

Teachers to take addl classes to compensate losses

Govt's contribution to salary will rise to 80 pc: Khaleda

The teachers of non-government schools, colleges and madrasahs Thursday called off their strike and other programmes and decided to resume classes, reports BSS.

The decision to call off their strike and other programmes came in the meeting of the leaders of the Central Teachers Liaison Committee and the Bangladesh Teachers Association (Ashraf-Nazrul) with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at the International Conference Centre (ICC) Thursday night.

The leaders of the non-government teachers informed the

meeting of their decision on withdrawal of the strike and other programmes and said they would take additional classes to compensate the losses of students due to their strike.

Prior to their meeting with the Prime Minister, the leaders of the non-government teachers had a successful discussion with the government side.

The Prime Minister announced that the government's contribution to the basic salary of the non-government school and college teachers would be increased to 80 per cent from the existing 70 per cent. It will

be effective from January 1, 1995.

She also said, one time-scale will be given to the teachers which will be effective from July 1, 1994.

The medical allowances will be raised to Taka 150 from Taka 100, giving effect from July 1994 and the teachers' welfare trust will be reconstituted, the Prime Minister said.

The Prime Minister said, her government always regards the teachers as the most respected persons and assured them of doing everything possible for their welfare. Begum Zia said the teachers have a very close link with education and urged them to help implement the programmes taken by her government for the spread of education.

Referring to the highest budgetary allocations for the education sector and introduction of stipend for the girl students upto class-X (ten) the Prime Minister said the massive programmes taken by her government for the spread of education will start yielding positive results within a short time.

She said, credit will go to the teachers if successes come in the field of education.

The leaders of the non-gov-

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ernment teachers present at the meeting included Sheikh Amanullah, Mohammad Kamruzzaman, Nazrul Islam, Kazi Farooq Ahmed, Nurullah and Asadul Huq.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukder, Post and Telecommunications Minister Tariqul Islam, Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar, Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, State Minister for Education Principal Yunus Khan and Qamrul Islam MP were also present.