

No forensic teacher at KMCH

Students threaten strike, classes shelved for 5 months

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AS ALL the teachers of the forensic medicine department of Khulna Medical College and Hospital left their jobs in a span of a year, the fate of the fellow students turned uncertain.

Frustrated, some 250 students on Saturday demonstrated on their campus and urged the authorities to recruit forensic teachers immediately.

They students alleged that their academic career was being affected seriously as they have been sitting idle for the last five months.

A lone demonstrator is overseeing some minor jobs of the faculty, sources said.

The agitating students have threatened to go for an indefinite strike if faculty members are not recruited soon, students said.

The principal of KMCH, Professor Dr. Abdullah AL Mahbub, said he had been writing, in vain, letters

to the ministry of Health and Family Planning for appointing forensic teachers.

He said forensic department is a sensitive place of a medical college where political interference and intimidation affect post-mortem examinations.

'Physicians do not feel comfortable working here...they take transfers or go abroad,' he told New Age.

'When a dead body appears, and if the person was possibly killed, we hire forensic specialist from other medical colleges to do the autopsy,' a teacher of KMCH said.

KMCH declines performing autopsies on dead bodies of persons who were killed in accidents, sources said.

Forensic classes and exams have been shelved for the last five months, said Mahmud Hossain, a student of forensic medicine department.

He claimed that their academic career was now at stake.