



Non-govt pry teachers start strike today

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achers of around 23,000 non government primary school across the country are going on seven-day strike from today demanding nationalisation of theirs.

Around one thousand teachers from 55 districts had been staying at the Central Shaheed Minar for the last four days. They observed a general hunger strike yesterday and today to press home their demand.

Teachers organised a press conference at the Central Shaheed Minar yesterday and announced a series of agitation programmes including a grand rally at the Duktangon at 12:00 noon on October 10 and hunger strike until 6:00 pm the same day.

"Six male and six female teachers from six divisions will immolate themselves by setting fire to

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emselves if the government does not fulfil our demand. The immolation date will be fixed after commencement of the indefinite hunger strike on October 10," said Md. Msul Alam, president of the teachers' association while addressing the conference.

Earlier yesterday, teachers brought out a procession from the Central Shaheed Minar at 12:00 noon and marched toward the Duktangon to submit a memorandum to President Iajuddin Ahmed. Police intercepted the procession at Doyel Chattar where teachers sat down and held a rally. One stage police clubbed the teachers leaving four injured.

Police later allowed a six-member delegation to the Duktangon to submit the memorandum.

Previously, the teachers submitted memorandums to Prime Minister Khaleda Zia on Sunday and also to Speaker Jamiruddin on Monday.