



### Govt college teachers' strike from April 8

Some 12,000 government college teachers are planning to go for a wildeat strike from April 8 for realising their 12-point charter of demands as a March 6 deadline went unheeded.

The teachers of 249 government colleges of the country also threatened boycott of public examination—Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) Examination '95—beginning in May, if their demands were not met by Monday.

The demands of the teachers include creation of 6,000 posts in government colleges, filling vacancies through departmental promotion by abolishing 10 per cent reserved quota, fitting the Lecturer, Associate Professor and Professor in scales keeping in line with other cadre jobs.

Bangladesh Government College Professors Association (BGCPA) and Lecturers Association (BGCLA) served sixth notice on Feb 12 to the government demanding fulfilment of their "just" demands by March 6.

Talking to UNB, BGCPA President Prof Kamal Ataur Rahman said the government side agreed with their certain demands during a meeting with the government officials last month but was yet to send the proposal to the ministry.

"During a wildeat strike in 1991, the government, accepting our demands, promoted 5200 teachers and created 1600 posts, but is dilly-dallying with our genuine demands now," he said.

He said before going for indefinite strike the teachers, wearing black badge, would abstain from duties for six days from March 11 for two hours from 10 am everyday.

The associations sought intervention of the Prime Minister, the Education Minister and the Education Secretary into the matter.