

Teachers in Bangladesh are living 'miserable' lives and their socio-economic conditions, compared to those living in other South-Asian countries, are poor, said speakers at programmes in the capital marking World Teachers' Day yesterday.

Providing the country's students world-class education requires a world-class salary structure for teachers, they said.

The day was celebrated by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization this year with the slogan "Take a stand for teachers".

The remuneration issue, addressed in National Education Policy, the main guideline for the country's education, remains unimplemented, said Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad, co-chairman of the policy's formulation committee.

He was addressing a views exchange meeting organised by Anar Odhakar Campaign in Gurdan Auditorium, Dhaka, Bangladesh, on Wednesday, during the National Conference of Teachers 2012 while Bangladesh Primary Teachers Association organised a discussion and Bangladesh Teachers Association (Bashar-Salam) held a seminar.

Discussions at the programmes demanded that the government formulates a separate pay scale for teachers and upgrades the job status of primary school principals to second class gazette officer.

They said teachers should not engage in activities not consistent with education.

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