

Ex-Education Minister backs teachers' demands

Kazi Zafar Ahmed, Chairman United People's Party and a former Education Minister has lent full support to the "just demands" of the striking Government College teachers, reports BSS.

At a Press conference at his party office at Purana Paltan on Saturday Kazi Zafar supported the demands of the teachers and urged all teachers.

He said the Government College Teachers used to enjoy higher status than the class I gazetted officers before July 1973. In July 1973 this was made equal and in 1975 pay structures of the teachers were degraded to that of other class I Government officers, he said.

He said (in September 1978) the Education Ministry the National Education Advisory Council, the seven-member Parliamentary study Committee for Education formed in June 1979 and recently the Education Ministry again recommended in favour of a new pay scale for the striking college teachers and expressed his wonder why then it was not being implemented.

He alleged that "a bourgeois government" was working against the implementation of these recommendations and warned if the Government failed to fulfil its commitments, the people will lose confidence in the authorities which may lead a total national crisis.

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