

## BCS GENERAL EDUCATION CADRE

## Teachers to observe two-day work abstention next week

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LEADERS of BCS General Education Association on Friday announced to go for work abstention for two days on November 26 and 27, protesting against government move on inclusion of newly nationalised college teachers in education cadre services.

They also warned that they would go for work abstention for indefinite period if the government issues order to include the newly nationalised college teachers in education cadre services.

They had been addressing a rally organised by BCS General Education Association at Central Shaheed Minar in the capital.

'We will go for work abstention on next Sunday and Monday in all the government colleges of the country if government includes the newly nationalised college teachers as Bangladesh Civil Services cadres,' said M Shahedul Khabir Chowdhury, secretary general of the association.

Addressing the rally, where about 5,000 teachers of BCS general education



BCS General Education Association holds a rally in Dhaka on Friday, demanding circulation treating teachers of nationalised colleges as non-cadre. — New Age photo

cadre from various government colleges of the country attended, he also said that the BCS teachers and officials with education ministry would observe work abstention in all colleges and education ministry offices in the country, protesting against the government move.

In April 2017, the govern-

ment selected 285 private colleges across the country for their nationalisation. Besides, the government has so far nationalised 51 private colleges, said sources in education ministry.

At these colleges, about 18,000 teachers have been working, said the sources.

The association president

IK Salim Ullah Khandaker said if this move is implemented, it could hamper the education sector of the country.

'The country is on a track to meet sustainable development goals' fourth point titled 'ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promote lifelong learning',

but such move from government would create obstacle on that' he said.

Khandaker also said that the government's move on nationalising the private colleges is helpful for the education sector, but before nationalising them a rule is necessary.

Association leader Khan Rafiqul Islam said that according to the National Education Policy 2010, before nationalising the private colleges a rule should be set.

'But now without preparing the rule the government has started nationalising the private colleges,' he said.

Former secretary general of the association Masum A Rabbani demanded the removal of those education ministry officials who were absorbed through the government move.

'All the education ministry officials who were absorbed through the government move must be removed by December 15,' he said.

Expressing solidarity with the rally, agriculturist Tasadduk Hossain alleged that such move was taken due to the corruption of some admin cadre officials.