

## Why retd teachers not getting benefits?

HC asks govt

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The High Court yesterday directed the government to submit the number of teachers of non-government educational institutions, who did not get retirement benefits six months after their retirement, to this court and to inform it how much money is needed to pay the benefits in next three months.

Member secretary of Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information and Statistics (Banbeis) and its trustee board members have been asked to do this.

In response to a writ petition, the HC also issued a rule, asking the authorities concerned of the government to explain within four weeks as to why they should not be ordered to give the retirement facilities to the teachers.

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The court also asked them to show cause as to why their inaction in giving the facilities to all such retired teachers should not be declared illegal.

The HC bench of Justice Obaidul Hassan and Justice Krishna Debnath came up with order and rule after hearing a writ petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB).

The organisation filed the petition with the HC recently following a report published in a national daily on October 17 titled "76,000 teachers' agony at the last stage of their lives".

During the hearing of the petition, HRPB's lawyer Manzill Murshid prayed to the HC to pass an order on the authorities concerned to take steps to give relevant facilities to the retired teachers.

The lawyer told The Daily Star that the HC wanted to know the number of the teachers who didn't get facilities after six months of their retirement and the amount of money required for paying the retirement benefits. //