

## Clarification of primary, mass education ministry

The Primary and Mass Education Ministry in a statement on Tuesday clarified, what it said, confusion on its primary education programme involving BRAC as reported in certain newspapers, reports BSS.

It said, the government was implementing multipurpose development activities and training programmes under Primary Education Programme -2 (PEDP-2), through the Directorate of Primary Education for improved primary education, ensuring its standard. Different national and foreign development organisations are working as government partners to implement the programmes, the clarification pointed out.

In continuation of it under a recent BRAC proposal it has been given permission to implement programmes aimed at improving the standard of primary education through a pilot programme at 20 upazilas, the clarification said.

The programmes are designed to raise attendance of students, reduce drop outs, increase completion of primary education and students standard, it added. Besides, other programmes in this regard includes baseline survey, teachers training and refreshers course, activating guardians and SMC, formation of school and union forums, the clarification said.

But it has been ensured that the BRAC training programmes are completed on holidays, without interrupting or hurting the ongoing regular training programmes of Primary Education Directorate and total education activities, the statement added.

The next line of action will be taken after completion of mid-term and final evaluation of BRAC programmes by the Primary Education Directorate. A joint report on it will also be published on schedule. It may be mentioned here that monitoring of government programme on primary education have not been given to BRAC or any other NGO, the statement added.