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people were now trying to foreign assistance to Bangladesh. But, he said none listened to their pleading and the Aid Consortium had pledged much more aid than previous years.

He said announcement of bigger amount of aid for Bangladesh was the manifestation of the confidence of donor countries to the ability of the present government. They had been feeling more confident on Bangladesh government since it had established democracy in the country, he pointed out.

AID CONSORTIUM

The President said these elements even went to Paris and brought out a procession of 12 or 13 persons prior to the Aid Consortium meeting there to halt

He assured the primary teachers that their genuine problems would be solved after discussions with their leaders. He said he had always made allout efforts to improve the condition of the teachers and would continue to do so in the coming days.

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He announced a grant of Taka ten lakh towards Primary Teachers Benevolent Fund. Earlier, the President also granted Taka 20 lakh for the Fund.

President Ershad recalled his childhood primary school teacher — Mofiz Master — who with utmost care taught him the alphabets and other lessons for which he would always remain indebted to him. By serving the teachers, he was expressing his gratefulness to this great teacher, he said.

The conference was also addressed by Deputy Prime Minister and Political Adviser to the President Kazi Zafar Ahmed, President of the Primary Teachers Association Abul Kalam Azad and General Secretary of the association Kazi Abul Kasem Fazlul Huq. The function was attended by Prime Minister Moudud Ahmed, Ministers and hundreds of thousands of primary teachers from all over the country.