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Open University staff observe strike, stage human chain in Gazipur

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OVER 500 staff of Bangladesh Open University in Gazipur observed strike and staged a human chain on Sunday demanding implementation of a number of demands.

The demands include promotion, house building loan facility and formation of welfare committee.

In the morning, the workers started their strike and later took out a protest march in the campus, lead by the president of Workers' Welfare Samity Md Tarikul Islam.

After the protest march, the agitating workers staged a sit-in in front of the office of the university vice-chancellor.

During the agitation programme, the register of the university Md Safiqul Islam met the staff and assured of discussing the matter with the VC.

Md Tarikul Islam said a memorandum was submitted to the university VC, but there was no response from the university authorities.

Md Humayun Kabir, a protester, said the university authorities took examination for promotion of the workers in different posts.

But they did not take any

steps regarding promotion. He said, though there was a welfare fund, the worker did not get any benefit from this fund.

He also alleged that the university authorities frequently harass the staff through transferring them on minor excuse, which should be stopped.

The agitating staff members said if the authorities did not fulfill their demands they would launch a continuous movement from the beginning of the new year.