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## Ensure govt staffers comply with provision for asset disclosure

### HC orders authorities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the authorities concerned to strictly ensure compliance with the relevant provisions of the law for time-to-time monitoring of the disclosures of movable and immovable properties of government officials serving in civil capacity.

It also directed them to submit progress reports to this effect before the court in three months.

The HC bench of Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice Kazi Ebadot Hossain also issued a rule asking the respondents to explain why their failure and inaction to adopt guidelines or policies or to enact proper legislation to prevent accumulation of illegal wealth (movable or immovable) through corruption by the public/government servants serving in civil capacity, and their family members, should not be declared illegal.

Secretaries at the cabinet division; and ministries of finance, home, law, and public administration; the Bank and Financial Institution Division of the finance ministry; chairman of the Anti-Corruption Commission; chairman of

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PHOTO: SIRAJUL ISLAM RUBEL

Chanting slogans against the quota system in government jobs, several hundred university students headed towards the Shahbag intersection to continue their protest around 3:45pm yesterday. The demonstration lasted an hour, causing severe traffic congestion in nearby roads.

## 116 killed in stampede at India religious event

Most of the dead are women, children; many others injured; death toll may rise

REUTERS, New Delhi

At least 116 people, many of them women and children, were killed in a stampede at a Hindu religious gathering in north India yesterday, authorities said, in one of the country's worst such tragedies in years.

The stampede happened in a village in Hathras district, about 200 km (125 miles) southeast of the national capital New Delhi, where authorities said thousands had gathered in sweltering late afternoon temperatures.

"The incident happened due to overcrowding at the time when people were trying to leave the venue," Ashish Kumar, administrator of the Hathras district of Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state, told reporters.

Chaitra V, another senior state official, told broadcaster India Today that people may have lost their footing as they sought water in the heat.

"There was wet mud at one place where people may have slipped. Also because of the heat, people may have made their way to the spot where water was kept and that could have caused the incident as well," she said.

Video clips recorded by news agency ANI showed bodies piled into the back of trucks and laid out in vehicles.

Purses and bags covered in dust, were heaped up at the venue, with people sitting on their haunches sifting through them to identify their belongings.

Mobile phones were similarly piled together, waiting to be claimed by their owners.

A video on social media showed a large crowd packed into a tented area, standing and listening to devotional tunes as they waved their hands in the direction of the religious leader who sat on a stage.



It also showed some women hanging on to the bamboo poles holding up the canopy to get a better view above the heads of the large crowd.

"There must have been about 50,000 people...at the gate on the highway, some people were going left and some people were going right, the stampede was caused in that confusion," Suresh Chandra, a witness who was at the gathering, told local media.

Seema, a woman who travelled from a town almost 60 km away to attend the event, said she was leaving the venue when the stampede occurred. She was accompanied by three relatives, two of whom were killed.

## FLOOD IN SYLHET

### Thousands marooned in three districts

STAR REPORT

At a time when Sylhet is still reeling from the devastation caused by last month's deluge, the region is now experiencing a fresh round of flooding triggered by the nonstop rain over the last few days, plunging thousands deeper into despair.

Low-lying areas of eight upazilas in Sylhet, including parts of the city, five upazilas in Sunamganj, including parts of the municipality, and two upazilas in Moulvibazar have been newly inundated.

Sylhet witnesses large-scale destruction to life and property every monsoon due to flooding in its vast network of rivers.

Last month, flash floods displaced more than 22 lakh people during two rounds of flooding in the region, affecting hundreds of areas and causing untold suffering to the dwellers.

The flood waters left behind a trail of destruction, submerging villages, destroying crops and wrecking homes.

This time, the ongoing flood situation is expected to worsen, with more rainfall predicted in the coming days, according to the weather department and the Flood Forecasting Warning Centre.

Already hundreds of flood-affected people, the majority of whom have only recently returned home from shelters, are being forced to return to the

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## Israel pounds Gaza after evacuation order

### Thousands flee their homes in Khan Yunis; 25 more Palestinians killed

AGENCIES

Israeli forces bombarded several areas of the southern Gaza Strip yesterday and thousands of Palestinians fled their homes in what could be part of a final push of Israel's intensive military operations in nine months of offensive.

Eight Palestinians were killed and dozens wounded in Khan Yunis, health officials said. Israel's military said that two soldiers had been killed in battle a day earlier.

Israel's leaders have said they were winding down the phase of intense fighting against Hamas, and would soon shift into more targeted operations.

Later yesterday, 17 Palestinians were killed in Israeli tank shelling of a street in the densely populated Zeitoun neighbourhood in Gaza City in the north of the Strip, medics said. Footage on some Palestinian social media showed the scene at a local market, with bread scattered on a floor stained with blood.

The Israeli army had ordered residents of several towns and villages in eastern Khan Younis to evacuate their homes on Monday evening, prior to tanks re-entering the area the military had left several weeks ago.

Thousands who had not heeded the call were forced to flee their homes in the dark overnight, as Israeli tanks and planes bombed Karara, Abassan and other areas that had been named in the evacuation orders, residents and Hamas media said.

"Where will we go?" said Tamer, a 55-year-old businessman, who has been displaced six times since October 7.

"Every time people go back to their homes and begin to rebuild some of their lives even on the rubble of their houses, the occupation sends the tanks back to destroy what is left," he told Reuters via a chat app.

## BENAZIR, FAMILY ACC primary probe finds corruption evidence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission has obtained preliminary information indicating that former inspector general of police Benazir Ahmed, his wife and daughters acquired assets beyond their known sources of income.

The commission has also found evidence of more immovable and movable properties at home and abroad in their names or fake names.

ACC Secretary Khorsheda Yasmin shared this information with reporters at a press conference at its headquarters yesterday.

She stated that they got preliminary information about illegal wealth in the names of Benazir, his wife Jisaan Mirza, and their two daughters -- Farheen Rishta Binte Benazir and Tahseen Raisa Binte Benazir.


She mentioned that the commission has decided

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**পাওয়ার গ্রিড কোম্পানি অব বাংলাদেশ লিমিটেড এর নাম পরিবর্তন প্রসঙ্গে**

পাওয়ার গ্রিড কোম্পানি অব বাংলাদেশ লিমিটেড ১৯৯৬ সালে নিবন্ধনের পর থেকে এ নামে পরিচালিত হচ্ছে। 'কোম্পানি আইন ১৯৯৪' -এর অধিকতর সংশোধনকল্পে প্রণীত কোম্পানি (দ্বিতীয় সংশোধন) আইন ২০২০ এর ধারা ১১ (ক) এর বিধান অনুসারে বাংলাদেশে নিবন্ধিত সীমিতদায় পাবলিক কোম্পানির নামের শেষে 'পাবলিক সীমিতদায় কোম্পানি' বা 'পিএলসি' লিখার নির্দেশনা রয়েছে। উক্ত নির্দেশনার আলোকে যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের অনুমোদনক্রমে কোম্পানির নাম পরিবর্তন করে 'পাওয়ার গ্রিড বাংলাদেশ পিএলসি' (Power Grid Bangladesh PLC) করা হয়েছে।

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## Malen hits brace as Netherlands reach Euro quarters


AFP, Munich

The Netherlands swept into their first European Championship quarterfinal since 2008 as Donyell Malen scored twice in a 3-0 win over Romania in the last 16 on Tuesday.

Cody Gakpo gave the Dutch an early lead but they were unable to convert pressure into a crucial second goal until the Liverpool forward set up Malen with seven minutes remaining in Munich.

Romania were gritty but out-classed, lacking the quality to punish their opponents' profligacy before Malen added his second on the

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**“তীব্র গরম প্রাণঘাতী, সচেতন হই সুরক্ষিত থাকি”**

জলবায়ুর পরিবর্তনজনিত কারণে সৃষ্ট তাপদাহ আমাদের নাগরিক জীবনে মারাত্মক প্রভাব ফেলছে। বিগত কয়েক বছরে এই তীব্র তাপপ্রবাহগুলো দীর্ঘ থেকে দীর্ঘতর এবং তীব্র থেকে তীব্রতর হচ্ছে। এই তীব্র তাপপ্রবাহে নগরবাসীর কর্মদক্ষতা হ্রাস পায় এবং স্বাস্থ্যঝুঁকিও বহুলাংশে বেড়ে যায়। সুতরাং এখনই সময় সাধারণ মানুষের তাপপ্রবাহ জনিত স্বাস্থ্য ঝুঁকি এড়াতে প্রয়োজনীয় ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণের।

জনসচেতনতা বৃদ্ধি ও স্বাস্থ্য ঝুঁকি নিরসনে বাস্তবসম্মত পদক্ষেপ গ্রহণের নিমিত্তে ঢাকা উত্তর সিটি কর্পোরেশন (DNCC) একটি জরিপ (Survey) কার্যক্রম চালানোর উদ্যোগ নিয়েছে। গবেষণা কার্যক্রমের অংশ হিসেবে ডিএনসিসি'র উদ্যোগে বেশ কিছু সংখ্যক ভলান্টিয়ার নিয়োগ দেয়া হয়েছে। উক্ত ভলান্টিয়ারগণ ডিএনসিসি কর্তৃক স্বাক্ষরিত পরিচয় পত্র এবং নির্দিষ্ট পোশাক পরিধানপূর্বক পূর্বনির্ধারিত তারিখে আপনার কাছে উপস্থিত হলে তাপপ্রবাহ সংক্রান্ত কিছু তথ্যপ্রদান করে সহায়তা প্রদানের জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো।

এই গবেষণালব্ধ ফলাফল নগরবাসীর স্বাস্থ্য সুরক্ষার নিমিত্তেই ব্যবহার করা হবে।

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