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Teachers propose to accept half salaries after MPO inclusion

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Teachers and employees shout slogans while observing fast unto death in Dhaka on Sunday in demand of inclusion of their educational institutions in MPO system. — New Age photo

Teachers and employees observing hunger strike for last 14 days in demand of inclusion of their non-government educational institutions into Monthly Payment Order System on Sunday put forward a proposal that they would accept half-salary throughout a year following the MPO inclusion considering the fund crunch.

Non-MPO Educational Institutions' Teachers and Employees' Federation general secretary Binoy Bhusan Roy said two of their representatives on the day handed over the proposal to education minister Nurul Islam Nahid, and secondary and higher education secretary Sohorab Hossain and others.

He said that they urged the government to provide MPO facilities to all educational institutions having academic approval.

'We also proposed that we will take half salaries for one year after MPO inclusion if government faces financial crunch,' he added.

Binoy said that at least two teachers were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital and 203 strikers were given intravenous saline on the protest venue in front of the National Press Club in Dhaka.

The teachers have been on the streets since June 10 and started the hunger strike on June 25 to expedite the movement.

Binoy added that the teachers would take extra classes to mitigate the losses of students once their demand was met.

Thousands of teachers took to the streets several times in recent years to press the demand for providing MPO benefits to their institutions.

Aggrieved teachers resumed their protests on June 10 as finance minister AMA Muhith, in his budget speech, remained silent about the inclusion of the institutions into the MPO system in line with a commitment made by prime minister Sheikh Hasina in January.

The last inclusion of 1,624 institutions into the MPO system took place in 2010.



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