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## College teachers to boycott classes from today

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CHITTAGONG, Sept 27: - Several thousands teachers of different public colleges across the country will begin a nonstop work abstention from tomorrow (Thursday) protesting a government decision.

Earlier, the government exempted 300 teachers from routine examinations of career promotion. Leaders of the demonstrating teachers branded the examined teachers as 'unfit' for the positions they were given.

Sources said that a good number of those teachers were expelled from examination halls for adopting unfair means. Some of them failed to pass the examinations several times.

Secretary General of Bangladeshi Civil Service General Education Association Masum-e-Tabbani Khan protested the government moves yesterday and said, "Many eligible teachers of the BCS cadre will lose their seniority if the government move is implemented."

It was learnt that the Education Minister Dr. M Osman Farruk forwarded the exemption proposal for Prime Minister's approval. "So far we know, the Prime Minister has also approved it," Masum claimed.

Earlier, the teachers abstained from work for about 16 days and also submitted memorandum to

minister and education secretary. But none of them paid any heed to their request.

He said that they would continue their strike until the government move for exam exemption is scrapped. Moreover, he said, promotions of a number of lecturers have been deferred for about one and a half years now due to the process of this exemption.