

JOB NATIONALISATION Teachers rally on

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TEACHERS and employees of secondary schools continued with their strike on Saturday demanding nationalisation of their jobs.

Leaders of the teachers on demonstrations said that no classes were held in most of about 33,000 secondary schools on the day.

Shikkhak-Karmachari Oikya Parishad went on strike for an indefinite period on January 12 and a group of Shikkhak-Karmachari Oikya Jote went on strike for an indefinite period on January 10 in non-government schools, colleges, madrasahs and technical education institutions, demanding job nationalisation.

Another group of teachers and employees under the banner of Shikkhak-Karmachari Oikya Jote began strike in the educational institutes pushing for the same demand.

The Shikkhak-Karmachari Oikya Jote chairman, Selim Bhuiyan, said

that most of the teachers and employees of 26,328 non-government schools, colleges and madrasahs enlisted for the monthly pay order were on strike on the day demanding nationalisation of their institutions.

The Shikkhak Karmachari Oikya Parishad coordinator, Ranjit Kumar Saha, told New Age that they were on strike to push for their job nationalisation.

They began the strike 48 hours after the government had decided to nationalise 26,192 primary schools employing 104,000 teachers in the face of a movement.

A faction of Shikkhak-Karmachari Oikya Jote led by Noor Afroz Begum Joyti held protests in front of the National Press Club to press for the nationalisation of their jobs.

The National Front of Teachers and Employees chief coordinator, Quazi Faruque Ahmed, told New Age that they had given the government till January 20 to nationalise education.