

No alternative to edn for uplift: Khaleda

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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Saturday said that mass literacy programme could be implemented if primary education was given maximum importance in our national life, says BSS.

"Primary education is the main pillar upon which our total education system would largely depend," Begum Zia told the members of National Federation of Teachers Associations when they called on her at the secretariat office.

She said there was no alternative to education for the development of society and the country. "We have to increase the rate of literacy and also to raise the standard of education in the country", she added.

In this connection the Prime Minister reminded the great role of the teachers in making the Government programme a success. She expressed the hope that the teachers would contribute their mite in this regard.

Begum Khaleda Zia said her Government would take measures to develop the primary schools in the rural areas of the country. She sought their suggestions and cooperation in this connection.

The teachers congratulated the Prime Minister for convening last night's grand conference of political leaders to remove violence from the

educational institutions and restore peace and discipline.

The grand conference last night reached a consensus to make united efforts to keep the campus violence free and restore proper academic atmosphere in the educational institution of the country.

The conference had also identified five major issues to be thrashed out in the next meeting to be held at the earliest.

The teachers extended their total support and made a firm pledge to

make the efforts of the meeting a total success. They opined that such an initiative had been long awaited.

The federation members said that previous regime had patronised violence in the country's educational institutions during the past nine years to achieve their own self-interest.

They said holding of the meeting with all the political parties had demonstrated the Government's sincere desire to shun violence and restore academic peace in the educational institutions.

The teachers also lauded the various efforts taken by the present Government during its brief period in the administration to change the quality of life of the people. In this connection they referred to the 11th and 12th constitutional amendments placed by the Government in the Jatiya Sangsad, besides successfully tackling the aftermath of the devastating cyclone.

They recalled the national education policy announced during the time of Shahid President Ziaur Rahman and various steps taken by his Government to raise their dignity and honour.

The Association members also submitted a memorandum to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia.

The teachers' delegation was led
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by Secretary-General of the National Federation of Teachers Associations, Prof M. Shariful Islam.

Prof. Enamul Huq Khan, President, University Teachers Association Federation, Prof. Mozaffar Hossain, President, Government College Teachers Association, Mr. Nazrul Islam, Secretary General, Bangladesh Teachers Association, Mr. Fazlur Rahman, Secretary General, Primary Teachers Association, Prof. Abdul Latif, President, Bangladesh College Teachers Association, Prof. Md. Hasanul Bari, General Secretary, Government College Teachers Association, Prof. Abul Kashem, Vice-President, National Teachers Association Federation, Principal Mrs. Shamsun Nahar Ahmed, MP, Prof. Khalilur Rahman, Joint Secretary, Government College Teachers Association, Principal Mokarram Hossain of College Teachers Association, Mr. M.A. Jalil of Bangladesh Teachers Association, Mrs. Dilara Zaman of Bangladesh Teachers Association, Mr. Jashim Uddin of Primary Teachers Association and Prof. Md. Moshin of College College Teachers' Association were present on the occasion.