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PM's intervention sought

Talks with striking teachers fail

The formal talks between the leaders of the Central Teachers Action Liaison Committee and the Government on Thursday failed to yield any fruitful result, reports UNB.

The leaders of the Liaison Committee met with the Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar to discuss their 4-point demands.

The meeting sources said the Government side placed some proposals to the committee leaders. The leaders will convey their opinions to the Government later.

Tele Communications Minister Tariqul Islam, State Minister for Education Principal Yunus Khan, Kamrul Islam MP and Education Secretary Ershadul Haq were present from the government side while

Md Kainruzzaman, Sheikh Amanullah, Dr M. Akhteruzzaman, Principal Kazi Faruk Ahmed, Principal AKM Jahirul Islam, Hena Das, Azizul Haq Shah, Prof A.N. Rasheda, Prof. Mansurur Rahman, M Awai Siddiqui were represent the Liaison Committee in the meeting.

Earlier report says:

Striking teachers and employees of non-Government schools and colleges on Friday renewed their pledge to continue the strike which passed the 11th day on Thursday.

Some 1.75 lakh teachers of the country's 11,640 private schools and colleges joined the indefinite strike that began April 18 at the call of teachers' central liaison committee

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Teachers pledge

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demanding wages and facilities equivalent to those of government schools and colleges.

Several hundred teachers staged demonstration near the Shikhyabhan in Dhaka on Thursday morning with police battling to resist them from entering the office of the Director General of Secondary and Higher Education.

The striking teachers also gheraoed the offices of Thana Niyabhi Officers (TNOs) across the country.

Addressing a rally near the Shikhyabhan, leaders of the central liaison committee expressed their determination to continue the strike until their demands were met.

They sought the Prime Minister's intervention in resolving their problems.

The rally which was followed by a procession was addressed, among others, by Dr. Aktaruzzaman, Sheikh Amanullah, Md. Kamruzzaman, Kazi Faruk Ahmed, Azizul Haq Shah, Prof Asadul Haq, Prof Abdur Rob Mia, AN Rasheda, Chowdhury Khurshid Alam and Habibur Rahman.

"We hope the Prime Minister will

intervene into the matter and let us apprise her of our just demands," said Kazi Farouk Ahmed.

Prof Asadul Haq said, "We don't want the SSC examination to be a farce. There is still time for negotiation."

The liaison committee will gherao all DC offices on April 30 when its plans to announce next course of action.

Meanwhile, BCS General Education Association in an emergency meeting of its central executive committee on Thursday decided that Government college teachers would abstain from duty in SSC examination centres as their services were placed under the DC.

President of the association Dr. QATM Habibur Rahman presided over the meeting at Jagannath College, said a Press release.

The meeting said the fate of seven lakh SSC examinees will become uncertain as untrained people are to conduct the first ever examination under the computerised system.

It observed that instead of resolving the problems of the striking teachers the Government is trying to create divisions and confusions among the teachers.