teachers and employees organisations.

At a press conference at the National Press Club, NFTE Chief Coordinator and Convenor Prof. M. Azizi Faruque said they have identified teachers who have been oppressed in six ways in the last five years. They are sacking teachers from their jobs, preventing them from entering educational institutions, issuing orders to stop recruitment, depriving them of two years' pay on short year time scale, devaluing the status of MPO saying they are in a powerless structure and threatening to bring teachers back to the government.

He warned that they will enforce tougher agitations if the caretaker government does not cancel the conditional circular of depositing tuition fees to the government fund against enjoying cent per cent salary from government exchequer.

According to the circular issued by education ministry, teachers

will have to deposit tuition fees collected from students to the government fund.

Among others, NFTE leaders Mohammad Azizul Islam, Prof. Shahjahan, Prof. Asadul Haq, Prof. Abdur Rashid, SMA Jalil, Prof. Al Chowdhury Manik, Bilkis Jaman, Abdul Mannan and M. Arju were also present at the conference. /