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**Non-govt pry teachers
continue hunger strike**

The teachers of non-government primary schools have been continuing their hunger strike at the city's Osmani Udayan despite fresh talks with the government, reports UNB.

They went on strike to press home their five-point demand including nationalisation of their service. Yesterday was the third day of their strike.

Some 96 teachers are taking part in the fast unto death programme and several thousand others are staging a sit-in demonstration at the same venue.

Dr S A Malek, political advisor to the Prime Minister, had a lengthy meeting for the second day yesterday with the leaders of the striking teachers.

But he apparently failed to pursue the teachers to withdraw the hunger strike.

In the afternoon, State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives

Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya and Awami League Publicity Secretary Abdul Mannan held another meeting with them at the Awami League central office.

Shamsul Alam, President of Bangladesh Non-Government Primary School Teachers' Association, told UNB that the government side has put forward a proposal which is now being discussed among themselves.

Earlier, Mohiuddin Khondoker, another leader of the striking teachers, said the Prime Minister or the Education Minister should come here and explain the government position regarding the demands.

Seven more teachers fainted yesterday due to scorching heat and were rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.