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Pay commission for teachers sought

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National Front of Teachers and Employees (NFTE) demanded an independent pay commission for teachers yesterday.

It is not possible to improve education of the country while the teachers are deprived and disempowered, said leaders of the organisation.

They were speaking at a discussion at Jaiya Press Club in the capital.

The organisation demanded that the teachers and employees of institutions that fulfil all the criteria of monthly pay order (MPO) should be given MPO.

Md Azizul Haque, convenor of the organisation, said the teachers and employees of non-government schools and colleges must be paid like teachers of government institutions.

If the non-government teachers have the same qualifications and do the same amount of work like the government teachers, they must have the same salary and other benefits, he said.

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He added that 90 percent of Bangladesh's education is administered by non-government schools and colleges. The discrimina-
tory policies that are being followed must be abandoned now, he said.
Rashed Khan Menon, chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee for the Ministry of Education, said, "Before the tenure of the government expires, we must try to implement the independent pay commission for teachers. Spending money in education is the best possible investment," he added.