

## HC moved for holding immediate medical admission tests

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A SUPREME Court lawyer on Thursday filed an application seeking a High Court directive on the authorities to immediately begin the process for holding admission tests at medical and dental colleges for the 2012-13 academic session.

The lawyer, M Eunus Ali Akand, filed the application supplementary to his previous writ petition in which the High Court on August 14 asked the government to explain in four weeks the legality of its decision to enrol the students based on their grade point average (GPA) scores in the Secondary School Certificate and Higher Secondary School Certificate examinations instead of holding admission tests.

The vacation bench of Justice Qiamrul Islam Siddiqui and Justice Ashraful Kamal posted for Sunday the hearing in the application, said the lawyer.

The health ministry on August 12 decided that from this year medical and dental colleges would admit students on the basis of their results in SSC and HSC examinations instead of 40-year practice of holding tests, touching off countrywide protests by admission seekers against the decision.

In his application, Eunus said that Clause-1 of Chapter 23 of the national education policy 2010 provides that admission process will be completed within a month after announcing

results of Higher Secondary School Certificate examination.

The petitioner also referred to Clause 1 of Chapter-10 of the national education policy which provides that admission tests at medical and dental colleges will continue after completion of the HSC examination.

Though the results were announced on July 18, the admission process at the medical and dental colleges has yet to be started in accordance with the education policy, said the petitioner.

He also mentioned that other universities and colleges have already started their admission process for the first year of the 2012-13 academic session in respective degree courses.

Due to indecision of the authorities over the MBBS and BDS admission process, the meritorious students would suffer session jam, said the application.

The petitioner also referred to an order the High Court had issued on August 14, asking Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology to immediately begin the process for admission of students to the first year of the 2012-13 academic session.

BUET admission process remained halted as the authorities on July 10 closed the academics activities for 44 days in the face of agitation by teachers, students and employees of the university demanding removal of the vice-chancellor and the pro-vice-chancellor.