

DUTA's rational demands will be considered: PM

An 11-member delegation of Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA) called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office in Dhaka on Sunday, reports BSS.

DUTA President Prof. ATM Zahurul Haq apprised the Prime Minister of various problems being faced by the teachers of Dhaka University. DUTA delegation in its first formal meeting with the Prime Minister felicitated her and her government and assured her of all cooperation.

DUTA General Secretary in a memorandum submitted to her raised a number of demands including fair trial of the killers of meritorious and dedicated teacher Luban Ahmed of Dhaka University.

DUTA's demands included construction of 200 new flats for the teachers, new and separate pay scale for the University teachers, 50 per cent dearness allowance, enhanced house rent allowance and land for the DUTA housing society.

The association requested for six minibuses to facilitate transportation of teachers residing outside the campus.

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transforming the existing DU medical centre into a full-fledged hospital and government's donation to the proposed DUTA welfare fund to provide financial help to its members for treatment abroad.

DUTA also demanded reintroduction of scholarships which was given during Bangabandhu's time for study abroad, rational allocation of scholarships and fellowships for Dhaka University teachers on priority basis and block allocation for development of infrastructure in the field of higher education and research.

The Prime Minister said that despite resource constraints her government would try to consider rational demands of the teachers of Dhaka University.

Sheikh Hasina strongly condemned the killing of Luban Ahmed and assured that necessary steps would be taken to find out the culprit and give exemplary punishment to the offenders.