

PRIVATE PRACTICE

# Doctors violating rules: BSMMU VC

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THE vice chancellor of the country's lone medical university has admitted physicians of the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University are engaged in private practice outside the hospital, at an outrageous level, and suggested enforcement of laws to curb such practices.

VC Professor Kamrul Hasan Khan made the admission before the parliamentary standing committee on health and family welfare affairs ministry.

The committee in its 6th meeting on Sunday ap-

proved the minutes of the last meeting, which incorporated the statement of the VC of BSMMU and health minister Mohammad Nasim's disappointment over the poor healthcare services in proportion to the facilities available at the hospital.

Though there is a shortage of physicians in many hospitals, but at BSMMU the number of physicians is in excess of requirement. But services are not satisfactory, which will tarnish the image of the institution named after Bangabandhu, the minister said.

Kamrul Hasan on Wednes-

day again briefed the committee members on the details of the present situation at BSMMU and sought cooperation from all quarters.

The VC in the last meeting suggested that the working hours of physicians at BSMMU be extended to 8:00am to 5:00pm, from the existing 8:00am to 2:00pm.

With committee chairman Sheikh Fazlur Karim Selim in the chair, Mohammad Nasim, state minister for health Zahid Maleque, M Yusuf Ali Sarker, Nizam Uddin Hazari, Shariful Islam Jinnah and Selina Begum were present.

A member of the committee questioned the poor service at BSMMU saying there were lesser number of patients against 1,200 physicians and interns.

The BSMMU earlier drafted a policy to help BSMMU doctors practice privately at the institute, instead of seeing patients outside, especially at clinics and private chambers.

According to the policy, doctors, ranging from assistant professors to professors, can see patients privately at the hospital outdoors between 2:30pm and 8:30pm collecting fees from patients.