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### Press Statement

The Medical Students Association of India (MSAI) condemns in the strongest terms the heinous crime committed against the on-duty intern doctors, Dr. Paribaha Mukherjee and Dr. Yash Tekwanu in Nil Ratan Sircar Medical college and Hospital (NRSMCH), Kolkata on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2019.

The attack caused the frontal right section of Dr. Paribaha's head to be bludgeoned and left both doctors with life threatening injuries. Such acts of senseless brutality can, in no circumstance, be justified.

The perpetrators must be held accountable and as such we strongly urge the West Bengal Government to take rightful action and ensure justice is served.

Bearing in mind the 19,000 medical students MSAI represents, we note with alarm, the scale and gravity of the violence against the young doctors mark a worrying increase in attacks on health professionals all over the country.

As a consequence, we demand the Central Government along with the Health Ministry to reform or enact new policies to ensure the safety of medical professionals and make strict laws against mob violence.

MSAI expresses our deepest sympathy to the families of the victims and stands in solidarity with our brethren at the NRSMCH.

Best Regards,



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