

PM assures primary teachers of fulfilling demands

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on Tuesday assured the primary teachers of fulfilling their immediate demands in phases and added that the teachers who are attending schools would now return to work and devote themselves to teaching their students, reports BSS.

It is very sad to make the innocent students hostage. Please place confidence in me and give me time. I pledge to meet all your immediate demands in phases as per our ability and availability of resources," she told the teachers

while addressing the closing ceremony of National Primary Education Week 2006 at Osmany Memorial Hall.

The Prime Minister said she is aware of the problems of the respected teachers. Her government took effective steps at different times to enhance financial facilities and social dignity of the teachers and it would continue in the future also, she added.

Begum Zia said her government has been implementing various programmes to ensure primary education for all.

It was Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman who, for the first time in the country, laid the highest emphasis on primary education in the eighties and introduced national education programmes in the second five-year plan to make 10 crore people literate, she added.

The Prime Minister said the success of Bangladesh in enhancing enrolment in primary schools and attaining gender parity is the top in South Asia. Upholding this trend of success, the country would have to ensure education for all by 2015.