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Pry teachers threaten to go on hunger strike

The teachers of non-government primary schools on Sunday threatened to go on indefinite hunger strike from Thursday if their four-point demand is not met, says UNB.

The ultimatum was given by Bangladesh Non-Government Primary Teachers Association after two days of sit-in by the teachers in front of National Press Club.

Extending the sit-in programme till Wednesday, the Association leaders said they have started the programme on Saturday demanding nationalisation of all registered non-government primary schools in the country along with the teachers.

They are also demanding monthly allowance of Tk 1500 to the schools until these are nationalised, granting registration to the yet unregistered primary schools, and appointment of teachers according to number of students, particularly in the schools of cities and municipal towns.

Addressing the teachers in front of Press Club in the afternoon, Association President Major (Retd) Asaduzzaman criticised the government for its lack of initiative in resolving their problems.

"We have been forced to go for this agitation and are determined to continue it until realisation of our demands", they said.

The gathering was also addressed, among others, by Association leaders Anwar Hossain Chowdhury, Mohammad Humayun Kabir, Ruhul Kuddus, Afsar Uddin, Afzal Hossain and Abul Hossain.