

Public univ teachers threaten to boycott admission tests

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THE leaders of Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers' Association on Thursday threatened to boycott the upcoming admission tests of the public universities if their demands for a separate pay scale and reviewing new pay scale were not met.

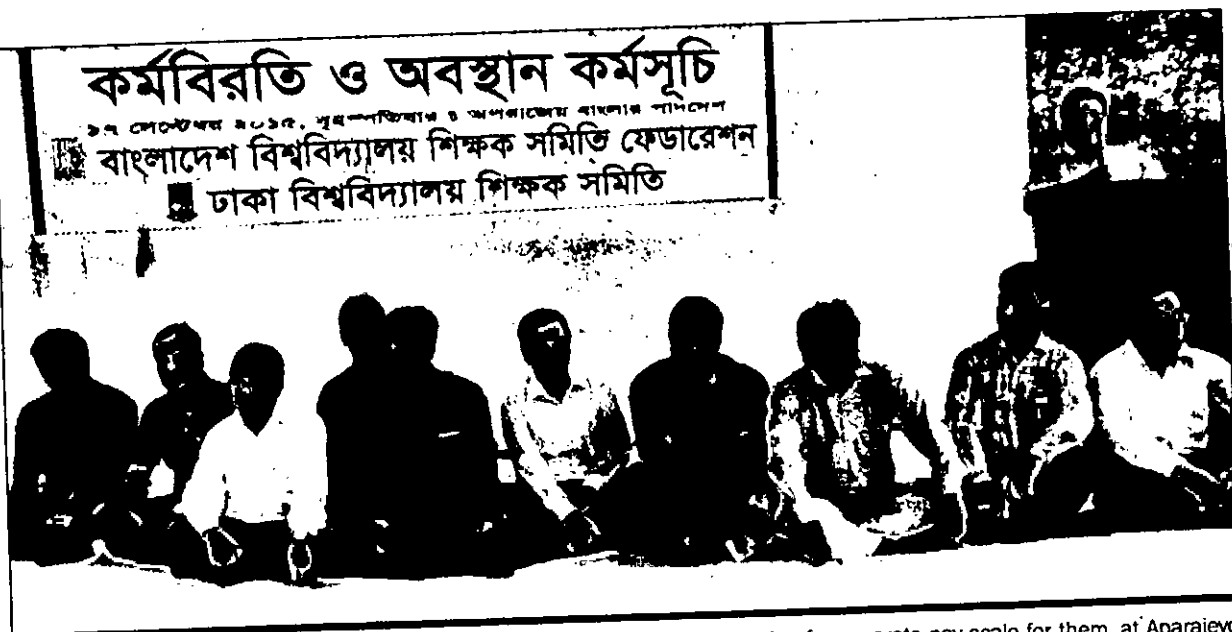
The teachers organised a sit-in which was a part of their full day work abstention and threatened to tougher movement after the Eid Ul Azha, to realise their demands.

The FBUTA general secretary, ASM Maksud Kamal, said the teachers of the public universities are contemplating to boycott admission tests of their respective institutions if their demands go unrealised.

Classes at all the 37 public universities were suspended during the boycotting hours. The teachers observed similar programmes on September 8 and 13, respectively.

Maksud Kamal reiterated their reasoning for a neutral commission where the teachers can place their 'justified' demands.

'We will not get any 'just' decision from a committee



Public University Teachers Association stages a sit-in, during their work abstention for separate pay scale for them, at Aparajeyo Bangla of Dhaka University on Thursday. — Sanaul Haque

led by the finance minister,' he said, referring to a cabinet decision made on September 7 to form a cabinet committee to address disparities in the government salary structures and look into the demands of the public university teachers.

The FBUTA president Farid Uddin Ahmed vowed to continue their movement

until their demand is met.

New Age correspondents reported that teachers' associations of Dhaka University, Jahangirnagar University, Rajshahi University, Chittagong University, Islamic University in Kushtia, Bangladesh Agriculture University in Mymensingh observed the similar work abstentions on their respec-

tive campuses.

The teachers, under the banner of the federation, have been on the street since May 14 and their four-point demands include: keeping senior professors and senior secretaries on the same pay scale, an identical payment and benefits for teachers as enjoyed by the same grade of government officials, and proper place-

ment of the teachers in the warrant of precedence.

On Wednesday, the government reconstituted a cabinet committee to look into the allegations of 'discrepancies' in the 8th National Pay Scale. Finance Minister AMA Muhiith is heading the team which will submit its recommendations upon examining the complaints.