

Primary assistant teachers to go on strike again

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Online Desk : Assistant teachers of government primary schools have announced to go on a strike from May 5, demanding salary scale be fixed at Grade 11. The decision was made at a meeting of Primary Assistant Teachers' Organization Unity Council. The teachers will observe a one-hour strike from May 5 to 15, and a two-hour strike from May 16 to 20. A half-day strike will be observed from May 21 to 25. And from May 26, teachers will observe a continuous full-day strike until their demands are met.

The programme will demand that their salary scale be fixed at Grade 11 by considering the assistant teacher position as an entry level post, the removal of complications for transition to higher grades after completing 10 and 16 years of service, and faster promotions, including the promotion of assistant teachers to fill 100 per cent of head teacher positions.

Confirming the matter, Bangladesh Primary Assistant Teachers Society president M Anisur Rahman said that the advisory committee on primary and non-formal education reforms has recommended setting teachers' salaries at the Grade 12 at the entry level and giving them a promotion to the Grade 11 after four years.

But we want assistant teachers to be paid at the 11th grade at the entry level. We have announced a programme demanding the elimination of the complications of reaching higher grades and the promotion of assistant teachers to fill 100 per cent of the posts of head teachers, he added.