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Non-MPO teachers vow not to leave streets until demand met

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TEACHERS and employees of non-government educational institutions continued their agitation in front of the National Press Club for the second straight day on Monday, demanding Monthly Payment Order benefits.

Several hundred teachers and employees of schools, colleges and madrasahs observed the sit-in under the banner of Non-MPO Shikshak-Karmachari Oikya Jote and Bangladesh Besharkari Shikshak Karmachari Parishad.

The teachers, absaining from taking classes and examinations, went on the demonstration from Sunday to push their demand for inclusion in the MPO list. They vowed to continue the demonstrations until the government made an announcement accepting their demand.

Some teachers, wearing shrouds, on the day lay down on the street before the National Press Club to push their demand. They said that they

would die but not leave the streets if the government did not pay heed to their legitimate demand.

Oikya Jote organising secretary Bajul Akhtar told New Age that their movement would continue until the demand was met.

Teachers from various districts have joined the programme, he said. The teachers alleged that their demand was being ignored despite the government assurance to nationalise all non-government primary schools and colleges.

They said there were 7,000 non-government educational institutions across the country, with nearly 15,000 teachers and employees, which were yet to come under MPO.

Prime minister Sheikh Hasina on May 27 had announced that all non-government schools, colleges and madrasahs would be nationalised in three phases in order to improve the quality of education and living standards of teachers, but the decision was yet to be implemented.



Teachers and employees of non-government educational institutions continue their sit-in in front of the National Press Club in Dhaka on Monday, to press for nationalisation of their jobs. — New Age photo