

## MISMANAGEMENT IN RAILWAY Roni calls off protest for now

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Dhaka University student Roni last night postponed his protest against mismanagement and corruption in the country's railway system, for the time being as the authorities concerned assured him of meeting his demands.



He made the decision after a four-hour meeting with the railway officials at the railway building at 9:45pm.

"Railway Secretary Humayun Kabir and Director General Dharendra Nath Mazumder promised to keep me in the follow-up in implementing my six-point demand. I took this decision to keep the country's situation normal and to prevent any third party from taking advantage of my movement to create unrest," Roni said.

Roni suspended his movement after 19 days. He, however, said if he sees any irregularities in implementing his demands, he will resume his movement.

On July 7, he took to the streets with a six-point demand for ending mismanagement and corruption in the

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Squeezing between a road divider, pedestrians cross the busy Kazi Nazrul Islam avenue. Some even push the risk further by being on the phone while crossing. Despite multiple foot-over bridges in the vicinity, many are reluctant to use them, increasing the risk of accidents. This photo was taken at Karwan Bazar yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

## 'Make the visa process flexible'

Bangladesh urges India to ease registration for patients

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Bangladesh yesterday urged India to show flexibility in the visa regime and wanted New Delhi to address the difference in overstay fine structures applied by the country.

The Indian side was also requested to ease registration requirements for Bangladeshi patients going for treatment at various hospitals in India.

Bangladesh also urged India to ease travel restrictions through all ports for Bangladeshi nationals, according to a statement issued by the Bangladesh Foreign Ministry after holding the third edition of Bangladesh-India Consular Dialogue in Dhaka.

The entire gamut of bilateral consular issues was discussed in depth during the dialogue and the agenda items included expeditious repatriation of each other's nationals, particularly trafficked women and children, smooth issuance of exit permits and granting consular access for a longer period.

At the dialogue, the two sides agreed to expedite the process of consular access, transfer of sentenced persons and visa-related issues among others.

Both sides reiterated their earlier commitments to share real time information on detainees.

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# 38 children drown daily in country

Say WHO, Unicef

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As many as 38 children die due to drowning every day in the country, said a joint press release of World Health Organization and Unicef Bangladesh yesterday.

Annually, this accounts for around 14,000 deaths and represents the second leading cause for child (under five) mortality.

In this context, WHO and Unicef have called on the government, development partners, communities and individuals to raise awareness and work to prevent these untimely deaths.

"It is heart-breaking that so many lives are lost each year in this country. We know that these deaths are preventable. We urge individuals, communities and the government

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Awareness among families, communities
- Providing safety, swimming skills for children
- Ensuring childcare facilities for pre-school children
- National policies, investments for prevention

to join us in raising awareness and doing all we can to ensure every child's right to survive and thrive," said Sheldon Yett, Unicef representative to Bangladesh, marking World Drowning Prevention Day (July 25).

Globally, drowning claims the lives of over

2,30,000 people every year.

Nine in 10 drowning cases occur in low- and middle-income countries, with children under the age of five being at the highest risk.

In Bangladesh, where large areas of land remain submerged due to yearly floods, the absence of awareness and swimming skills can prove to be life-threatening, said the press release.

Children in rural areas who grow up near bodies of water are also exposed to the risk of drowning daily. "We recommend strategies and interventions to prevent drowning and continue to promote a multi-sectoral approach," said Dr Bardan Jung Rana, WHO representative to Bangladesh.

Evidence shows that drowning is preventable

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লেখার পাইলস, ফিস্টুলা অপারেশন, কোষ্ঠকাঠিন্য, পলিপ, কোলোনক্যান্সার, কোলন, রেকটাম ক্যান্সার ও ল্যাপারোস্কপি

পেটের খাদ্যনালী ও অন্ত্রের (Colon, Rectum and Anus) বিভিন্ন সমস্যা যেমন- মলত্যাগের পর রক্ত বাতরা, অন্ত্রের বিভিন্ন সমস্যা, ফিস্টুলা, এনালফিস্থা, রক্ত আমাশয় (Ulcerative Colitis), পেজার পাইলস অপারেশন, সার্ভিচুলিক লাম্বো পক্ষতক পাইলস অপারেশন, অন্ত্রের বাতর অপারেশন বর্ধ হওয়ার কারণ, বাতরা হুল আঘাতের জন্য (Obstructed Defecation) STARR অপারেশন, পেটের কোষ্ঠ খাদ্যনালীর ক্যান্সার (Colon Cancer), Colonoscopy, পায়ের ক্যান্সার (Rectum Cancer) কলার বা কোষ্ঠে অত্যধিক ট্যাপলি, শক্তিক পটে বাতর বা লুপিয়ে অপারেশন, ল্যাপারোস্কপিক পদ্ধতিতে পেট বা কোষ্ঠে কোলন ক্যান্সার অপারেশন, শিশুর পায়ের সাথে রক্ত বাতরা ইত্যাদির অত্যধিক ও বিশ্বাসের চিকিৎসা সম্পর্কে জানতে হলে নইটি পড়ুন।

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Amidst the days of rain, commuters travelling on boat to Mohakhali from the nearby Korail slum cover their heads with colourful umbrellas as they get across the waterbody. This photo was taken recently. PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

## DHAKA AIRPORT THIRD TERMINAL Committee formed to look into 'irregularities'

RASHIDUL HASAN

A parliamentary body yesterday formed a three-member sub-committee to investigate alleged corruption and irregularities centring construction of the third terminal at Dhaka airport.

The parliamentary standing committee on civil aviation ministry formed the committee at its meeting at Sangsad Bhaban.

Awami League MP Anwar Hossain Khan was made convener of the sub-committee. The two other members are Sheikh Tanmoy and Syeda Rubina Akhtar.

Emerging from the meeting, RAM Obaidul Muktadir Chowdhury, chief of the parliamentary watchdog, told The Daily Star that there were allegations of irregularities in the media regarding the construction.

"The parliamentary body has formed a sub-committee to look into that matter," he added.

The sub-committee, however, was not given any time-frame to submit its report before the main committee, meeting sources said.

It is alleged that low-quality products like lamps and electric equipment are being used for the third terminal.

The matter was also discussed in the parliamentary committee's meeting on June 22.

According to the meeting minutes, Muktadir said, "Recently, a lot of talks are being heard about construction work of the third terminal. It has even been hinted that all contracting matters of civil aviation are controlled by an influential member of the parliamentary standing committee. But

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## Dengue claims another life

60 more hospitalised

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One more dengue patient died while 60 people were admitted to different hospitals across the country in the last 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday.

The deceased was from Cox's Bazar. This is the fourth dengue-related death in Cox's Bazar.

With this, the total number of deaths rose to seven while the number of dengue patients rose to 2,206, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

Among the patients, 276 are still undergoing treatment. Meanwhile, 1,923 patients have been released from hospitals.

Warning the city corporations of a major outbreak of dengue virus this year compared to the last couple of years, experts suggested the corporations to take extensive measures immediately to control the Aedes mosquitoes.



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