

**Token strike ends
Varsity teachers
urged to restore
academic life**

By A Staff Reporter

Education Minister Mominuddin Ahmed has appealed to the striking teachers of the country's six universities to help restore conducive academic atmosphere in the campus for the greater interest of the students.

The teachers, for the last several days, are observing one-hour token strike in support of their 16-point demand which include enhanced salary and allowances and certain

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administrative reforms in some of the universities. The one-hour token strike programme ended on Thursday.

In a bid to solve the problems, the Ministry held a meeting with the representatives of Federation of University Teachers Association and Vice-Chancellors at the Ministry's conference room between 11.15 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. on Thursday.

The meeting was attended by the Vice-Chancellors of Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh University for Engineering and Technology, Acting Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University and President and General Secretary of the University Teachers Federation, among others.

Emerging out of the meeting, Education Minister told newsmen that most of the demands of the teachers had either been fully or partially accepted by the Government keeping in view the country's economic situation and impli-

cations on other sectors.

The Minister said that after threadbare discussion on the basis of the six-member high-powered ad-hoc committee, the government has to provide some additional financial benefit to the teachers within their prevailing scale.

Mr Mominuddin Ahmed said that it had been agreed that a university teacher would be entitled to medical benefit as admissible for Government servants, the Agricultural University would be brought back within the jurisdiction of the Education Ministry and a new ordinance would be promulgated for the Engineering University.

He said that although the Teachers Federation had not given their decision over government proposals, it was expected that the teachers would consider the proposals sympathetically and help restore normal academic activities.

The Education Minister said that due to various reasons, all the universities had been facing session jams. Those who had passed HSC examinations this year were yet to get themselves enrolled while those passed in 1985 did not have their classes as yet.

Deputy Minister for Education Ziauddin Babu and Education Secretary Kazi Azhar Ali were present during press briefing.

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