

Teachers confine education minister in Jessore

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THE non-MPO teachers and other employees of different educational institutions, including colleges, schools and madrassahs, in Jessore and Khulna areas confined education minister Nurul Islam Nahid in front of Jessore Press Club while he was returning to Jessore Circuit House after attending a programme at Jessore New Town around 11:30am on Thursday.

Talking to New Age, Shahidul Islam, general secretary of Non-MPO Teachers- Staff Federation in Jessore region, said that they were compelled to lie down on Mujib Sarak in front of Jessore Press Club as the education minister did not keep his words that given to them earlier.

He said that around 2,100 non-MPO teachers and staff of 100 educational institutions of Jessore and Khulna region took part in the agitation programme in front of the press club to press home their demands, including induction them in MPO list.

Jessore Kotwali police officer-in-charge Azmal Huda said that the demonstrating teachers confined the minister around 15 minutes to place their demands. Police, however, dispersed them to make way for the minister to enter the circuit house, he added.

Journalists present at the press club during the agitation programme said that several hundred teachers and staff of different educational institutions lay down on the street at one stage of a human chain to draw the attention of the education minister.

A female teacher bowed down on the feet of the education minister during the agitation, eye witnesses said.