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Namaz-e-Janaza of Durre Samad Rahman, wife of Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman, was held at Gulshan central mosque in the city yesterday. She died of cancer on Monday.

Saifur's wife buried

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Durre Samad Rahman, wife of Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman, was buried at her family graveyard at Baharmardan in Moulvibazar district yesterday.

The first namaz-e-Janaza of Durre Samad was held at Gulshan central mosque in Dhaka yesterday morning. The Speaker, cabinet and parliament members, political leaders, diplomats and high military and civil officers attended the Janaza.

Her second namaz-e-Janaza was held on the mazar premises of Hazrat Shahjalal (R) in Sylhet after Zohr prayers. The relief minister, the foreign minister and a large number of people took part in the Janaza.

Her third namaz-e-Janaza was held at Old Stadium in Moulvibazar after Asr prayers. State Minister for Education Ehsanul Haque Milon, Chief Whip of Opposition Abdus Shahid, Whip Fazlul Haque Aspia and FBCCI President Abdul Awal Mintoo, among others, attended the Janaza.

Qulkhani of Durre Samad will be held at her Baharmardan residence on Thursday and at Gulshan central mosque on Friday after Asr prayers, said an official handout.

BSS adds: Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed deep shock at the death of Durre Samad Rahman.

In separate messages, the Doctors Association of Bangladesh and the Dhaka-Rajshahi Customs, Excise and VAT Executive Officers' Association also expressed condolence at the death of Durre Samad Rahman.

Health asstt appointment

Execution of circular stayed for 3 weeks

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The High Court yesterday stayed for three weeks the execution of a government circular for temporary appointments to 3,000 vacant posts of health assistants.

It also issued rule upon the government to explain why the circular issued on September 6 should not be declared having been issued "without lawful authority".

Test for the appointments was scheduled for October 24.

The orders came upon a writ petition filed by Nasrin Akhtar and others, challenging the legality of the circular that made it mandatory for the applicants to be married and to submit kabinnama along with the application.

Barrister Sara Hossain, counsel for the petitioners, submitted that the petitioners have been subjected to "discrimination" through the mandatory requirements.

"It's violative of Article 27 of the Constitution that guarantees equality of opportunity to all citizens," she told the court.

Appeal for help

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, a mother of four and resident of Gopalganj district, has been suffering from osteo-arthritis of the hip.

A medical board headed by Professor Siraj-ul-Islam advised her to go abroad for total joint replacement of the hip, which involves a cost of Tk 10 to 12 lakh, but her husband could not afford it.

Her husband Lokman Hossain Sikder and four children appealed to the generous people to extend a helping hand to save her.

She was initially treated in the Gopalganj Sadar Hospital and later shifted to the Dhaka Orthopedic Hospital.

Contributions can be sent to the following account: Jahanara Begum, savings account No. 2959, Uttara Bank Limited, Gopalganj branch, Gopalganj - 8100.