

# Nursing teachers, students protest on Dhaka-Kishoreganj highway

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Place 8-point demand



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A protest march and a rally were held today on Dhaka-Kishoreganj highway in Gazipur's Kapasia upazila in protest against the proposal to abolish the Directorate General of Nursing and Midwifery (DGNM) and merge it with another department.

The protesters also pressed for the implementation of an eight-point demand.

The demonstrations were organised outside the Kapasia Upazila Health Complex at Targaon intersection around 12:00pm, joined by the teachers and students of Syeda Zohra Tajuddin Nursing College and nurses of the upazila health complex.

Their demands include forming a National Nursing Commission, ensuring promotion and supernumerary promotion for nurses from Grade 9 to Grade 4, upgrading the posts of nursing supervisor and nursing instructor from Grade 10 to Grade 9, recognising the nurse-midwifery diploma as equivalent to a bachelor's (pass) degree, and introducing a professional BCS cadre for nurse-midwifery graduates.

Other demands are formulating recruitment rules and salary structure for private healthcare and nursing-midwifery educational institutions, providing risk allowance to nurse-midwifery and cancel the forcibly imposed new nursing uniform.

Lecturers of Syeda Zohra Tajuddin Nursing College Mohammad Mohiuddin, Zakir Hossain and Reena Akhter and Senior Staff Nurse of Kapasia Upazila Health Complex Kamruzzaman Pradhan, among others, addressed the rally.

The speakers noted that the nursing and midwifery profession is a key pillar in saving lives. Therefore, instead of abolishing or merging the directorate, it should be strengthened and modernised.

They sought the government's intervention for the speedy implementation of their demands.