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Teachers' strike across country passes off 7th day

Teachers' strike across the country passed off seventh day on Thursday when their leaders refused to sit with the government without a formal announcement from UNB.

TEUF convenor Selim Bhuiyan said UNB that the government formally asked them to sit for discussion. "But we won't sit with government without having formal announcement."

Teachers of non-governmental schools, colleges and madrasas on indefinite strike jeopardized the academic career of thousands of students. They demanded salary and fringe benefits as provided by the government teachers. Striking teachers formed a human chain from zero point to the Sports Club in the city at 11 am.

They gathered for one hour. They organized a similar programme in district and upazila headquarters.

Selim said they would hold a demonstration on July 16 and meet with government leaders.

TEUF, a separate organization of teachers, said they have not received any response from the government to their demand.