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## DISCRIMINATION IN SALARY Primary teachers threaten to go for movement again

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GOVERNMENT primary school teachers threatened to go for movement if their demand for reducing the gap in salaries between head teachers and assistant teachers was not met.

Leaders of Primary Assistant Teachers' Greater Alliance, comprising four primary school teachers' associations, from a discussion in the capital on Friday said they called off their protest with the demand in December 2017 giving government one month time, but the government took no initiative.

We would wage stern movement if our demand was not met immediately, Bangladesh Primary Assistant Teachers' Association president Mohammad Shamsuddin said at the discussion.

He said the assistant teachers were facing the discrimination in their salaries for last four years and demanding that the difference in salaries should be reduced.

Several thousand assistant teachers from across the country observed hunger strike for three days from December 23 to 25 in 2017 demanding that their jobs should be upgraded to 11th

grade with the basic salary of Tk 12,500, from the existing 14th grade with the basic salary of Tk 9,500.

They said that the discrimination in pay affected about 3.5 lakh assistant teachers.

On December 9, the teachers threatened to go on fast-unto-death from December 23, if their status were not upgraded in the eighth national pay scale by December 22.

In 2015, government increased the salary of assistant teachers from Tk 5,200 to Tk 10,200 as per the 14th grade of the 8th national pay scale.