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## Non-govt teachers begin strike

The country's faltering education system, already plagued by student unrest and session jam got another jolt as teachers of non-government schools and colleges went on an indefinite strike from Monday, reports UNB.

The Teachers Central Action Liaison Committee which had called for the strike said no classes were held in any private schools and colleges across the country on the first day Monday of their action to press home their four-point demand.

There was no word from the Education Ministry so far about the Committee's claim of an allout strike in the country's 11,000 non-

government schools and 640 colleges.

The demands of striking teachers include equal benefits and teaching facilities enjoyed by Government teachers as well as job security.

The Action Committee meeting at Jubilee School in city on Monday afternoon congratulated the teachers for responding to the strike call.

The meeting decided to hold rallies and demonstration at all thana headquarters on April 21 and at district towns on April 24 to mobilise support for their demands.

The teachers action, only two  
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weeks ahead of the crucial SSC examinations beginning May 2, caused serious concern among examinees and the guardians. About 700,000 candidates are due to appear for the SSC examinations in the country's four Education Boards.

Some 1,75,000 teachers are employed in private schools and colleges which constitute about 85 per cent of the Secondary and Higher Secondary level education.