

ASSAULT ON PRO-VC BSMMU fails to reach consensus

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The authorities of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) until yesterday failed to reach a consensus as per the advice of the health minister.

On Tuesday, Health Minister Mohammad Nasim asked the BSMMU authorities, when the latter met him, to follow alternative rules in recruiting the nurses since the allegation of corruption came to the fore over the issue.

He also directed BSMMU Vice Chancellor Prof Kamrul Hassan Khan to apologise to Pro-VC [Academic] Prof ASM Zakaria Swapan for his reported assault on the latter on Thursday over publication of a report in a newspaper on the nurse recruitment.

But the consensus had yet to be reached until yesterday as the pro-VC [academic] quit the meeting hearing the VC's proposal to recruit nurses from those qualified in the written exams, according to the top officials of the country's lone medical university.

The pro-VC told the VC that the minister asked them to follow other rules since previous examination process was shrouded in question, said the sources. As the VC remained stuck to his decision, the pro-VC left the meeting.

Contacted, BSMMU pro-VC [administration] Prof Sharfuddin Ahmed said both the VC and the pro-VC agreed to work together on the routine affairs of the university and the hospital.

"We will talk to the minister again and take his opinion to finalise the nurse recruitment process," he told The Daily Star.