

Patients suffer as RMCH interns go on strike

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RANGPUR Medical College and Hospital intern physicians have been striking for the second consecutive day on Saturday which brought severe sufferings to the patients.

Sharifa Begum, a patient at Medicine ward of the hospital, said, she is going through mental and physical agonies as no physician showed up at the ward since Friday night. She said she is not getting any treatment.

The physicians enforced the wildcat strike in the hospital on Friday night, protesting against an attack on their fellowman, Sumon Ali, and repeated events of mug-

ging on the campus.

The agitated physicians on Saturday morning formed a human chain, held a rally in front of the hospital and submitted a memorandum to the director of the hospital, Abu Saleh Mohammad Borkutualh. They demanded to meet their three charters of points, including ensuring security on the campus for all.

Interns' association president, Mahamudur Rhaman Rifat, general secretary, Bizan Sarker and Nazmul Huda addressed the rally, among others.

They demanded immediate arrest of the miscreants, set up a permanent police

post inside the campus and ensure security for the interns, patients and their relatives.

They also said three mugging incidents took place last week on the campus due to lack of police vigilance.

On Thursday night a group of unidentified miscreants swooped on Sumon Ali and beat him mercilessly when he was returning home after ending his duty around 10:00 pm.

They also snatched his cell phone, cash and valuables. Later, he was admitted to RMCH.

Intern's association president said they voiced their security concern several times and asked the authori-

ties to set up a police post inside the campus. But the administration did not pay any heed.

The strike will continue until their demands are met, he said.

RMCH director Abu Saleh Mohammad Borkutualh said he held a meeting with the intern doctors and would continue talking with them to minimise the crisis in the hospital.

He said that he sought help from the local administration to build a police post inside the campus.

The officer-in-charge of Kotowali police, ABM Jahidul Islam, said that police already arrested six persons in this connection.