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Chance of rain.
High: 26C
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Govt to revise salaries for nurses, midwives

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KAMPALA. Government has agreed to revise salary structure for nurses and midwives, including those with degrees as opposed to the previous structure that considered only certificates and diploma holders.

At the moment, personnel with diploma and Bachelor in Nursing and Midwifery have their salary structure pegged at the same scale.

Mr Paul Henry Byenkya, the general secretary of Uganda Nurses and Midwives Union, said they called off the strike after President Museveni directed the Public Service ministry to implement their

proposed scheme of service, which now incorporating degree holders.

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The Union last week presented their demands to government including a revised scheme of service and salary enhancements for both nurses and midwives.

Proposals

Mr Byenkya said the Cabinet also agreed to consider their proposed salary enhancements by 403 per cent, with the lowest paid nurse now earning Shs270,000 to have their salaries increased to about Shs2.5m per month.

National Organisation of Trade Unions chairman Wilson Owere, who also attended the

Monday meeting, said a special Cabinet sitting has been scheduled for next Saturday where government is expected to present its counter salary proposal.

"It was also agreed there was an issue of uniform and other equipment and the President said they should be addressed immediately. It was agreed that at least each one should have at least two uniforms," Mr Owere said.

The nurses and midwives had set their industrial action for yesterday, more than a week after the doctors ended their three-weeks long strike, following a written commitment by government to fulfill their demands.