

17th day of strike passed Teachers-Govt dialogu not held

The dialogue with the government on the current stalemate in education was not held on the 17th day of the strike enforced by teachers and employees of the 11,000 government schools, colleges and madrassas, reports BD News.

Different platforms of teachers, meanwhile, vowed to strengthen the ongoing movement until finalisation of their 17-point demand including 100 percent allocation of basic salary from the central exchequer.

The National Front for Teachers Employees held a grand rally today at the Central Shaheed Minar where tens of thousands of teachers assembled from across the country.

Convener of the front Principal Md Faruq Ahmed urged the government to think of the future of

the students.

"The Prime Minister gave a week to resolve the crisis. We are yet to see any initiative from the government. Do they really want to come out of the crisis?" the convener asked.

Teachers observed, "The movement is not based on personal ground, rather, it is a movement to initiate a modern academic culture".

The Shikkhak Samity, on the other hand, expressed solid support with the NFTE and decided to launch a unified movement.

General Secretary of Dhaka University Shikkhak Samity Md Akhtaruzzaman and former President AAMS Arefin Siddique and Principal Awal Siddiqui were present at the grand rally.

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Teachers-Govt

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The government-backed Shikkhak Karmachari Oikya Jote staged a sit-in in front of all TNO offices in the country. At a meeting held at the Metropolitan Scout Bhawan, the Jote leaders demanded removal of State Minister Ehsanul Haque Milon from the Ministry. Teachers called him a conspirator out to foil the movement.

About the dialogue the Jote President Selim Bhuiya told BD News that the government maintained contact with him over telephone.

"This was merely a courtesy phone call", he said.

Madrasa Shikkhak Samity Secretary General Jainal Abedin said, till now, there was no meeting with them from the govern-