

Health tech students block road

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SEVERAL hundred students of BSc in health technology (dental) on Monday blocked the road in front of the secretariat, demanding that name of their discipline should be changed to create job opportunity for them.

Students and graduates under the banner of BSc in Health Technology (Dental) Students' Association brought out a protest procession from the National Press Club and it marched to the secretariat.

Later a protest rally was held.

As the students received

no responses from the authorities concerned, they sat on the road in front of the secretariat, suspending the traffic for an hour from 2:00pm.

The students demanded that the name of their discipline should either be Bachelors of Dentistry or BSc in Dentistry.

Their demands include Bangladesh Medical & Dental Council-approved practice registration, launching the discipline in all public universities with a four-year academic session and an additional one-year internship and discipline-based jobs in all government hospitals

and institutions.

Demands of the students are 'logical' and 'time-be-fitting', but the process to meet the demands has been lengthy, said a health science institute principle on condition of anonymity.

Director (Dental) of the Directorate General of Health Services Mohammad Faruk told New Age over phone that a proposal by a five-member committee, headed by Director (Dental), was sent to the office of DG of Health Services.

The committee will review the students' demands and take measures, he added.