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100 non-govt. pry teachers on hunger strike

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At least six teachers fell sick and four of them were hospitalised when nearly 100 teachers of non-government primary schools yesterday began a fast unto death at Osmany Uddyan in the city to press their demands for rationalisation of the schools.

Earlier, the teachers retreated to Osmany Uddyan at about mid-night Sunday from the VIP road near Sonargaon hotel, where they staged a sit-in since early afternoon.

Some of the teachers wore white shrouds to dramatise their protest.

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Talks between leaders of the teachers and the officials broke down earlier on Sunday evening as the teachers remained firm on their five-point demand, which includes payment of arrear salary and allowances from June 1996.

Plain clothes police yesterday picked up Shamsul Alam and Akkas Ali Sheikh, President and Secretary General of the Non-government Primary Teachers' Association.

They were detained from 1-20 pm to 3 pm and were questioned on their association, when it was formed and whether it had legal basis, teachers said.

The two leaders later returned to Osmany Uddyan and joined their colleagues on hunger strike.

BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiya, among others, visited the fasting teachers and expressed solidarity with their demand.