



Emergency Strike of education employees

Nearly half of schools took part in the emergency strike organized by the Polish Teachers' Union on 29th May during the first two school lessons. Education employees demand a pay rise of 20%, an increase of expenditure on education, to maintain the right to early retirement until at least 2011 as well as the right to so called 'bridge' retirement.

In the afternoon of 29 May, ZNP's management met with vice Prime Minister Przemysław Gosiewski. They discussed about the retirement – keeping the right to early retirement until 2011 and the 'bridge' retirement for teachers.

The meeting had an informational character. ZNP demands were presented. Vice Prime Minister talked about assumptions for the so called package of retirement acts on which the Government is working. However, according to ZNP President Sławomir Broniarz, the Vice Prime Minister didn't give any details. The Government side should take a stand on ZNP's demands and calculate the cost of keeping the early retirement for teachers. The next meeting is planned on June 6 at 16.00.

One day after the strike, ZNP representatives met with Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Education Roman Giertych. He supported the financial demands of ZNP and declared that he would fight for the salary rise for teachers during the preparation of next year's budget in June.