

Aspiring teachers demand immediate govt pry school appointment

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THE aspiring teachers, finally recommended for the position of assistant teachers in government primary schools, demanded their immediate appointment on Sunday.

They organised a sit-in protest in front of the National Museum near Shahbagh crossing in the capital in the morning and continued the protest till evening.

The state minister for primary and mass education, Bobby Hajaj, later requested them to return home, saying that the appointment process is ongoing as per the due procedure.

Earlier, the government held the written test for the recruitment of assistant primary teachers on January 9 this year in 61 districts.

The results were published on January 21 while 69,265 passed the written test.

After the viva-vice the ministry recommended 14,384 candidates for the positions.

The protesters said that they were finally selected based on merit and qualifications after a long recruitment process.

After receiving the recommendation, they submit-

ted all the necessary documents as per rules and also completed the medical test, they added.

Some of them alleged that they had left their previous jobs to join the government primary schools.

As they were passing days in uncertainty, they vowed to continue the protest until their demands were met.

Later a seven-member delegation of the protesting aspiring teachers met the state minister Bobby Hajaj at the Bangladesh Secretariat in the afternoon.

Shahbagh thana duty officer said that the protesters blocked the road in front of the museum at about 11:00am and continued their protest till around 6:00pm.

Passengers on the route suffered as one part of the road was blocked for hours.

A press release, issued by the ministry, read that at the meeting the state minister said that when the recruitment process is completed as per the due procedure, the teachers will be appointed.

He urged the protesters to be patient and not to create public sufferings in the name of movement.