

Some teachers go to class others stick to movement

Some non-government schools, colleges and madrasas across the country reopened Monday following calling off the month-long strike by a section of teachers while others remained closed as two other factions vowed to continue their movement terming the government announcement deceptive.

The Shikhhak Karmachari Oikya Jote led by Shariful Islam suspended the strike for one month following the announcement by the Education Minister of 100 percent government contribution to their salary, up from current 90 percent.

Another faction of teachers-employees alliance led by Selim Bhuiyan called off its agitation programme Sunday but threatened to go for further movement if the government imposes any condition on the 100 percent state contribution to their salary.

However, the National Front of Teachers and Employees, and Bangladesh Shikhhak

Karmachari Oikya Parishad decided to continue their ongoing movement.

Chief convener of the National Front of Teachers and Employees principal Kazi Faruq Ahmed Monday told BDNEWS that the payment of five percent enhanced salary through bond is nothing but a deception.

He said that the government did not accept their main demands regarding house rent, medical allowance and increment.

The front will announce its next course of action after a meeting of the representatives from teachers and employees Tuesday. In the meeting, they will evaluate the announcement of the government.

Besides, the community teachers were observing sit-in demonstration Monday at the central Shaheed Minar covering their mouth with black cloth demanding nationalisation of their jobs.

They said they will continue their movement until their de-

mands are met.

Leader of Shikhhak Karmachari Oikya Jote led by Shariful Islam said the teachers went to classrooms following the government's announcement of 100 percent salary.

Leaders of Selim Bhuiyan alliance at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club Monday said the Education Minister Sujaat announced to meet their demands without any condition. But he became confused to see news items about conditions posed by the government.

About 25 thousand government school, college and madrasa teachers have waging movement for one month to press home their various demands, including 100 percent remuneration from the government coffer.

Education minister Dr Ovais Faruk at a press briefing Sunday disclosed that the government accepted the demands of teachers and employees.