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Non-govt teachers to go on hunger strike Wednesday

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The teachers and employees of non-government schools and colleges yesterday announced a mass hunger strike across the country for Wednesday to press home their 17-point demand, including nationalisation of the country's education system.

In a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity, the teachers and employees, under the banner of Bangladesh Shikhhak-Karmachari Oikya Parishad, said they will be compelled to declare tougher programmes if their demands are not met by July 18.

They said the teachers of non-government institutions have been deprived of necessary facilities despite carrying out the similar duties like the government ones.

Dr Nur Muhammad Talukdar, a convenor of the parishad, said they will hold a meeting with the other organisations of the parishad on July 18.

Their other demands include providing facilities and allowances like the public institutions' ones, extending a teachers' retirement age up to 65 years and formulating a separate pay scale for the teachers and employees.