



Police wield batons to disperse MATS protesters in Dhaka



Mats attack police

The crackdown occurs as protesters march towards the Secretariat to press for several demands, including job opportunities. Police have cracked down on protesting students of the Medical Assistant Training School as they marched towards the Secretariat to press for several demands, including employment opportunities. The protesters were in front of the Education Building when police began charging batons at them around 4:15pm on Sunday.

Chased by law enforcers, the protesting students The crackdown occurs as protesters march towards the Secretariat to press for several demands, including job opportunities. Engineers from the Kadam Fountain via Matsya Bhaban. Ahsan Habib, senior convenor of Sirajganj Government MATS Students Oikya Parishad, said: "We're having a lot of trouble here.

Police are beating us with sticks." The protest began around 11:30am, when MATS students blocked the road near the National Museum in Shahbagh, announcing their intention to march toward the Directorate General of Health Services or the Health Ministry. Around 2pm, Tuhin Farabi, an aide to the health advisor, arrived at the scene to talk with the demonstrators. Following discussions, he and several representatives from the Government MATS Students Oikya Parishad went to the Secretariat.

Later, around 3:30pm, Farabi provided an update, saying, "We are at the Secretariat, speaking with officials. They've assured us that a notice will be issued by tomorrow or the day after. Let's see what happens. The protest follows an earlier demonstration on Jan 22, when MATS students blocked Shahbagh with four demands. They initially called off their movement after assurances from the Health Ministry, but with no significant progress beyond a letter being issued, they returned to the streets.

"We were told that our demands would be met within seven days, but nothing has happened. We've been unemployed for the last 16 years, so we've taken to the streets. MATS students have been agitating for a long time, demanding immediate appointments to vacant positions in 10th-grade positions, employment opportunities and positions at government and private levels, curriculum revisions and one-year internships with allowances while maintaining the four-year academic course, the cancellation of the proposed Allied Health Professional Board and the formation of a board called "Medical Education Board of Bangladesh", and higher education opportunities in clinical again. As part of their protests, students have organised various demonstrations, including class boycotts. Bangladesh has 16 public and 51 private MATS institutions. After completing a three-year course, students receive a Diploma in Medical Faculty degree.