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Drap, NIH asked to ensure availability of anti-rabies vaccines

By Our Staff Reporter

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The ombudsman directed that responsibility might be fixed for the shortage of this essential vaccine and necessary steps be initiated for avoiding recurrence of such incidents in future.

The matter is being vigorously followed by the Office of the Wafaqi Mohtasib and all stakeholders have assured that they would spare no effort in this regard.

It may also be informed that two hearings have already been held in the Wafaqi Mohtasib's office which were attended by the representatives of the organisations concerned.

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