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NON-GOVT SCHOOLS, COLLEGES Teachers, staff announce strike

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The teachers and employees of non-government schools and colleges, yesterday announced a six-day strike in the secondary and higher secondary educational institutions across the country from September 8 to 13 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 Shikshak-Karmachari Oikya Parishad, have announced a series of programmes including abstention from classes.

The programmes include views exchange meetings with the lawmakers of respective areas from August 20 to 26, formation of upazila and district level sangram committees (to organise agitation programmes) from August 27 to 31, views exchange meeting with the institutions' governing bodies from September 1 to 7.

They will also hold a grand rally in Dhaka on September 16. They said the teachers of non-government schools and colleges had been deprived of necessary facilities despite carrying out the similar duties as the government teachers do. Their other demands include providing facilities and allowances like the public educational institutions, extending teachers' retirement age up to 65 years, and formulating a separate pay structure for the teachers and employees.