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Memorandum submitted to Speaker

## Teachers call 8-hr hartal today

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The striking teachers of private schools and colleges will enforce a 8-hour hartal from 6 a.m.—2 p.m. in the capital today Tuesday, their leaders said.

They said they would go ahead with their planned hartal as part of their action programme to press home their 4-point demands.

Meanwhile, thousands of non-government secondary and college teachers took part in a march towards Parliament on Monday to hand over a memorandum containing their four-point demand to the Speaker.

But the march was intercepted by police at Bangla Motor crossing where members of the law enforcing agencies put up barbed-wire barricades to refrain marchers from proceeding towards the Parliament as the budget session was going on.

No untoward incident occurred when police halted the processionists.

A delegation from Bangla Motor crossing led by leaders of the Central Teachers' Action Liaison Committee

including M. Amanullah, Mohammad Quamruzzaman, Dr. M. Akhtaruzzaman and Kazi Farook Ahmed went to the Parliament aboard a police van and handed over the memorandum to the Speaker.

The march towards Parliament started at 3-15 p.m. from the National Press Club, where non-government school and college teachers had been staging sit-in from Saturday to press home their demands and reached at the Bangla Motor crossing at 4 p.m.

The four-point demand includes increase in government contribution to their salaries to 100 per cent from 70 per cent and awarding same benefits as given to government teachers.

Marching teachers sat at the Bangla Motor crossing for about two hours and heard speeches delivered by Liaison Committee leaders and left the place when the delegation came back.

Delegation members told teachers that the Speaker had received them

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cordially and assured them that he would discuss their demands with Prime Minister Monday night.

Leaders of different political parties including Tofael Ahmed, MP, Prof. Abdul Mannan, MP, and Khan Tipu Sultan MP of Awami League, Dr. TIM Fazle Rabbi Chowdhury MP of Jatiya Party, Rashed Khan Menon, MP of a Workers Party of Bangladesh, Surendra Sen Gupta MP of Ganatantri Party and Hasanul Huq Inu of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal on Monday addressed the teachers in front of the National Press Club expressing their solidarity with teachers.

The Central Teachers' Action Liaison Committee on Monday in a statement protested against speeches given at Parliament by Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar and Tele Communication Minister Tariqul Islam.

It said: "The statement at the Parliament given by the Ministers that the movement of the non-government teachers was politically motivated was false and it was nothing but a design to neglect just demands of non-government teachers and to depict it otherwise."

The statement called upon the government to take effective steps to solve the crisis arising out of the non-implementation of the four-point demand.