

Prv school teachers demand removal of anomalies in pay scale

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ASSISTANT teachers of government primary schools on Sunday urged the government to readjust their monthly salaries under the eighth pay scale.

They said that the assistant teachers across the country would send post-cards to the prime minister's office on March 23 as part of their efforts to press home their demands.

At a news conference in Dhaka, Bangladesh Assistant Primary Teachers' Society leaders also demanded fully paid leave for them in line with government policies for other employees.

Reading out a written statement, the society's general secretary Md Halimuzzaman said that the latest government pay scale was discriminatory as the difference between the basic salaries of a primary school headmaster and an assistant teacher had gone up to Tk 2,300 whereas it was Tk 10 when the government nationalised primary schools in 1973.

He said that the Bachelor's degree should be made the minimum educational requirement for the post of an assistant teacher.

Halimuzzaman demanded the promotion in due course for experienced assistant teachers, especially to the post of the headmaster.

Chaired by the society's president Shahinur Al Amin, the conference was also addressed by Mokammel Hossain, Shahidul Islam and Elias Hossain.