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Teachers' strike

Teachers to observe strike April 7

Central Liaison Committee for Teachers' Movement (CLCTM) (Thursday) threw an action plan, including a full-day token strike on April 7 in all educational institutions across the country, to press its 15-point demand, reports UNB.

Announcing the programme at a press conference at the National Press Club CLCTM Convener Kazi Faruk Ahmed said the government should immediately introduce a full national pay scale for the non-government teachers keeping its conformity with the government teachers.

The other programmes include wearing of black badges, demonstration in thana level and submission of memorandum to Thana Nirbahi Officers (TNO) on March 30, procession in district level and submission of memorandum to the Deputy Com-

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missioners on April 4, grand rally and sit-in demonstration in front of the National Press Club on April 12. "No nation can develop depriving the teachers of their basic rights". Faruk Ahmed said seeking Prime Minister's intervention to resolve the crisis.

He also urged the Prime Minister to take steps to restructure the teacher-employee welfare trust, introduce security act for the teachers and ensure same facilities to the students of the non-government colleges like government colleges.

CLCTM since the start of its movement in 1992 observed a 35-day non-stop strike, he said.

"We also called off a planned strike following an assurance by the Prime Minister on February 21. But, unfortunately, no official steps have yet been taken to meet our legitimate demand", Faruk told the newsmen.

We will be compelled to wage a greater action programme, including non stop-strike, if our demands were not met by April 12.

Dr. Akhteruzzaman, Md. Kamruzzaman and Sheikh Amanullah also addressed the press conference. Other central leaders, including Prof. AKM Zahirul Islam, Md. Nurullah, Habibur Rahman, Khorshed Alam Chowdhury, Azizul Haq Shah, Prof. Shafiqul Alam, Hajera Begum and Md. Majed Talukder were present.