

If Govt-fails to meet 6-pt demands Teachers to launch non-stop strike from July 9

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Teachers Employees United Alliance, a joint front of seven organisations have threatened to launch non-stop strike in all the private schools and colleges of the country from July 9 next if their six-point education agenda are not met.

"Prior to the continuous strike, we will observe two-hour work abstention in all the private educational institutions on July 8, next, if the Government fails to meet the demands within July 4," said Professor M. Shariful Islam, president of the Teachers

Employees United Alliance at a Press conference held at a local hotel on Wednesday.

President of Bangladesh Principal Council Parinipal Mazharul Hannan read out a written statement at the Press conference.

The demands include allocation of 100 per cent basic salary from the Government, instead of present 90 per cent salary, equal salary of the government and Non-Government secondary school teachers and employees as per the new national pay scale, provi-

sion of house rent and medical allowances, promotion and providing time scale.

They demanded 30 per cent dearness allowance as the prices of essential commodities have increased sharply.

They called upon the Government to appoint non-political persons with the minimum bachelor degree qualification as the Chairman or Member of the Governing bodies of the private educational institutions.

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Government educational institutions in terms of educational qualifications, if we work same, if we scrutinise the same answer papers of the students, than we must deserve the equal facilities granted by the Government," said Professor Sharif at the Press conference.

Responding to a question he said it was true that a few private colleges and schools in the capital city Dhaka are solvent but it does not reflect the total scenerio of the country.

He also said some private educational institutions are taking higher tuition fees from the students but unfortunately it is not monitored by the Government.

Sharif raising question said if the present Government is education-friendly why are the eight lakh teachers of the country now in the streets for realising their just demands?

Responding to another question he said the allegation of less qualifications of the private school and college teachers would not at all arise when they (teachers) themselves demanded the Government to set up education service commission for recruiting teachers.

Among others, Muhammad Jahangir Khan, Alhaj Nazrul Islam, Principal Ishaq Hossain, Vice Principal Harunnur Rashid Pathan, Principal Rafiqul Arafat