

## Teachers rally today Strike continues, govt silent

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The strike for an indefinite period by teachers and employees of non-government high schools and colleges passed sixth consecutive day on Saturday with no sign of breaking the deadlock immediately.

Till Saturday, no effective move was taken by the Government side to end the stalemate in the education sector created by the strike.

Education Ministry officials insisted that they were trying hard to break the deadlock through discussion with the teachers community. But the leaders of the Teachers Central Action Liaison Committee, the main forum of teachers and employees of non-government high schools and colleges, denied the claim.

The Liaison Committee will hold a rally of teachers and employees of non-government schools and colleges at the central Shaheed Minar today (Sunday) at 10 a.m.

Meanwhile, government High School teachers on Wednesday threatened to go for strike from April 30 to realise their 10-point demand including separate Directorate for secondary education and recognition of Assistant Teachers as first class gazetted officer.

Also teachers of Government colleges warned on Friday that they would observe strike on May 9 to protest the dilly-dally practice of the Government to fill in the vacant posts of teachers in the nationalised colleges.

A meeting of the Central Teachers' Action Liaison Committee was held on Saturday at New Model Degree College with Mohammad Kamruzzaman in the chair. The meeting called upon all teachers and employees of non-government schools and colleges to make the rally a success.

In a resolution adopted at the meeting the liaison committee urged teachers and employees to stage rally and demonstration in all Thana Headquarters and to gherao office of the Thana Nirbahi Officer April 28 and to bring out protest procession in District Headquarters and to gherao office of Deputy Commissioners on April 30 as part of the movement.

The meeting was attended by liaison committee leaders Sheikh Amanullah, Dr. M. Akhtaruzzaman, Principal Kazi Farook Ahmed, Principal Zahurul Islam, Prof. Mansurur Rahman, Prof. Asadul Huq, Prof.

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Abdur Rab Mian and Azizul Haq Shah.

Another teachers association Bangladesh Shikshak Samity (Ashraf-Nazrul) also held a meeting to review the situation. Presided over by President of the Samity S.M. Ashraf Ali, the meeting expressed its deep concern over the Government's failure to take any effective step to end the strike of teachers and employees of non-government high schools and colleges.

The meeting vowed to continue the strike till the realisation of the demand for nationalisation of services of teachers and employees of non-government high schools and colleges.

Among others, Secretary General of the samiy Nazrul Islam, Khalilur Rahman Bhuiyan, Abul Hossain, K.G. Mostafa, Momtaj Ahmed and Monwar Hossain addressed the meeting.

Bangladesh Adarsha Shikshak Parishad in a statement on Saturday expressed its concern over the government's silence about the demand of the teachers and employees of non-government high schools and colleges and urged the Government to end the stalemate in the secondary education