

Honduran Doctors Begin Work Stoppage for Back Pay



Tegucigalpa, October 7 (RHC)-- The president of Honduras' Medical College, Elmer Mayes announced a general stoppage by doctors in all the country's 28 public hospitals due to unpaid salaries to some 670 physicians.

According to Mayes, Health Minister Salvador Pineda has not been willing to start an open dialog to solve the back salaries and to meet the compromises he assumed with all hired professionals, including nurses and doctors.

The doctors' guild gave authorities a deadline last week to solve the back payments, but in the face of official apathy towards the issue, they resolved to stage the stoppage, said Mayes.

Pressure measures will take place in a progressive way, and they do not include the abandonment of emergency rooms or scheduled surgeries in order to not affect the people.

Some 672 hired doctors are demanding their back salaries since January this year, which amount to nearly three million 519 thousand dollars.



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