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Govt school teachers to go on strike from Apr 30

Government secondary school teachers Wednesday threatened to go on strike from April 30 deepening the crisis created by non-government school and college teachers boycotting classes since April 18, reports UNB.

With abstaining from holding class by government teachers, the entire secondary education system will be completely paralysed.

Bangladesh Government Secondary Teachers' Association (BGSTA) at a rally in the city Wednesday announced they would go on strike from April 30 to press home their 10-point demand. The demands include a separate directorate for secondary education and recognition of assistant teachers as first class gazetted officer.

There are 316 government and about 11,000 non-government secondary schools all over the country where about 7 lakh students are set to appear in SSC examinations beginning May 2.

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Addressing the rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club Wednesday afternoon General Secretary of the Association Md. Nazrul Islam said the government should ensure regular payment of salary to the teachers. He said it was inhuman to stop salary on flimsy grounds and demanded punishment for those responsible for withholding salary.

Presided over by BGSTA President Md. Abdur Razzak, the rally was also addressed by Sardar Saiful Islam, Abdur Rahim, Maleka Begum, Md. Shamsul Haq and Mahiuddin Ahmed.

Teachers of some 640 non-government colleges who are also on strike today demanded immediate resignation of the Education Minister, Jamiruddin Sircar, for his failure in responding to the situation.

The College Teachers Association at a meeting renewed its call for intervention of the Prime Minister to resolve the crisis.