

# Halt earth filling for Rangpur hospital till July 27: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
The High Court yesterday directed the authorities concerned to maintain status quo on construction of a hospital by filling earth in a pond in Rajghat area of Rangpur town till July 27. The court also issued a rule asking the authorities to explain in a week why their inaction to protect the pond should not be declared illegal and why they should not be ordered to protect it and to remove the structure already built on the pond. The HC bench of Justice Ashfaul Islam and Justice Ataur Rahman Khan gave the order and rule following a petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh.



Calling for a national unity to rid militancy, Shamajik Protirodh Committee, a platform comprising women rights organisations, forms a human chain in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

# NEWS IN brief

## 2 Ansarullah men held in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg  
Police arrested two more members of Ansarullah Bangla Team (ABT) in Chittagong on Wednesday night. In primary interrogation, Touhidul Alam alias Manik, 22, and Ariful Mostafa, 22, confessed to being involved with the militant outfit, said police. Earlier on Sunday, four ABT members were arrested in Anantapur of Sitakunda. On their information, Manik was arrested in Najirhat Babunagar of Fatikchhari and Mostafa in Barabkunda of Sitakunda, said Rezaul Masud, additional superintendent of police (special branch) in Chittagong.

## PM shocked at Italy train crash

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT  
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has offered her condolences over the loss of lives and injuries of scores in a passenger train crash that happened between the coastal towns of Bari and Barletta, Italy. Hasina wrote to her Italian counterpart Matteo Renzi on Wednesday, saying she was deeply saddened. So far, 27 people have been confirmed dead.

## 2 boys die in Noakhali cylinder blast

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali  
Two boys were killed and four others sustained burns in a gas cylinder blast at a tea stall in Baghmara Bazar of Companiganj upazila in Noakhali yesterday, said police and locals. Md Fahim, 8, son of Md Tarique Ullah of village Dakshin Musapur, died at Noakhali Medical College Hospital and Sayem, 9, on the way to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. The injured, whose identities were not known immediately, were admitted to a local clinic from where they were referred to the Noakhali hospital.

## Rizvi hospitalised with stomachache

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Rizvi Ahmed was admitted to a city hospital with 'serious stomach' problems on Wednesday night. Rezaul Karim, an official of BNP Naya Paltan central office, said the BNP leader has been kept at the ICU under the supervision of Prof Dr Sanawar Hossain at the hospital.

## Girl's body recovered from canal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Divers recovered the body of a six-year-old girl yesterday, around 17 hours after she fell into a canal near Dhaka's Mohakhali bus terminal. The body of Sanjida, daughter of rickshaw-van puller Shah Alam, was found around 9:50am, a fire service official said. Sanjida fell into the canal on Wednesday while playing with her friend Tamim, 7, said locals.

# UGC probe team visits NSU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
A probe committee of University Grants Commission (UGC) visited North South University yesterday to collect information about the latest situation at the university after involvement of some its former and current students surfaced in two deadly terror attacks in Dhaka and Kishoreganj. The four-member committee comprising UGC members Prof Dil Afroza Begum and Prof M Shah Nowaz Ali; and two officials of private university unit Jesmin Parvin and Bishnu Mallick went to NSU campus in the capital's Baridhara as part of a follow-up of their earlier probe, said a commission official, wishing anonymity. The committee talked to the university authorities on issues relating to the recent terror attack, he said. "The committee wanted to know about the measures the university has taken after the incident," he added. The committee also requested the university to give some information in written on the number of students enrolled every year and the irregular students, he said. NSU VC Prof Atiqul Islam informed the committee about the measures they have taken so far. The probe committee also visited the university's library where the UGC had found some books on radical ideologies last year. At least two students, a former and a current, of the university were involved with deadly terror attacks at a restaurant in the capital's Gulshan on July 1 and the Eid congregation in Sholakia in Kishoreganj on July 7. Talking to The Daily Star on Tuesday, UGC Chairman Prof Abdul Mannan said the committee will visit NSU as part of a follow-up of an investigation into the allegations of financial irregularities at the university in October last year.

# 68 women rights groups urge govt to check terror

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Suggesting that the authorities concerned monitor activities of educational institutions, women rights activists yesterday asked the government to take preventive measures before the commission of a crime. "The government must take preventive measures before it happens," said Ayesha Khanam, president of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad (BMP). She said this at a human chain organised by Shamajik Protirodh Committee in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club, where representatives of more than 68 organisations took part. Khanam asked the state to look into whether youths are being given proper education, the national anthem is sung and national flag is shown with due respect at educational institutions. Rights activist Sultana Kamal said through the attacks, the militants are trying to stop livelihood of common people. "The people need to rise to prove that there is no place for militancy in the country," she said. Speakers also said perpetrators who had killed the freethinkers are yet to be tried that is why such incidents are recurring. Rokeya Kabir, executive director of Welcome to Bangladesh Nari Pragati Sangha (BNPS), Farah Kabir, country director of ActionAid Bangladesh, Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation, and Jakia K Hasan, president of Women for Women, also spoke.

# PRAN-RFL Group chairman dies

CITY DESK  
Lt Col (ret) Mahtabuddin Ahmed, chairman of PRAN-RFL Group, passed away in the capital yesterday. He was 83. He breathed his last at National Heart Foundation Hospital at 11:30am due to a cardiac arrest, says a press release. Mahtabuddin left behind his wife, two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives to mourn his death. His namaz-e-janaza will be held at Gulshan Azad Mosque after Juma prayers today and he will be buried at Banani graveyard tomorrow. Mahtabuddin was born in Munshiganj on June 26, 1933. He was the son of late Khan Bahadur Mahbubuddin Ahmed and Sara Begum. He joined the then Pakistan Army in 1951 and went into retirement in 1974. He became PRAN-RFL Group chairman in 1983 and had been serving it until his death.

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