



Non-government primary teachers staged a sit-in demonstration at Bangla Motor area demanding nationalisation of their services on Sunday.

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7-hr traffic jam in city

Non-Govt Pry teachers begin hunger strike

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Hundreds of non-Government primary school teachers from across the country began a hunger strike in the city on Sunday demanding nationalisation of their jobs.

The teachers who assembled at Osman Uddyan in the morning at the call of Non-Government Primary School Teachers Association started marching towards the Prime Minister's secretariat at about 11.30 a.m. after a brief rally.

Police stopped the procession when it reached near Sonargaon Hotel crossing. Later, the processionists sat on the street and continued their demonstration. They were continuing their hunger strike on the busy Mymensingh Road between Bangla Motor and Sonargaon Hotel crossing till the time of writing this report at 10 p.m. on Sunday.

Sudden street demonstration

caused a serious traffic congestion in the city. The congestion lasted about seven hours.

More than 30 teachers got fainted due to oppressive summer heat. They were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Some other were given first aid. The hospitalised teachers were Ainul Haque, Jamaluddin, Nasiruddin, Anwarul Haque, Abdur Rashid, Fakrul Islam, Habibur Rahman, Mirzauddin, Rabiu Alam and Saifuddin Ahmed.

Police officials were negotiating with the demonstrating teachers to change the venue at the near-by park. Leaders of the Non-Government Primary School Teachers Association, however, said that they would continue their hunger strike till their five-point demands were met.