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Non-govt teachers' strike continues

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The strike of the non-government teachers and employees continued for third consecutive day on Wednesday with no move from the government to end the present deadlock.

About two lakh teachers of non-government colleges and schools of the country began strike for an indefinite period from April 18 in pursuance of their 15-point demand including announcement of fulfilled pay scale, formation of a teachers welfare trust, security of service and removal of disparity between the students of government and non-government educational institutions.

Prof. Abdul Rob Miah, Convener and Coordinator of Dhaka City, Prof. Hosne Ara, Mohammed Shahidullah, Mohammed Azizur Rahman, M. Nazrul Islam Talukdar and M. Afzal Miah, Convener and Coordinators of Teachers Liaison Committee in a joint statement on Wednesday expressed their deep anger and condemnation over the silence of the government in resolving the crisis arising out of the strike by the teachers.

The Liaison committee of the teachers as part of its programme will hold rallies and demonstrations at 10 a.m. today (Thursday) in the city and thana level and rally at 10 a.m. on April 24 at the Central Shaheed Minar. The leaders of Teachers Liaison Committee urged the strik-

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ing teachers to continue their movement till the demands were accepted.

Bangladesh College Teachers Association at a meeting held on Wednesday urged the teachers to continue their strike at the cost of anything till the final victory was achieved. The meeting accused the Education Minister Zamiruddin Sircar of hostageing the seven lakh SSC examinees and their guardians and demanded his immediate removal from the Education Minister. The meeting urged Prime Begum Khaleda Zia to personally intervene and resolve the crisis.