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Non-govt pry teachers begin sit-in strike

Several thousand non-government primary school teachers on Saturday began a two-day dawn-to-dusk sit-in programme in front of National Press Club to press for their four-point demand, reports UNB.

Organisers of the sit-in strike, Bangladesh Non-Government Primary Teachers' Association, threatened to go for hunger strike for indefinite period if their demands are not met by Sunday.

Their main demands are nationalisation of all registered non-government primary schools along with the teachers and giving monthly allowance of Taka 1500 to the schools until those are nationalised.

The demands also include granting registration to the yet not registered primary schools and giving allowance to the schools with more than four teachers.

Leaders of the 25,000 member association claimed that more than 10,000 teachers took part in the sit-in strike Saturday, disrupted for some time due to rain at noon.

They alleged that police resorted to lathi-charge on the assembly of teachers and damaged the microphone at the sit-in strike venue. Several teachers were injured in the police action, they said.