

Primary teachers body demands better grade

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PRIMARY Assistant Teachers Federation, a newly formed combine of four associations of the primary teachers, at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity on Sunday demanded 11th grade of the announced 8th national pay scale.

Shahinul Al Amin, president of Bangladesh Primary Assistant Teachers Soci-

ety, in a written statement said that 3,50,000 assistant teachers would be deprived if they were not included in the 11th grade of the newly announced pay scale.

He raised a six-point demands including stopping appointment of head teachers in the primary schools, fixing minimum bachelor degree for men and women in appointing primary teachers, announcing separate pay

scale for the teachers according to the Education Policy 2010, reinstating time-scale and selection grade.

The four organisations announced movement programmes including holding of three-hour abstention from work by the teachers in all schools of the country from September 19 to 21, holding daylong strike on September 22 and holding token hunger strike in front of the National

Press Club on October 15.

Mohammad Zahidur Rahman Biswas, president of Bangladesh Government Primary School Teachers Association, Nasrin Sultana, president of Bangladesh Primary School Assistant Teachers Association and Mohammad Jasim Uddin Sarker, president of Bangladesh Primary Assistant Teachers Forum attended the press conference.