

Contractual health officials, workers stage protest

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Online Desk : Officials and employees, who have been recruited on a contractual basis during COVID-19 pandemic, staged a protest in front of the Health Directorate, urging the authorities to extend their employment contracts beyond December.

They said they worked keeping their lives in risk during the pandemic but now, their 1004 employees have been passing days in negligence. From 10AM on Sunday, the protesting outsourcing officials and workers took position in front of the Health Directorate.

ASM Shahjahan, one of the protesters, said, “In 2020, during the peak of the COVID crisis, we were hired on three-month contracts that were repeatedly extended. Now, after four years of service, we’re being told our jobs will end in December. We’ve worked under extreme uncertainty, and now we face unemployment. We’ve heard the positions will remain, but with reduced staff. All we ask is to keep our jobs.”