

## Non-MPO teachers continue fast-unto-death

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NON-MPO teachers' fast-unto-death programme entered in the second consecutive day on Saturday in front of the National Press Club in the city.

The teachers are demanding that their educational institutions be entitled to the 'monthly pay order' facilities.

Teachers and employees under monthly pay order enjoy 100 per cent basic salary from the exchequer.

After holding sit-in for four days, the non-MPO teachers under the banner of Non-MPO Educational Institutions

Teachers and Employees Federation on Friday began their fast-unto-death programme to press home their demands.

"We will fast-unto-death until our demands are met," said general secretary of the federation, Taposh Kumar Kundu.

He said non-MPO teachers and employees were living in miserable conditions in absence of such entitlements.

Federation leaders sought prime minister's intervention so that their schools come under MPO facilities.

A teacher generally gets Tk 5,000 to Tk 7,000 from their school authority a

month and that some schools do not pay their teachers for months, teachers said.

There are more than 8,000 educational institutions, including schools, colleges, madrasahs and technical institutions which are waiting for such a privilege, statistics show.

Nearly five lakh teachers and employees serving about 28,000 non-government post-primary educational institutions have been realising 100 per cent basic salary from the exchequer in the form of monthly pay order, since July 2006.