

Teachers against ban on private tuition

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Teachers of non-government high schools, colleges and madrasas yesterday demanded that the caretaker government withdraw the notice issued recently imposing a ban on private tuition.

It's not right to slap a ban on private tuition given by non-government teachers without increasing their salaries and other allowances especially house rent, said leaders of Shikkhak Karmachari Oikya Jote, a platform of non-government teachers and employees, at a press conference at the Dhaka Reporters Unity.

"We receive only Tk 100 as house rent from the government. Most of the teachers have to maintain their family by giving private tuition. It is not possible for us to maintain our families with the poor salary and house rent we get," said Prof M Selim Bhuiyan, chief-coordinator of the organisation.

He said they would have congratulated the caretaker government if it had announced a standard salary structure before issuing the notice.

He also urged the chief adviser not to hold any meeting on the issue with non-teachers.

Selim Bhuiyan proposed the caretaker government separate Secondary Education Directorate from the Directorate of Higher and Secondary Education for providing teachers with better facilities.

Bangladesh College Teachers' Association Secretary General Chowdhury Mugis Uddin Mahmud, Bangladesh Madrasa Teachers' Association President Moulana MA Latif, Bangladesh High School Teachers' Association Secretary General Mahbubur Rahman Mollah and Bangladesh Headmaster Teachers' Association Secretary General M Zakir Hossain, among others, were present.