

4. **Not only junior doctors are on industrial action, but middle level and senior doctors from central, provincial and district hospitals have joined as the ministry drags its feet.** No form of recruitment can replace the already low staffing levels, and stating that the situation is 'normal' is an untrue statement.

5. Instead of resolving grievances, the Minister is trying to push constitutional amendments to prevent further strikes. This will enable him to sleep on the job as the health sector crumbles, like he has been doing when these grievances were raised in October and he turned a deaf ear.

We are dissatisfied that the Minister and his team continue to play politics with people's lives instead of addressing the situation at hand. **The Minister, his deputy and the Health Services Board have failed dismally in their mandate to uphold our fellow countrymen's health and workers safety.**

We hope the Presidium will find a lasting solution to the current impasse for the benefit of our nation. We are ready to offer our services once our grievances have been addressed. We urge the public to steer clear of propaganda and to pray for us as we try to restore sanity to our health sector

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