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### **BFTA for implementation of 22-pt demand**

Bangladesh Federation of Teachers' Association (BFTA) on Tuesday submitted a 22-point demand to the government asking for steps for the development of teachers, students and checking unfair means in examinations in the country, reports BSS.

Leaders of the BFTA, an association of four organisations of the teachers of government and non-government schools colleges, at a Press conference at the Jatiya Press Club also threatened greater movement if the demands were not met immediately.

The BFTA demands include raising salaries of the non-government school and college teachers from 80 per cent to 100 per cent, providing training to the teachers before changing syllabus, taking adequate measures to resist unfair means in examinations and reintroducing Non-Government Teachers' and Employees' Welfare Trust.

Speaking at the Press conference, BFTA Secretary, General Principal Kazi Farook Ahmed said that they would go for a greater movement if the demands of the teachers were not met by the next two months.

"Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has assured us of raising the government part of our salaries to 100 per cent, but the order in this regard is yet to come tonight," he said.

He underscored the need for introducing technology-based modern education to meet the demands of the next millennium. He called upon the government to follow international teachers-students ratio for bringing qualitative changes in the educational institutions in the country.

The BFTA leader thanked the government for providing Taka one lakh in each college to buy books and other educational aid.

BFTA Chairman Sheikh Amanullah, President Bangladesh College Teachers Association, Bangladesh Government College Teachers Association President Ali Akhter Khan, Bangladesh Teachers' Association President Selim Bhuiyan and other senior leaders of the organisations were present at the Press conference.