

World Teachers' Day observed

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WORLD Teachers' Day was observed in the country on Friday with a demand for salary hike of teachers and inclusion of their institutions in the government's monthly pay order. The day was also observed across the world with the theme 'Take a Stand for Teachers'. The teachers also demanded nationalisation of their job at different programme held to mark the day. Different teachers' organisations expressed their deep concern over police action on the non-government teachers agitating for salary hike on Thursday. Police charged batons and fired tear gas shells on teachers and employees of non-government educational institutions who were agitating in the city for better pay under the banner of Non-MPO Shiksha Prasthuthan Shikshak Karmachari Ojya Jote. At least 50 teachers were injured, 10 of them critically. The day was also observed in the police action. About 4.8 lakh teachers of non-government schools, colleges, technical institutions and madrassas have been spearheading a movement to press for increased house rent and medical allowance. World Teachers' Day is observed annually on October 5 since 1994 when it was created by UNESCO. Different educational and socio-cultural organisations of teachers' job were a must. National Front of Teachers and Employees marked the day by holding a seminar in Dhaka and other programmes across the country. Bangladesh Adarsha Shikshak Parishad Federation arranged a discussion at Dhaka Reporters Unity to mark the day. Discussion programmes were organised by Bangladesh Shikshak Samity and National Academy for Educational Management on the occasion. World Teachers' Day 2012 Celebration Committee organised a programme at the Dhaka University's Teacher-Student Centre. Arnat Odhakar Campaign organised an exchange of views at CIRDAF auditorium on this occasion.

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