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Non-govt teachers start indefinite sit-in

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NON-GOVERNMENT teachers and employees on Sunday started their programme for indefinite sit-in before Jatiya Press Club demanding inclusion of their educational institutions in the Monthly Pay Order system.

Boycotting classes, the teachers under the banner of Bangladesh Besharkari Shikkhak Karmachari Parishad also demanded payment of salaries and allowances since academic approval of their institutions.

They said despite fulfilling all the criteria, the government did not include their educational institute in the MPO list.

The teachers' leaders said many of them were serving for more than 20 years.

Expressing frustration, the Parishad president, Hanif Ullah, said at least 7,000 schools, colleges and madrassas were waiting for MPO enlistment for long.

They also alleged that many institututions were being enlisted for MPO under political consideration.

Pranbendu Deb Roy of Pragatisheel Chikitsak Forum speaking at the programme announced that they would give all medical support to the striking teachers if needed.

Meanwhile, Shikkhak-Karmachari Oikyajote organised a press conference at National Press Club in the city demanding nationalisation of their job.

Chairman of the organisation M Selim Bhuiyan said, 'The government should include all the approved institutions for MPO by December this year.'

They announced fresh programmes including rallies in Upazilas and districts in September, human chain in front of National Press Club on October 18, siege on Shikkha Bhaban on December 10, bocotting of duties at SSC and HSC examination halls from January 10 and indefinite sit-in programme in Dhaka from January 20.