

## Work abstention at schools, colleges from Jan 9

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TEACHERS and employees of non-government educational institutes on Tuesday issued an ultimatum to the government to nationalise education by December 31, or they would go for work abstention from January 9, 2013.

At a press conference at the National Press Club, they said that the government would have to meet their 21-point charter of de-

mands by December 31.

If the government fails to meet the demands, the teachers and employees will begin indefinite work abstention at non-government schools and colleges across the country on January 9, 2013, Bangladesh Shikkhak Samity faction president MA Awal Siddiqui said at the press conference.

The demands also include an early implementation of the National Educa-

tion Policy 2010, monthly pay order for all educational institutions and increase in house rent, and medical and festival allowances, annual increment in non-government institutions equal to that of government teachers and employees and teacher's retirement age at 65.

The teacher leaders said that they were compelled to take to the streets as their demands had been repeatedly ignored by the government and they would con-

tinue agitations until those were met.

The non-government teachers are now getting only Tk 150 as medical allowance and Tk 100 as house rent in a month, 25 per cent of basic salary as festival allowance and Tk 115 in increment.

Shikkhak Samity general secretary Blikis Zaman, vice-president Samarendra Roy and Abdul Khaleque were also present at the press conference.