



The six archers who struck gold for Bangladesh on the same day of the 13th South Asian Games yesterday, pose for pictures with officials from the Bangladesh Archery Federation. Their haul contributed to Bangladesh's best ever single-day gold haul at the Games.

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## Shut down all polluters

HC asks govt as DoE identifies 52 illegal washing plants on Buriganga shore

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered the Department of Environment (DoE) to shut down all illegal industries, factories, and organisations on the Buriganga that are polluting the river.

During the hearing of a writ petition, the HC also directed it to submit a complete report by January 8 after complying with the order.

At the same time, the court ordered the Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (Wasa) to properly implement its undertaking about sealing off drains and sewerage lines

connected to the river and to submit the first progress report by January 8.

Earlier in the day, the DoE submitted a report that said 52 fabric washing plants without any environmental clearance certificate (ECC) and effluent treatment plant (ETP) were illegally operating on the south shore of the river, polluting its water and the environment.

Besides, some factories and organisations which have no ECC and ETP were running their operations on the north shore of Buriganga in Dhaka metropolitan area. An inquiry is going on in this regard, the DoE said in the

report submitted to the HC as per its earlier order.

In the compliance report, the DoE mentioned that it closed 27 such factories and industries in 2017, and 18 factories and industries this year as they were polluting the river.

Going through the report, the HC bench of Justice Gobinda Chandra Tagore and Justice Mohammad Ullah passed the order for stopping operations of the illegal industries, factories, and other organisations on both shores of the Buriganga and sought the complete compliance

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## Archers bring best day for Bangladesh

Deliver 7 gold medals in one day in the South Asian Games

ATIQUE ANAM from Pohhara

The recently-constructed Rangasala in Pokhara yesterday became the scene of Bangladesh's most successful day in the history of the South Asian Games, turning into a goldmine for the country, who won seven gold medals yesterday -- the single-best haul for Bangladesh, beating the previous best of four golds on a single day from the 2010 edition held in Dhaka.

The successful day, which doubled Bangladesh's gold tally to 14, took the country close to beating their Games record from the same edition nine years ago.

Bangladesh archery's poster-boy Roman Sana and teenage archer Ety Khatun led the

gold rush as the Red and Greens clinched all six team and mixed team gold medals at the archery ground adjacent to the Rangasala. Around the same time, just across the archery venue, the Bangladesh women's cricket team won gold, beating Sri Lanka by two runs in a nail-biting finish.

Bangladesh are hoping to add all four remaining golds from archery's individual events today as the nation is proving to be far ahead of other South Asian competitors in the absence of regional powerhouses India, who have been banned from international meets by the World Archery Federation.

Bangladesh archery team's coach Martin

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### On this day in 1971

DECEMBER 9  
In a Kolkata press conference, General Aurora of Indian army says they are ready for larger warfare as Indian infantry, logistics and PT-67 amphibious tanks are ready to enter Bangladesh.  
The allied force is advancing towards Dhaka from all

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## TRAMPLING OF ROHINGYA RIGHTS Make Myanmar take urgent steps

Fortify Rights urges ICJ as hearing on genocide case starts tomorrow

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Myanmar continues to violate the rights of the Rohingyas and fails to comply with its obligations under the UN Genocide Convention, regional rights body Fortify Rights has said, calling for urgent action by the top UN court that starts historic hearing of the genocide case against the country tomorrow.

The International Court of Justice should issue "provisional measures" to Myanmar in response to the urgent situation of the Rohingyas there, it said in a statement on Saturday ahead of the court hearing in The Hague

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## Rumpa's friend on remand

Police still have no clue about where Rumpa was for 4 hrs before death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Stamford University student Rubaiyat Sharmin Rumpa's friend Rahman Saikat was placed on a four-day remand yesterday in connection with her death.

Police suspect that Saikat, 22, and some others, may have pushed her off a building rooftop near 64/4 Siddheshwari Circular Road on Wednesday, DB Inspector Shah Md Akhtaruzzaman Elias, also the investigation officer of the case, wrote in the remand prayer hours after police arrested Saikat.

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