

Expert body suggests wide reforms in edn sector

Competence should be yardstick for appointing teachers: PM

The Expert Committee on Education Reform on Thursday submitted its final report to Prime Minister Khaleda Zia with recommendation for comprehensive

reforms in the sector, reports UNB.

An 8-member delegation led by Education Minister Dr. Osman Farooque handed the report over to the Prime Minister at her office.

The task of the 51-member expert committee, formed on December 24, 2001, was to identify priorities of reforms in the country's education sector that deserve urgent implementation.

Receiving the report, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia called for turning all the educational institutions into vibrant centres for learning and teaching in order to

build up an educated nation.

In this respect, she urged teachers, students, guardians and the elite of society to play active roles in achieving the objective.

Prof MA Bari, former Vice-chancellor of the National University, was head of the education reform committee. It consisted of incumbent and former chairmen of the Public Service Commission, incumbent and ex-VCs of different universities, teachers of different universities, academics, bureaucrats, chairmen of education boards, representatives of teachers' associations and teachers of

prominent schools and colleges.

Professor Bari briefly explained the recommendations of the final report to the Prime Minister.

The report and recommendations for reforms in such a vital sector were prepared after discussions and review of reports and recommendations of seven sub-committees.

The sub-committees are: Primary Education Affairs, Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Affairs, College Education Affairs, University Education and Research Affairs, Science, Vocational and Technical, and Information Communications Technology Affairs, Higher Education of Professional Affairs, and Improving Standard of Education Affairs.

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Thanking all the members of the committee for preparing the reform report and recommendations, the Prime Minister said next step would be taken after examining the recommendations properly.

She informed the delegation that instructions had already been given for recruiting teachers to educational institutions having shortage of teachers.

"The task of teachers would be to teach cordially and sincerely while of students to study attentively and diligently," the Prime Minister said about an ideal picture of the academia that has been missing.

Other members of the delegation were State Minister for Education Ehsanul Haq Milon, Deputy Minister for Education Abdus Salam Pintu, Prime Minister's Advisor for Primary and Mass Education Prof Jahanara Begum, Vice-chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury, ex-DU VC Prof Emajuddin Ahmed and member-secretary of the expert committee Mohammad Abdul Wahab.