



## Rizvi: Building new Bangladesh not possible keeping teachers hungry



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"It's not possible to build a new Bangladesh leaving the teacher community hungry," he said, expressing solidarity with the teachers who are observing sit-in program demanding MPO registration of non-MPO educational institutions in front of the National Press Club. He criticized the government's neglect of non-MPO teachers protesting for salaries, urging action during Ramadan. The BNP leader said that the current interim government is the government which took office exchange of the sacrifice of Shaheed Abu Sayed, Mugdho and Ahnaf and it is their responsibility to alleviate the suffering of teachers.

However, the government has not paid the slightest attention to the demands raised by non-MPO teachers, he added. Ruhul Kabir Rizvi said: "We don't expect the chief adviser and education adviser to allow the teachers and staff to remain on the streets during this holy month of Ramadan, demanding for their salaries and allowances. Neglecting the teaching community, who are the builders of the nation, makes developing a new Bangladesh impossible." Since February 23, teachers of the Sammilit Non-MPO Oikya Parishad have been holding sit-in programs in front of the National Press Club demanding MPO. The BNP spokesperson said: "We're hearing that there is a 'kitchen cabinet' in the government. Because of them, Professor Muhammad Yunus can't take any decision alone."

He continued: "He is the chief adviser, equal to the prime minister. He can take some decisions by himself. But some advisers are not allowing that to happen. I don't understand what benefit they have by leaving the teachers hungry." Rizvi further said: "Dr M Aminul Islam is a talented teacher and a great 'academician'. Some advisers have misguided the chief adviser and that is why Aminul Islam was not given the position of education adviser even though his name was announced. It is very unfortunate how a worthy and qualified person is being insulted."