

Federation of Faculty of Medicine Teachers Associations of Sri Lanka

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Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya

Faculty of Medicine, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

Faculty of Healthcare Sciences, Eastern University of Sri Lanka

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We, trade unions of the academic staff of State Medical Faculties have been extremely disturbed by the negligent approach of the authorities to solve the crisis pertaining to the SAIMT issue. A consensus proposal to solve this issue was handed over to His Excellency the President on 13th March. However, we do not see a constructive action been taken to end this crisis based on the proposals submitted. We see this as a deviation of the government from its obligation towards general public.

Provisions to produce medical graduates and register them without proper regulation by the SLMC has caused major concerns within the medical profession, medical students and the general public. Educational activities of the students of the eight state medical faculties are disrupted for over two months leading to serious consequences for generations of students in the future. This crisis has now come to a stage where the harmonious existence of the daily life of the whole population is at stake. We FFMTA demands a quick and a reasonable solution to this crisis based on the five point proposal presented by us.

Many trade unions, student groups and other civil organizations are pushing for a major protest campaign on the 7th of April demanding an immediate solution for this crisis. We, the unions of academic staff of State Medical Faculties hereby extend our fullest support and solidarity to those demanding an immediate solution.

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