

Non-govt teachers give Sept 30 ultimatum

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TEACHERS and staff of non-government secondary schools on Thursday gave an ultimatum to the government to nationalise education by September 30.

At a rally held at the Central Shahid Minaar, MA Awal Siddiqui president of the Bangladesh Shikhhak Samity, announced a non-stop class strike across the country from October 1, if their 21 point demands which include the nationalisation of education are not met by September 30.

A faction of Bangladesh Shikhhak Samity held the rally to push their demands. They are calling for an inclusion of the educational institutions in the monthly pay order, quick implementation of the National Education Policy 2010, increase of house rent, medical and festival allowances, annual increment for teachers and other staff of non-government institutions equal to that



The Bangladesh Teachers' Association holds a rally at the Central Shaheed Minar in Dhaka on Thursday, demanding nationalisation of education. — New Age photo

of government institutions and fixing the retirement age of teachers at 65.

Teachers said that they were compelled to take to the streets after their demands had been repeatedly ignored by the government and will continue until they are met.

They said teachers are now getting paid only 150 taka as medical allowance

and 100 taka as house rent, 25 per cent festival bonus of basic salary, 115 taka increment which was a matter of shame.

Shikhhak Samity general secretary Blikis Zaman, vice president Samarendra Roy, Abdul Khaleque and others spoke at the rally.

The New Age Barisal correspondent reports that the regional unit of Bangla-

desh Shikhhak Karmachari Oikya Front also held a rally and threatened closure of institutions after September 30.

Mohsin Ul Islam Habul, regional convener of the organisation, Saidur Rahman, Kazi Abdul Latif and Muhammad Ali Chowdhury, along with others addressed the rally held in front of Aswini Kumar Hall.