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Bangladesh Primary School Teachers' Association forms a human chain in front of the National Press Club in the city yesterday with the slogan "Say no to hartal for the sake of child education".

SC to arrange training for lower court judges

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The Supreme Court has taken a move to provide special training to lower court judges through Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) and Bangladesh Military Academy (BMA) to enhance their administrative, mental and physical competencies.

BPATC is the apex training institute in public sector and BMA is the prestigious training institute for the officer cadets of the army, navy and air force.

The SC authorities last week sent a letter to the ministry of law, justice and parliamentary affairs to take appropriate measures to arrange the training for the judges at the institutes to develop interaction among judicial, administrative and military cadres, said court sources.

SC Registrar M Asraful Islam said that the SC authorities have requested the government to arrange special training for judicial officials to develop their interaction with other cadres.

Law Minister Shafique Ahmed told The

Daily Star that he was not informed whether the SC authorities has sent any letter to his ministry in this regard.

He also said the government would take decision after his ministry receives the letter.

The country's lower courts have 1,256 judges, and the newly appointed judges are now given only judicial training through Judicial Administration Training Institute (JATI) since 1996.

The judges were given training through BPATC before JATI was established, according to the sources.

If the judges are provided trainings through BPATC and BMA, judicial officials will learn driving, physical exercise and discipline other than academic lessons, a high official in the apex court told The Daily Star requesting anonymity.

He added that the inferiority complex among the judicial officials and the bureaucrats and armed forces will be removed, and interaction and cooperation among them will be developed, if judicial officials are provided the trainings.

WB launches project for vocational training

UNB, Dhaka

The World Bank launched a project yesterday to help Bangladesh develop human resources through strengthening of public and private training institutions.

Skills and Training Enhancement Project (STEP), approved by the World Bank's Board in June 2010, will improve skills of the domestic and migrant workforce.

STEP aims to strengthen the capacity of at least 30 polytechnic institutions and 50 short-term training providers to deliver high quality training.

The project will support about 160,000 student-years through "stipend for diploma" education. Further, around 50,000 students will participate in short-term training courses under the project.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid was the chief guest at the launching ceremony. Education Secretary Dr Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury, high govern-

ment officials, civil society members and representatives of development partners were present.

The project will focus on improving the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) system in the country to develop skilled workers who will be able to respond to the needs of both the domestic and international labour markets.

"Skills development plays an important role in growth and poverty reduction by increasing employability of workers," said Ellen Goldstein, World Bank Country Director for Bangladesh.

She said: "Skills development through vocational training allows domestic and migrant workers to compete for better jobs and earn higher wages. This (World Bank) project will help Bangladesh to tap the skilled international labour market and further increase remittances."

BNP plans warm reception for Khaleda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition party, BNP, has decided to accord a warm reception to its chairperson Khaleda Zia upon her return from China on Friday.

In the name of reception, the party and its front and associate bodies will stage a showdown of its political strength by gathering supporters from the city and adjacent areas, said the party insiders.

Leader of the Opposition Khaleda, now on a five-day tour to China at the invitation of the Communist Party of China, is set to arrive at Shahjalal International Airport on December 24.

BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain asked the leaders, activists, and supporters to gather in the airport area by 11:00am that day.

"Our leader will return on Friday. Thousands of our party leaders and workers will receive her at the airport," said Delwar. "They will welcome the chairperson in a disciplined way wherever the law enforcers create obstruction."

Delwar was briefing the media after a joint meeting of the party leaders at BNP's central office in Naya Paltan.

He also criticised the government for barring opposition leaders to enter the airport during departure of Khaleda. "When the prime minister goes abroad, no ruling party leader is obstructed at the airport. Why are the opposition leaders being barred?"

The BNP leader also alleged that the government is creating chance for the foreigners to interfere into the country's internal affairs by violating human rights and torturing the opposition leaders.

He said few developed countries are hatching conspiracy to create chaos in South Asian countries like Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Sri Lanka. "The government's act can create the same chance to happen the same thing in Bangladesh."

Altaf Hossain Chowdhury, Abdul Mannan, Ruhul Kabir Rizvi, Moazzem Hossain Alal, Shahiduddin Chowdhury Annee, among others, attended the meeting with Delwar in the chair.

NDC re-union concludes

BSS, Dhaka

The two-day first Re-union of National Defence College (NDC) concluded at the NDC complex in Mirpur Cantonment on Tuesday.

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni attended the function, said an ISPR release yesterday.

NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY

Call off Dec 26 hartal

Urge Nahid, various organisations including Sammilito Ulama Jote and Pry Teachers' Association

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday urged the ulemas to withdraw the December 26 hartal saying that the government would discuss with Sammilito Ulama Mashayekh Parishad if it withdraws the hartal.

"Withdraw the hartal considering sufferings of the people. The issue can be discussed," he said while addressing at a representative conference of Bangladesh Jamaatul Moderesin at its complex in the city's Mohakhali.

Around 10,000 teachers and employees of madrasa attended the conference where they rejected the hartal saying that they are not with the alem and Ulemas who called the hartal for political gain.

Sammilito Ulama Mashayekh Parishad, an anti-government forum of religion-based political leaders, called a nationwide dawn-to-dusk hartal for December 26 if the government doesn't comply with their recommendations regarding the national education policy within this time.

The minister said the education policy has been formulated maintaining the unique features of madrasa education.

He also said the parishad had discussed with him with their recommendation which were realised, but now the parishad announced the hartal.

"Please don't harm the nation by calling hartal," he said.

State Minister for Housing and Public

Works Abdul Mannan Khan; Golam Mawla Rony MP; Directorate General of Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education Prof Noman-ur-Rashid; Madrasa Education Board Chairman Prof Abdus Nur; and Bangladesh Jamaatul Moderesin President and Editor of Daily Inqilab AMM Bahuddin also spoke.

Meanwhile, Sammilito Islamic Jote yesterday rejected the hartal called by Sammilito Ulama Mashayekh Parishad on next Sunday and urged the countrymen to resist it.

Justice leaders and activists rejected the programme at a protest rally at the city's Muktangan.

Terming the pro-hartal forces as fundamentalists and war criminals, they said the anti-liberation forces are trying to hatch conspiracy to make the country unstable and foil trial of war criminals.

Organisation President Ziaul Hasan presided over the function, while a number of senior leaders spoke.

Speaking as the chief guest Prime Minister's Education Adviser Dr Alauddin Ahmed said not a single word can be found in the policy that may dishonour religious feelings of the people. So, there is no logical ground to call hartal centering the policy, he said.

Two other organisations -- Bangladesh Non-Government Primary School Teachers' Association and Bangladesh Ulama-Mashayekh Federation also rejected the hartal.

PM adviser hears ulemas' demand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister's Adviser HT Imam yesterday held a meeting with the leaders of Sammilito Ulama Mashayekh Parishad, a pro-BNP-Jamaat organisation, at his official residence to discuss the parishad's demands over which it called hartal on December 26.

"HT Imam wanted to know our demands. After listening to our demands, he said he will inform us after discussing the points with the prime minister," Abdul Latif Nejami, a leader of the parishad, told The Daily Star after the meeting.


He said they earlier held a meeting with State Minister for LGRD Jahangir Kabir Nanok, to which yesterday's meeting was a follow-up.

Latif, also the secretary general of Islami Oikya Jote (IOJ), a component of the BNP-Jamaat four-party alliance, said if the government realises their demands or gives logical assurance, they will call off the hartal.

Their demands include that madrasa education will have to be considered specialised education.


Muhiuddin Khan, the ulama parishad's chairman, announced the hartal protesting the education policy passed by the parliament recently. BNP had supported the hartal.

AL General Secretary and LGRD Minister Syed Ashrafur Islam termed Muhiuddin a "war criminal."



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