

Hasina backs 4-pt demand of teachers

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Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition in the Parliament Sheikh Hasina called upon the people from all walks of life to support the movement of teachers of non-Government schools and colleges for the realisation of their genuine demands.

Addressing the striking teachers who passed the second day of their sit-in demonstration in front of National Press Club on Sunday, Sheikh Hasina called upon the teachers to strengthen their movement for the realisation of 4-point demand.

The sit-in demonstration was also addressed, among others, by Mr. Abdus Samad Azad, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Zillur Rahman, Amir Hossain Amu, Mayor Mohammad Hanif and Kader Siddiki of Awami League, Moudud Ahmed and Kazi Zafar Ahmed of Jatiya Party, Sheikh Anser Ali of Jamaat-e-Islami, Bangladesh, Advocate Nurul Alam of Gonoazadi League, Humayun Kabir Hiru of JSD-Rab, A.R.M. Abdul Matin of Khelafat Majlis. Besides, the leaders of Left Democratic Front, JSD (Inu), Chhatra Union, many political and socio-cultural organisation have expressed their solidarity with the movement of teachers.

Awami League chief expressed

solidarity with the demands of the teachers on behalf of her party and called upon the Government to accept it immediately. In this connection she assured the teachers and said if Awami League is voted to power their demands would be fulfilled automatically.

Sheikh Hasina said, BNP government is patronising the corruption, terrorism and killing by sheltering terrorists killers and corrupt elements. She said that people have become victims of maladministration of BNP government. Sheikh Hasina said that the BNP Government under the leadership of Begum Khaleda Zia had failed to run the statecraft.

Sheikh Hasina said that the Government was ignoring the demands of teachers. She said, "nobody is safe from the clutches of BNP. It has assaulted teachers, journalists, students, businessmen and workers and BNP must pay for it".

Awami League chief said that the students were being deprived of education and the Government was responsible for it because it had pushed the teachers in the strike.

Later Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina sent Chira (fried rice) and molasses for the demonstrating teachers.

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Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Parliament Abdus Samad Azad thanked the teachers for strengthening the movement for the realisation of their demand.

Awami League General Secretary Zillur Rahman called upon the striking teachers to continue their movement until the realisation of their demand.

City Awami League Chief and Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Mr. Md. Hanif asked the government to accept the demand of teachers immediately.

Jatiya Party Presidium Member Moudud Ahmed expressed its solidarity with the movement of teachers. He said that the demand of the teachers was genuine.

JP presidium member Kazi Zafar Ahmed asked the teachers not to stop their movement until the realisation of their demand.

Sheikh Anser Ali of Jamaat-e-Islami, Bangladesh supported the movement of teachers. He asked the teachers to continue their movement.

It may be mentioned here that the thousands of teachers of non-Government schools and colleges of the country were observing sit-in demonstration in front of National Press Club from 10 a.m. on Saturday.