

Muhith critical of MPO system

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FINANCE minister AMA Muhith was critical of the monthly payment order system for non-government teachers dubbing it 'a worst system' designed to serve only the teachers.

He also ruled out the allegation of discrepancy in the new pay scale by Bangladesh Bank officials terming it illogical and said the demands of the university teachers were outcome of their ignorance.

Muhith was talking to reporters after introducing the online tax payment system at his secretariat office on Wednesday, about a week after issuance of the gazette notification of the new pay scale.

The finance minister not-

ed that the interests of schools and students were not protected by the MPO system under which government pays salary of around 4.7 lakh non-government school teachers.

"The MPO system only served the interest of the teachers," he added.

He said he had appointed a committee to review the MOP system. But he noted that the progress of the committee was very slow.

On Tuesday, the Bangladesh Bank Officers Welfare Council staged a demonstration at the BB premises saying that their position had been relegated in the new pay scale compared to first class gazetted officials.

They demanded that the base salary of the BB officials

be upgraded to the 8th grade in the pay scale, from the current 9th grade.

Muhith said there was no logic in the demand by the BB officials. He said their activities were 'utterly nonsense'.

Meanwhile, at least 4.30 lakh government officers, including teachers, on Sunday staged peaceful protests across the country against the new pay structure saying it would widen inter-cadre and cadre-non cadre disparities.

Muhith said salary of the university teachers had been fixed by discussing with them.

He noted that there was no scale for the national professor. 'It was an honour', he said, adding that they would draw special allowance of Tk 40,000 as usual.



Tulip Siddiq, British lawmaker and granddaughter of the Bangladesh's founding president Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, talks to journalist at Scholastica School of Uttara in Dhaka on Wednesday. — New Age photo