

PCJSS don't want any part in running Rangamati Medical College

Demands its withdrawal from board of directors; calls govt decision unilateral; wants CHT peace accord's implementation first

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Parbatya Chattagram Jana Samhati Samiti (PCJSS) yesterday condemned a health and family welfare ministry decision to include a PCJSS representative in Rangamati Medical College's (RMC) board of directors along with Health Minister Mohammed Nasim's directive to start academic activities soon.

Terming the decision and directive, taken at a health ministry meeting on Wednesday, "unilateral, going against the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) peace accord and the interest of Jumma people", PCJSS demanded that those be immediately withdrawn.

The people of CHT will never accept such a unilateral decision... The government would be responsible for any situation arising from the issue, reads a statement issued by PCJSS.

PCJSS had been urging the authority to postpone the establishment of RMC and a science and technology university there until the accord is implemented and the overall education system in CHT improves, it said.

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the government as well as the health ministry about its opinions and demands in writing," it said.

Besides, CHT Regional Council and different civil society organisations from around the country submitted memorandums to the government with the same demands, it added.

The statement also mentioned that lawmaker Ushatan Talukdar, also the PCJSS vice-president, who was present at Wednesday's meeting, had urged postponing the academic activities and transferring the students admitted to RMC to other medical colleges.