

Federation of Teachers Assoc formed

By A Staff Reporter

A three-day meeting of the leaders of Bangladesh College Teachers' Association, Bangladesh Teachers' (Secondary) Association and Bangladesh Madrasah Teachers' Association which concluded in Dacca on Saturday decided to form a federation to be called 'Bangladesh Federation of Teachers' Associations' to achieve solidarity among the teachers organisation of the country.

The meeting also formed a 21-member Convening Committee of the Federation with Moulana Abdul Mannan, President Bangladesh Madrasah Teachers' Association, as its Convener and messers Shareeful Islam, General Secretary Bangladesh College Teachers' Association and A. Khaleque, Acting General Secretary, Bangladesh Teachers' (Secondary) Association as Joint Conveners.

Presided over by Principal Abdul Mannan the three-day meeting also formulated a 5-point charter of demands which included demand for removal of disparities among educational institutions and introduction of uniform pay scale for all teachers framing of service rules for teachers in accordance with the UNESCO and ILO recommendations concerning status of teachers; introduction of agriculture, scientific and vocational courses in the established schools by avoiding introduction of expensive specialised schools; provision for uniform educational facilities to students of both government and non-government educational institutions; reduction of the cost of education to the reach of the peasants, workers and the commonman.