

# Agitations of Teachers

**In Pakistan:** Karachi university teachers society members wore black arm bands and put up banners on March 10, protesting the university authorities providing military personal with accommodation at the territory institution in violation to a previous unanimous decision by the administration and teachers not to allow military on university premises.

**In Burkina Faso:** Hundreds of teachers held protest demonstrations in the capital of Burkina Faso against terrorism and held a dharna in front of the office of education minister on March 11. They demanded that protection be provided to private and government school teachers from the attacks of terrorists which have been increased in recent times. On March 3, at a village Koursel which was in the borders of Niger and Mali, a teacher was killed by firing a gun on him. In protest to this killing, the protest demonstrations were held throughout the country.

**In Mexico:** Some 720 professors at the Antonio Narro autonomous Hungarian University in Saltillo, began a strike from Feb 16 in protest against the administration's refusal to pay at least 75 million pesos in to funds for medical, housing and loan services. Because of shortfall of funds, the clinic that serves the professors lacked medicines. On the other hand the rector of the university has formed "shock groups" who have confronted striking teachers and attempted to prevent them from blocking the university's main entrance.

**In Kenya:** The academic faculty of Kenyan university was on indefinite strike for more than 3 weeks by the last week of February 2017 demanding wage increase in accordance with the 2013 collective bargain agreement.

**In London:** Lecturers at college of North West London at Willesden and Wembley campuses went on strike on Feb 23 in a support of a trade union representative for taking time off to represent a colleague.

**In England:** Teaching assistants in Derbyshire went on a strike on Feb 20, protesting against the council's proposal to end payments to the teaching support staff over the school holiday periods which will lead to a 25% cut in the pay.

**In Mexico:** Teachers at Bachelor Degree College (cobach) began a strike on March 16 to demand the payment of a 3.8 % raise and unpaid benefits in accordance with their contract.

**In New Zealand:** Academics of Auckland University went on strike on March 16, over the issue of pay rise.

**In Papua New Guinea:** 138 lecturers at the University of Papua New Guinea boycotted classes on Jan 31 in protest over non-payment of salary increase in 2015 and 2016 in accordance with a salary award of 2014.

**In Argentina:** The teachers in universities of Argentina started a week-long strike from May 9, demanding pay rise and regularisation of the services of contract teachers.

**In Uruguay:** The teachers of primary, secondary and teachers training schools along with university teachers went on a one day strike on June 14 demanding better wages.

**In Costa Rica:** Around 7,000 high-school teachers in Costa Rica went on a nationwide strike demanding the protection of their rights, protesting against heavy work-load for administration, collective discussions and right to organise.

**In Nepal:** The temporary teachers in Nepal's government schools held a hunger strike from June 16, demanding to make temporary teachers permanent, some of them are working even from 25 years as temporary teachers. There are around 30,000 temporary teachers across Nepal.

**In U.K.:** Teaching staff at Manchester Metropolitan University went on a 2 day strike on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> June to protest the closure of its campus in Cheshire and Crewe on the plea of "no longer academically or financially sustainable".

Teachers of Drayton Green primary school in London held a two day strike on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> June. Teachers of Dormers wells High-school began a 3 day strike from 20<sup>th</sup> June. They protested as both the London schools are being made in to academies, which are government funded but privately run institutions akin to charter schools in US.

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