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## DU medicare system in deplorable condition

The prevailing medicare system of Dhaka University, the country's highest educational institution, is in a deplorable condition, reports APB.

There are only 17 doctors for a staggering number of 62,000 students, teachers and officials. The ratio boils down to one doctor for every 4,000 family members of DU, campus sources said.

Doctors are also reported to be negligent to their patients. They allegedly prescribe without conducting proper diagnosis. It is mainly due to limited number of doctors, consequent pressure on them and paucity of medicine and equipment.

There is nominally a department for pathology, dental, eye and X-ray with no specialist. X-ray and pathology reports delivered by the authorities are not reliable as very often they defer with the reports of other

private hospitals and clinics in the city.

Services and facilities available at the 25-bed unit of the medical centre have not improved much during the last one decade. This has resulted in the premature death of some 10 students in the post-liberation days.

Though the medical centre has two ambulances, none of them is, however, used for actual purposes. One is allegedly used as a private car for the doctors and the other for the armed cadres of various student wings.

When contacted DU chief physician Ketab Uddin refused to make any comment on the allegations.

Vice-Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury told APB that the medical centre is being modernised into a 50-bed fullfledged unit with all modern amenities and equipment.