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Pry education in jeopardy in hill district

BANDERBAN May 8 : Primary education in the hill district is in jeopardy because of the deterioration of law and order situation, according to official sources, reports UNB.

Bangalee and tribal teachers of remote areas of Ruma, Rowangchori, Thanchi and Alikadam thanas have been keeping away from schools for fear of abduction and extortion.

Officials of primary education department described their plight at a reception organised by District Primary Education Association for some education officials on Thursday.

They said many schools including eight of the Thanchi thana remained almost empty. Even students do not turn up, they added. About 46 teachers of 12 registered primary schools have also not been getting salaries for the last one year.

Local Government Council Chairman Mong-Ky Ching Chowdhury in his speech at the reception assured education officials that he would take possible initiative to resolve the problems after discussing with the elected representatives.

The allegation of irregular attendance of teachers in schools is every day matter, he confessed.

The meeting also informed that education officials were not conducting regular inspection of schools for fear of out-

laws.

GOVT DECISION SLATED

Another report says : The government decision to constitute interim committees with nominated persons for the Local Government Councils has been facing criticism here, reports UNB.

Mong-Ky Chung, Chairman of Bandarban Local Government Parishad termed the decision as undemocratic and said the move will destroy the locally developed democratic institution.

He said the existing Local Government system in the Chittagong Hill Tracts provided the scope for harmonious relationship between tribals and non-tribals.

Three chairman and 90 members of the three Parishads have so far been conducting the activities with their term extended from time to time.

No steps have been taken to hold the election while the extended period of the Parishads will be expired on July 7 next.

According to sources the terms of the three will district Parishads have been extended five times since the end of three years term in 1992.