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## **Polytech teachers observe 2-hr work abstention**

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Teachers of the country's twenty polytechnic institutes and technical teachers' training colleges will go on work abstention for indefinite period from June 26 if their nine-point demand was not met before that time.

Teachers, as a part of the action programme launched by Bangladesh Polytechnic Teachers' Association (BPTA) will observe a two-hour sit-in before the Directorate of Technical Education on June 4 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in support of their demands which include introduction of double shift in all polytechnic institutes, implementation of the report placed by a committee on the service structure of teachers, extra allowances for high education and training, gazetted status for junior instructors, regularisation of job of teachers who were recruited earlier on adhoc basis and introduction of masters course for teachers in Technical Teachers' Training College.

Teachers of all polytechnic institutes observed two-hour work abstention from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on Monday demanding realisation of their demands.

BPTA held a rally at the Dhaka Polytechnic Institute premises during the work abstention programme. Chaired by BPTA President Khondaker Shahabuddin Mahmud the rally was addressed, among others, by BPTA General Secretary Md. Shamsur Rahman, Md. Ferdous Md. Shakhawat Hossain and A.G.M. Shahabuddin.

The two-hour work abstention will also be observed today (Tuesday), says a press release.