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PMDC to take action on unnecessary strike calls

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) will take appropriate action as per law in case of any incident due to strike calls and violence by the Young Doctors' Association (YDA). According to the PMDC, the council would not compromise on the treatment of patients, as "it does not believe in holding strikes at the cost of patients' health". It said in a statement that enough deaths had taken place due to the strikes called by the YDA. It also warned the College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan (CPSP) president and his councillors against getting involved with the YDA, saying that authorities should neither mislead the young doctors, nor help them in passing exams. It said that the PMDC would monitor the CPSP exams. It also condemned both the CPSP and the YDA for announcing joint strikes. The council said that the federal and provincial governments needed to look into the matter seriously, as this might spread to other provinces. It said the right for a peaceful strike existed in all civilised societies, but calling strikes and not treating patients was unethical. APP