

'Form medical board for treatment of Hasina'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three hundred and eight physicians yesterday expressed concern over the deteriorating health condition of detained former prime minister and Awami League president Sheikh Hasina.

They urged the caretaker government to form a medical board comprising specialist physicians for the treatment of ailing Hasina.

It is clear from the statement of Hasina's personal physician that her life is at risk, said the doctors in a joint statement.

They also called on the government to send Hasina abroad for better treatment if the medical board recommends doing so.

The signatories to the statement include Prof AFM Ruhul Haque, Prof Mahmud Hasan, Prof Abu Shafi Ahmed Amin, M Iqbal Aslan, Ali Asgar Morol and Kamrul Hasan Khan.

In another statement, some 40 eminent citizens also expressed concern over the present health condition of Hasina.

They urged the government to release her immediately and take steps for her proper treatment.

The signatories to the statement include Prof Kabir Chowdhury, artist Qayyum Chowdhury, Prof Anisuzzaman, Syed Shamsul Hoque, Kamal Lohani, Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, Prof RIM Aminur Rashid, Nirmalendu Gun, Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Dr Abul Barakat, Nasiruddin Yusuf and artist Hashem Khan.

Tk 1.34 lakh looted in Ctg

CU CORRESPONDENT

Armed miscreants looted Tk 1.34 lakh from a courier service office at Nasirabad area in Chittagong on Sunday.

Sources said a group of miscreants numbering seven to eight entered the Nasirabad branch of SA Paribahan in the guise of clients and looted money from the cash counter keeping the officials hostage at gunpoint.

Police visited the spot.



Cultural activists and conscious citizens form a one-kilometre human chain from Shaheed Minar in Chittagong city yesterday demanding trial of the war criminals.

35 officers get promotion in Navy

BSS, Dhaka

The promotion of four Commodores, eight Captains, 25 Commanders and six (SD) Ag S/Lt were made effective from yesterday.

Captain Farid Habib, Captain K Toufikuzzaman, Captain Mohiuddin Razib and Captain Riazuddin Ahmed have been promoted to the rank of Commodore. Commander M Mokbul Hossain, Commander KS Hossain, Commander ATGM Sarker, Commander Samsul Alam, Commander Aslam Parvez, Commander Faruque Hassan, Commander Kazi Emdadul Haq and Commander M A Khan have been promoted to the rank of Captain.

Besides, 25 Lieutenant Commanders have been promoted to the rank of Commander and six JCOs have been promoted to the rank of (SD) Ag S/Lt.

A total of 104 JCOs and 409 sailors of various higher ranks have been promoted with effect from yesterday, an ISPR release said.

US senator appreciates CG

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladeshi-origin senator of Michigan State of the United States Hansen Clarke appreciated the caretaker government's performance under the leadership of Fakhruddin Ahmed towards holding the stalled general election.

His appreciations came when he made a courtesy call on Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed yesterday and also discussed the possible role of Non-Resident Bangladeshis in development of the country.

During the meeting at the CA's

office, the young senator, who came in Bangladesh basically to join the just-concluded First Non-Resident Bangladeshi Conference 2007, also lauded the government drive aimed at curbing corruption.

The chief adviser said, "The Non-Resident Bangladeshis can keep a role in investment in Bangladesh availing of the investment-friendly atmosphere and attractive incentives for NRIs and foreign investors."

Fakhruddin requested him to a play role for passage of a bill placed in the US parliament regarding duty-

free access of Bangladeshi goods to the US market, which would benefit the country's economy.

The senator said they would mobilize support for the passage of the trade bill.

BOI Executive Chairman Abu Solaiman Chowdhury, Secretary of CA's office Kazi Aminul Islam and CA's Press Secretary Syed Fahim Munaim were present during the meeting.

Six BAF staffs promoted

BSS, Dhaka

Six officers of Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) were promoted to the rank of Group Captain from Wing Commander yesterday.

The Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal SM Ziaur Rahman ceremonially adorned them with the rank of Group Captain at Air Headquarters yesterday morning where principal staff officers of Air Headquarters and senior BAF officers were present on the occasion, said an ISPR press release.

Those promoted are: Captain Syed Shakil Ali, Abul Hossain, AKM Rafique Uddin, Muhammad Mofiqur Rahman, AHM Fazlul Haque and Mohammad Quamrul Ehsan.



Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal SM Ziaur Rahman adorns a BAF officer with the badges of rank of Group Captain at the Air Headquarters yesterday.

One killed in trawler capsize

BSS, N'ganj

One person was killed and ten others were injured when a motor launch and a trawler collided head-on in the river Meghna near Munshiganj launch terminal in Munshiganj on Monday night.

The dead was identified as Sukur Ali, 30, passenger of the trawler, hailed from Brahmanbaria.

Syed Moinuddin Haider, deputy director of BIWTA, told BSS that the accident occurred when the Bholabound motor launch MV Messers Bandhan-2 hit a trawler carrying sand

workers near Munshiganj launch terminal at 9:00pm.

While the trawler capsized, thirty-two out of 40 workers swam to shore. Six were sent to Munshiganj Sadar Hospital and two to Pangu Hospital in Dhaka for medical treatment.



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