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Non-implementation of TF report Edn ministry won't give written assurance

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The Ministry of Education yesterday said it will not give any written assurance to the Inter-education Board Employees Federation that the Task Force (TF) report will not be implemented.

The decision was conveyed to the Federation through a delegation of top officials of education boards which met the ministry officials yesterday, official sources said.

The ministry officials offered "direct talks" with the Federation leaders and also asked for detailed comments of the Federation and the authorities of the education boards on the Task Force report, the sources said.

When contacted, leaders of the Federation told The Daily

Star yesterday that they will meet the ministry officials only if a written invitation is sent to them. They also questioned the sincerity of the ministry to resolve the crisis.

A member of the boards' delegation told this correspondent that they were trying their best to end the crisis and that they will meet the ministry officials again this morning.

A ten-member delegation comprising top officials of the eight boards are mediating between the Education Ministry and the Federation to resolve the crisis arising out of the indefinite strike by employees of eight education boards to realise their four-point demand which includes cancellation of

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the Task Force report. The strike began on January 4.

Due to the strike, registration of the HSC private candidates of the year 1998 from 30 private colleges under Dhaka Education Board could not be completed yet. Registration of the regular HSC examinees will also be hampered as these are scheduled to begin from today, according to sources in the Dhaka Board.

According to our earlier announcement, HSC examination was scheduled to begin from May 29.

The registration of the SSC examinees is more or less complete, the sources said. The examinations are scheduled from April 16.

Delivery of mark sheets, certificates and attestation forms for those applying for higher studies abroad is also being affected by the strike, said witnesses. Scores of people flock to the board office every day for those.