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# Non-govt teachers call off strike

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Non-government secondary school teachers on Sunday called off their 58-day strike and decided to join their duties by April 23.

The strike was called off after a settlement was reached between the Teachers' Coordination Council and the government on the day.

The settlement followed the sit-in and the mass hunger strike by the teachers in front of the Secretariat from Saturday morning.

About 25 lakh non-government secondary teachers went for a strike since February 22 demanding nationalisation of secondary education and implementation of revised pay-scale from June 85.

During their strike, they boycotted the SSC examinations last month.

The Teachers' Coordination Council requested the teachers

including the trainee teachers to resume their classes immediately.

In the settlement on Sunday Government agreed to pay 50 per cent of the revised pay-scale from June '85. The Government also decided to set up a committee to implement the payment of arrears in this connection.

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The Government also agreed to release all the arrested teachers and withdraw cases and warrant of arrest in connection with teachers' strike.

Measures will also be taken to return the trainee teachers at their classes according to a joint statement signed by the representative of Education Ministry and leaders of the Coordination Council.

A faction of the Coordination Council however expressed resentment over the signing of the agreement which, according to them did not fulfil the two-point demand.