

# Pry teachers' talks with govt end without decision

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Primary school teachers and ministry of primary and mass education did not reach any consensus yesterday on the issue of the government permission to Brac in order to supervise all primary schools in 20 upazilas under a pilot programme.

A three-hour dialogue between leaders of eight primary teachers associations and Primary and Mass Education Adviser Rasheda K Chowdhury was ended without taking any decision.

After the dialogue at the directorate of primary education (DPE), the adviser said the caretaker government wants to continue the dialogue to convince the teachers for allowing Brac to supervise primary schools.

However, schoolteachers said they would continue their movement against the government step, adding that they will not

work as presiding and polling officers in the upcoming four cities and nine municipal elections if the government does not cancel the decision by July 30.

Bangladesh Private Primary Teachers Association (BPPTA) President Muhammad Samsul Alam said they will continue their protest programme until the cancellation of the pilot project.

Bangladesh Graduate Primary Teachers Association (BGPTA) General Secretary M Badrul Alam Mukul raised a question about the standard of education provided by Brac schools, saying the country's primary educational system will be ruined if monitored or supervised by such inexperienced institution like Brac as it cannot continue its own schools in remote areas for 'mis-management'.

Leaders of the four organisations -- Bangladesh Primary Teachers Association (BPTA), BPPTA, BGPTA, and Bangladesh

Community Primary Teachers Association (BCPTA) participated in the dialogue.

Primary and Mass Education Secretary Moqsharraf Hossain Bhuiyan, DPE Directorate General M Nazrul Islam Khan and Director Ratan Kumar also took part in the dialogue.