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# Chief justice steps down

Resignation letter sent to the Bangabhaban, will be placed to the president today

ASHUTOSH SARKAR



Amid flak from the ruling quarters over different issues including the 16th amendment verdict, Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha resigned yesterday.

Now abroad, he sent his resignation letter to the Bangabhaban, the official residence of President Abdul Hamid, in the morning. President's Press Secretary Md Joynal Abedin told The Daily Star.

What reason Justice Sinha cited in the letter was yet to be known as the press secretary could not give details or say how it was sent.

The resignation letter will be placed before the president tomorrow (today) as Saturday is weekly holiday, said Joynal Abedin yesterday afternoon.

Talking to this correspondent, Law Minister Anisul Haq said he was yet to talk to the president over the issue and he did not know who will be the new chief justice.

"The appointment of the chief justice is an absolute prerogative of the president under the constitution. It is not my responsibility," he said yesterday afternoon.

The minister said Justice Md Abdul Wahhab Miah, the senior most judge of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court after Sinha, will continue to carry out the

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A Rohingya refugee boy cries as he arrives on a makeshift raft on the Naf river in Sabrang after crossing the Bangladesh-Myanmar border near Cox's Bazar yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## Rohingya rafts keep coming

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Over 1,500 Rohingya floated into Bangladesh in a single day yesterday as the persecuted minorities continue to flee violence in Myanmar.

Abdul Gaffar Chowdhury, chairman of Palongkhali Union Parishad, said many of them arrived in Cox's Bazar on rafts made with jerrycans.

Md Atiqur Rahman, an official of Border Guard Bangladesh, said such rafts were being seen in increasing numbers in recent days and some Rohingyas were arriving on small engine boats.

The groups that arrived yesterday crossed the Naf river to reach Anjumanpara in Ukhiya and Maheshkhali, reports our correspondent. Police rescued them and sent them to Balukhali shelter.

On Thursday, 132 and on Friday afternoon 529 Rohingyas reached Shah Porir Dwip in Teknaf on rafts, according to police.

Police said so far 28 boats or trawlers have gone down at sea or in the Naf river causing 200 deaths of

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## TIME LINE

**AUGUST 18, 2014:** Cabinet approved a proposal on amending the constitution to restore parliament's authority to impeach Supreme Court judges on grounds of misconduct or incapacity by abolishing the Supreme Judicial Council.

**SEPT 17, 2014:** Parliament unanimously passed the 16th constitutional amendment bill, empowering itself to remove SC judges for misbehaviour and incapacity.

**MAY 5, 2016:** High Court declared the amendment illegal, unconstitutional and against the principles of the separation of state powers and the independence of the judiciary.

**MAY 5, 2016:** Three ministers and several treasury and opposition bench MPs lambasted a High Court verdict that scrapped the 16th amendment to the constitution.

**JULY 3, 2017:** The Supreme Court upheld the HC verdict, rejecting the government appeal against the HC verdict.

**JULY 9, 2017:** Senior ministers and MPs from the treasury and opposition benches launched a blistering attack on the High Court and the Supreme Court for judgments against the Jatiya Sangsad's power to remove judges for incapacity or misconduct.

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## Four days on, no trace of Mubashar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With no trace of North South University teacher Mubashar Hasan even in four days, citizens continue to raise voice in public as well on social media demanding the administration's prompt step for his safe return.

The family of the young political Islam researcher, who have been missing since Tuesday evening, is now only praying for his return after exhausting various means.

Mubashar is among a host of individuals who have become victims of either abduction or enforced disappearance in recent months. At least nine people, including journalist Utpal Das, book importer Tanvir Yasin Karim and some political leaders, have gone missing since August 22.

Against this backdrop, teachers and former and current students of mass communication and

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## FOOD, SHELTER TO ROHINGYAS \$882m needed for 10 months

Estimates CPD, warns the govt int'l support may not continue for long

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Centre for Policy Dialogue yesterday said an estimated \$882 million or Tk 7,126 crore would be needed to provide food, shelter and other support to the Rohingyas until June next year.

It also said the expenditure for each Rohingya over the period would be Tk 59,388.

The independent think tank came up with the figures based on the estimate of the UN, which said \$434 million would be needed for the Rohingyas in Bangladesh between September and February next year.

The humanitarian support currently provided by the international organisations would not continue for a long

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## RAPE OF SIX WOMEN BCL leader sued, yet to be arrested

STAR REPORT

Police are yet to arrest the Chhatra League man, who allegedly sexually assaulted six women in Shariatpur and released video clips of his misdeed on the internet almost a month ago.

"One victim has filed a case today [yesterday]. We hope to arrest the accused very soon," Saifullah Al Mamun, superintendent of police (SP) in Shariatpur,

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## RANGPUR MAYHEM Hatred stirred up for days

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

The Friday's attack on the Hindu community in the district's Gangachara upazila was carried out as per a plan after days of campaign over a Facebook post, but the local authorities failed to prevent it as they didn't take the matter seriously, alleged victims and villagers.

Police, however, refuted the allegation of neglecting duties in preventing the attack that left dozens of houses destroyed in Horkoli Thakurpara village.

According to law enforcers, digital evidence showed that the Facebook post was uploaded on October 28 from the account of one Md Titu.

Talking to The Daily Star, a police official last night said someone from Rangpur's Gangachara upazila uploaded the post. He, however, didn't give any detail.

Locals said a campaign was launched in the area and also

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## Forced to quit: BNP No pressure: AL

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ruling Awami League thinks Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha has stepped down considering his health while its archrival BNP has alleged that he was forced to resign.

The CJ went on leave on health grounds on October 3 and left for Australia nine days later. He sent his resignation

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