

# DAWN

## PMDC cancels MRCS registration

MULTAN: The Pakistan Medical and Dental Council has referred to the provincial governments the cases of 73 doctors for cancellation of their MRCS degrees, for being registered with the PM&DC illegally.

According to PMDC Registrar Dr Raja Amjad, MRCS (Membership of Royal College of Surgeons) was registered with the PMDC in the previous tenure of ex-registrar Dr Ahmed Nadeem Akbar. He said the ex-registrar registered MRCS of certain doctors without the approval of the Council and without the notification of the federal government, required under the PMDC Ordinance 1962 and Amendment Act 2012.

In a statement issued here on Monday, he said that PMDC was taking strict action against the accused and its president had initiated an inquiry into the matter.

The decision has been implemented as per observation of the fact-finding committee comprising senior professors/surgeons Prof Dr Mussadiq Khan, member, Prof Dr Aslam Shah, Prof Dr Masood Hameed (President of PMDC), and Lt Gen (retd) Dr Rehan Burney.

The registrar said this qualification had been registered with the PMDC in violation of rules. He said MRCS as per General Medical Council, UK, was a basic level surgical qualification meant to enter advance level postgraduate qualification.

A holder of MRCS can enter into advance level surgical training and after completion of CCT, FRCS is the qualification which is acceptable as per PMDC regulations. — APP