

## BARISAL NURSING COLLEGE Students protest govt wish to set up SBMC dorm there

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Students of Barisal Nursing College yesterday protested a request of the health ministry to allow female students of Sher-e-Bangla Medical College (SBMC) to live in the newly-built academic building of the nursing college.

The nursing students organised a rally on the campus of the medical college and later brought out a procession there urging the ministry to withdraw its request.

Speakers at the rally said female students of the nursing college also have accommodation problems, but the ministry, overlooking those, wants to give the college's new academic building to female students of Sher-e-Bangla Medical College for residential purposes.

The speakers said 560 female students of the nursing college have been living in a building that has only 200 seats.

They threatened to wage a tough movement if the building is given for residential purposes.

On Sunday, Director General of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) Prof Dr Deen Muhammad Nurul Haque at a meeting with the authorities of the medical and nursing colleges made the request.

They urged the nursing college authorities to give two floors of the academic building to the students of the medical college temporarily.

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Aleya Begum, principal of the nursing college, said the public works department handed over the academic building just a week ago.

"We are just starting to use the building," she added.

Dr Bhaskar Saha, principal of the medical college, said 700 students out of 1,100 students of the college are female. The dormitory of the female students of

the medical college was closed on February 15 after cracks were discovered in five-storey building. The college was also closed on the same day.

He said the request for the academic building was only a temporary solution before inauguration of the new dormitory, which is under construction.

However, the nursing college's principal turned down the request, he added.