

New pay scale gazette issued

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THE government has issued the much-awaited gazette on the new pay scale which will be implemented from next month with retrospective effect from last July.

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said the gazette issued on Monday was likely to be available in printed form on Thursday.

Quoting the gazette, they said the arrear payment will be given in two chunks.

The public servants will receive arrear for the months of July and August with the salary of January in the first chunk. The arrear for September-November will be released with the salary of February in the second chunk.

According to last minute inclusion, the public officials are entitled to receive benefits as per previous pay scale until December 15.

The public officials were in a dismay due to delay in gazette notification after the pay scale was approved by cabinet on September 7.

Finance ministry officials attributed to the last minute inclusions for the delay.

New officers of the cadre service, the armed forces division and the university teachers would be given salary of grade eight instead of nine.

A total of 20 grades have been retained in the new pay scale, despite suggestion of reducing to 16 by the 8th national pay and service commission led by former Bangladesh Bank governor, Farashuddin Ahmed.

The government has, however, scrapped time scale and selection grade by the recommendation of the pay commission despite protests from wide range of government officials and teachers.

According to the gazette,