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Non-govt teachers observe token strike

The teachers and employees of nongovt colleges, secondary schools and madrasahs observed token strike all over the country on November 12 and 13 to press home the 5-point demand of Bangladesh Federation of Teachers Association, according to a Press release in Dacca on Tuesday reports BSS.

The demands of BFTA include implementation of pay scales and service rules, removal of discrimination in educational facilities between the students and teachers of the Government and Non-Government institutions, effective measures to control the price spiral of daily necessities, including educational equipment and nationalisation of education under a well-defined national education policy.

The leaders of the Federation claimed that the teachers spontaneously participated in the strike throughout the country.

The Federation leaders contradicted the statement of three self-styled leaders of the so-called non-government colleges teachers association as baseless and misrepresentation of facts as the total number of non-government colleges in the city is only 25 and all of which responded to the strike call spontaneously.

The Federation leaders urged upon all concerned not to be misled by any propaganda, and to take all out preparations for continuous strike from November 26 till the legitimate demands of the teachers are fulfilled.

The signatories of the Press release were Maulana M. A. Mannan, Convener, BFTA, Mr. Abdul Khaleque, Joint-Convener, BFTA, Prof. A. F. M. Khalilur Rahman, President, BCTA, Mr. Abdul Mannan, President, BTA, Principal A. K. M. Shahidul ah Vice-President, BCTA and Maulana Khondaker Nasiruddin, General Secretary, BFTA.