

## **Ministry failed to prepare service structure for doctors, nurses: PMA**

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‘This is very unfortunate that health professionals are facing trouble and mental torture due to the carelessness of health ministry. Some of these employees at their retirement are reverting from BPS-20 to BPS-17. Now such cases of BPS-20 are being prepared for retirement benefits as an officer of BPS-17,’ it stated. ‘This is what we are awarding health professionals, at their retirement, after their laborious services to the nation. This is unjustified and PMA demands from the government to immediately take notice of the situation and formulate service structure at its earliest to provide due rights and justice to all such health workers,’ it stated.

PMA Secretary General Dr Abdul Ghafoor Shoro, while talking to Dawn, said that it was unfortunate that health professionals were suffering.

‘We were at the frontline during Covid-19 and sacrificed lives of a number of doctors and nurses. On the other hand issues related to medical fraternity have been put on the back burner,’ he said. Staff Reporter

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