

5TH AMENDMENT
SC hearing on
appeals against
HC verdict
likely today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court is likely to hear today the appeals against the High Court (HC) verdict that declared illegal the fifth amendment to the constitution.

The matter has been enlisted as the 11th item in the cause list of the Appellate Division for hearing today.

On December 27, Justice SK Sinha, chamber judge of the apex court, set the date for its hearing.

Upon a writ petition, the HC on August 29, 2005, in a landmark verdict, declared illegal the fifth amendment to the constitution, meaning the regimes of Khandaker Moshataque Ahmed, Abu Sadaat Mohammad Sayem and Maj Gen Ziaur Rahman from August 15, 1975 to April 9, 1979 were illegal.

Free playground from grabbers

Demand environmentalists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a programme yesterday sought the prime minister's intervention in recovering Lalmath playground from the land grabbers immediately.

They demanded that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina take steps to free the playground from the clutches of land grabbers by January 15.

Environmentalists, civil society members and football players made the demand at a cultural and sports programme at Lalmath playground at Section 12, Block-A in Mirpur Housing Estate.

Paribesh Bachao Andolon (Save the environment) and Barnak Samaj, a sports and cultural organisation, jointly organised the programme to press home their demand.

"The open space of Lalmath could not be recovered yet in spite of the High Court order to vacate all kinds of illegal structures from there,"

said Justice Ghulam Rabbani while inaugurating the programme.

"We want the playground so that our children can breathe in an open air, age-old people and children can get open space for playing and walk."

Students of different educational institutes formed a human chain on the playground.

Bapa Chairman Abu Naser Khan said, "We will never tolerate to capture the playground by some vested quarters when open space or playground is very much necessary for the Dhaka city."

It is also important to keep open spaces in every ward, the way earthquake trends are occurring," he also said.

Lawmaker Saheda Tarique Dipty, former footballers Imtiaz Sultan Jony, and SAZ, Syed Rumman Bin Wali Sabbir, Nakib and SA Kader, captain of national football team Aminul Islam and Prof ABM Badruddoza were present at the programme.

Ex-army captain commits suicide

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A former army captain committed suicide by hanging from the ceiling fan with a scarf at his residence at Green Road in the city yesterday.

Capt (retd) Mahbul Mannan, 36, was suffering from mental disorder for last few years, family sources said.

His brother Habibul Mannan said Mahbul was found hanging from the ceiling fan at around 2:00pm. The main door was locked from inside and he was alone in his house.

Habibul said he knocked on the door for a long time, but there was no response from inside. Then he with the help of neighbours broke open the door only to find his brother hanging from the ceiling fan.

Officer-in-Charge of Kalabagan Police Station AKM Shaheen Mondol said Capt Mahbul was sent into forced retirement in 2001 as he had been suffering from mental disorder.

Later, he joined a private firm but could not continue his job, as his condition deteriorated.

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Two siblings killed in wall collapse

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Two siblings died yesterday afternoon in Khulna when a wall around the roof of a two-storey building collapsed.

The dead, identified as Shumaiya, 5, and her brother Habib, 7, are the children of a day labourer, Hafizul Islam.

The incident occurred when the wall of Alam Mansion in Nirala residential area under Khulna Sadar Police Station collapsed suddenly around 2:30pm and fell

on the victims who were playing in front of their thatched house near the building, witnesses said.

Police recovered the bodies around 5:30pm and sent to Khulna Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Police and locals said Badiul Alam, owner of the building, rented out the ground floor and the first floor of the building to two families.

Aklima Khatun, mother of the children, was admitted to a local clinic as she lost consciousness after the great loss.

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