

# Seven striking teachers injured in police action

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At least seven teachers of non-government schools and colleges were injured as police baton charged on a procession brought out by the striking teachers and employees of non-government educational institution in the city on Saturday.

The injured victims include Moni Haider, Office Secretary of Shikhhak Karmachari Oikya Parishad (SKOP).

He was later taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) with head injury. He was immediately admitted into the hospital.

Agency reports says: The police action took place on the eighth day of non-stop strike called by four groups of teachers and employees of non-government schools, colleges and madrassas mainly for 100 per cent salary from the government.

Witnesses said police charged baton indiscriminately as the teachers in a procession heading towards the Central Shaheed

Minar from Muktangan defied police obstruction near the Secretariat.

State minister for education, Ehsanul Haq Milon, who was outside the capital expressed his ignorance over the police action on

the teachers.

"I know nothing about the incident," he said when reached by cell phone.

Following the police attack, Bangladesh Shikhhak Karmachari (See page 15 Col. 2)



Bangladesh Teachers Association on Saturday in pursuance of its eight-point demands.

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Oikya Parishad called to stage demonstration in every district on July 16.

It also threatened to go for stringent action if the demand of salary hike is not met by July 20.

Earlier, SKOP leaders addressing the rally at Muktangan vowed to continue the strike, UNB report says.

Some 5.5 lakh teachers are on strike since July 6 jeopardizing the academic career of millions of students of non-government schools and colleges across the country. They demand salary and fringe benefits as enjoyed by the government teachers.

The government leaders had earlier dropped hints at discussing the issue with striking teachers. But the teachers declined to meet them without a formal announcement.

No indication was available till Saturday night to end the impasse when the guardians are worried