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Sammilita Sangskritik Jote takes out a black flag procession in the city yesterday demanding reforms in the Election Commission and caretaker government.

## Reintroduce work visas for Bangladeshis

President urges Oman

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday urged Oman to reintroduce work visas for Bangladeshi nationals in all sectors where Indians and Pakistanis are allowed.

The president made the request when newly appointed Ambassador of Oman Mohammed Bin Said Bin Mohammed Al-Lawati, based in Pakistan, presented his credentials to him at Bangabhaban.

In this context, Iajuddin mentioned

NATIONALISATION OF JOB

### Non-govt pry teachers to submit memo to president

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Teachers of non-government primary schools will march towards Bangabhaban today to submit a memorandum to President Iajuddin Ahmed demanding the nationalisation of their job.

The teachers under the banner of 'Bangladesh Non-government Primary Teachers' Association' will bring out a procession from the Central Shaheed Minar at 12:00 noon and march towards Bangabhaban for submitting the memorandum.

Besides, the teachers will observe a seven-hour token hunger strike beginning from 10:00am at the Central Shaheed Minar forcing the government to meet the demand.

Yesterday also, around one hundred teachers observed seven-hour token hunger strike at the Central Shaheed Minar and submitted a memorandum to Speaker Muhammad Jamiruddin Sircar.

A six-member team led by association President Mohammad Samsul Alam went to parliament to submit the memorandum.

Talking to The Daily Star Alam said, "We will announce fresh tough agitation programme tomorrow (Wednesday) at a press conference at 5:00pm if the government does not meet our demand by 4:00pm."

Earlier on Sunday, the primary school teachers submitted a memorandum to the prime minister with a 24-hour ultimatum and staged a sit-in programme at the Central Shaheed Minar.

The teachers vowed that they would not return home without realising their demand.

that visas of all categories except gardeners were officially closed for Bangladeshis since 1996.

"We're hopeful that Oman would recruit more skilled and semi-skilled workers in its development projects," the president said.

He requested the Oman government to consider recruiting more teachers, professors, doctors, engineers, diploma engineers, ICT experts and other professionals as well as inviting businessmen from Bangladesh.

The ambassador said there could be exchange of teachers and students between the university of Oman and Bangladeshi universities.

He also praised the ongoing development activities in Bangladesh, especially in the agriculture sector.

Earlier, on his arrival at Bangabhaban, the ambassador was given a guard of honour by the President's Guard Regiment (PGR). He took salute and inspected the parade.

### Price hike of essentials protested

A syndicate has been hoarding essentials resulting in an intolerable price hike, said the leaders of Karmojibi Nari (KN) at a rally at Mukhtangan in the city yesterday, says a press release.

They also said people of the country are passing hard times as they are struggling to afford meals two times a day due to the skyrocketing price hike.

The KN leaders demanded publishing of a list of the syndicate businessmen responsible for the price hike of the daily essentials and formulate tougher laws to control the market.

There is no shortage in supply, then who are the culprits responsible behind this unusual price hike, they questioned.

They also urged the government to keep the price of daily commodities within the grip of the working people ahead of Ramadan.

They said the government must take necessary steps to control the market as it is the duty of the government.

Presided over by Rokeya Baby, executive director of KN, the rally was also addressed by Arifa Akhter Anu, Shaila Shahid, Al Azam Khan, Syeda Selina Shefi, Rokeya Sultana and Shabnam Hafiz.



PHOTO: STAR  
Karmojibi Nari forms a human chain at Mukhtangan in the city yesterday protesting price hike of essentials.

### DU exams postponed

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All traditional and course system examinations, except post-graduate medical science and research faculty, under Dhaka University scheduled for today and tomorrow have been postponed due to unavoidable circumstance.

The fresh date for the deferred examinations would be announced soon.