

Health of Justice Manik improving

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Sylhet

The health condition of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik, who underwent surgery at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital following his arrest is improving.

Brigadier General Mahbubur Rahman Bhuiyan, the hospital's director, confirmed the matter to this newspaper.

Justice Manik, a retired Supreme Court judge, had surgery on his left scrotum and is now under observation.

He also suffers from heart disease and diabetes, and a medical board has been formed to monitor his health.

Border Guard Bangladesh on Friday night arrested him from the Dona border in Sylhet's Kanaighat upazila while allegedly attempting to flee to India.

Manik sustained injuries after he was attacked while being produced before a Sylhet court.



Women passengers travel in their designated compartment on the metro rail, as its operations yesterday after over a month of suspension. Despite the closure of two key stations, metro rail services are back on track, which were suspended on July 18 amid violence centring the quota reform protests.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

China pledges to strengthen ties with Bangladesh

Ambassador meets Dr Yunus, donates \$20,000 for flood victims

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

China said yesterday that the political changeover in Bangladesh is its internal affairs. The country has expressed its continued commitment to enhancing bilateral relations with Bangladesh.

Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen conveyed this message during a meeting with Chief Adviser Dr Muhammad Yunus at the State Guesthouse Jamuna.

"No matter what changes have taken place in Bangladesh, China's commitment to developing China-Bangladesh relations remains unchanged," Ambassador Yao said, according to a statement from the Chinese embassy.

He congratulated Dr Yunus on his new role and reiterated China's principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries.

Yao emphasised China's support for Bangladesh's sovereignty, independence, and stability, and expressed Beijing's readiness to assist Bangladesh's interim government in its reform and development efforts.

He also highlighted the importance of pragmatic cooperation and the implementation of agreements between the two nations.

Dr Yunus urged China to relocate some of its solar panel factories to Bangladesh to aid in the country's green transition and boost exports.

He also called for increased imports of Bangladeshi goods to China and enhanced collaboration in technology, disaster management, education, and agriculture.

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'The crisis has united us'

Student-led relief efforts continue for fourth day



NILIMA JAHAN

From children donating their savings from tiffin money to women offering their jewellery, from street beggars donating a part of the alms received in a day to corporate entities donating a day's salaries of their staff – the people of Bangladesh have joined in a united effort to support those devastated by the recent flash floods, contributing in every way possible.

Truckloads of clothing, dates, flattened rice, puffed rice, salt, sugar, water, candles, rice, oil, lentils, saline, lighters, water purifying tablets, soap, and sanitary napkins are being transported to the flood-affected areas, while the cash received are being used to buy more relief materials.

Till 4:00pm yesterday, more than Tk 4.39 crore have been collected at TSC of Dhaka University.

Under the leadership of the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement, general students of DU and seven affiliated colleges, as well as volunteers from other educational institutions, have joined in to collect, sort, package, and load relief items to the trucks.

Hasnat Abdullah, a coordinator of the platform, wrote on his Facebook page, "Fascism had divided us, but the crisis united us again. The relief you provided is a testament of peoples' trust on us, and we are giving a detailed account of it."

Md Rakib Hossain, a volunteer and master's

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First cyclone Remal, now floods: Khulna villages submerged again

15,000 stranded, locals join hands to fix breached embankment

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

Cyclones, river erosions, and floods – people in coastal Bangladesh have been fighting natural disasters on a regular basis, and each year is turning out to be increasingly more challenging than the previous one due to climate change.

Just this year, thousands in Khulna lost their livelihoods as a tidal surge triggered by cyclone Remal swept through their homes and villages.

Just when things turn normal, another disaster strikes.

Take the case of 13 villages in Deluti union under Khulna's Paikgachha upazila for example.

Just when the people there were healing from the aftermath of cyclone Remal, the recent floods have left their areas submerged for the last four days.



Embankments getting breached too easily despite repeated repair work also adds to their misery.

The locals have blamed the Bangladesh Water Development Board for using substandard



Thousands of villagers, including around a thousand women, work tirelessly to repair a breached embankment near Kalinagar village. The embankment was breached four days ago, completely submerging thirteen villages. The locals have blamed the BWDB for using substandard materials during repair works.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

materials during repair works.

At least 15,000 residents of the aforementioned villages have been stranded.

Hundreds of villagers have left their homes behind to take shelter on nearby higher grounds.

Earlier on Thursday afternoon, the embankment near Kalinagar village in the union was breached, which led to the inundation of Kalinagar, Darun Mallik, Gopi

Pagla, Telikhali, Syedkhali,

Khejurtala, Sener Ber, Hatbari, Phulbari, Bagirdana, Durgapur, Harinkhola, and Noai villages.

These villages previously suffered a similar plight after the embankment was earlier breached during Cyclone Remal on May 27.

The affected villagers alleged that officials of Bangladesh Water Development Board have not been sincere in handling the issue.

Khadija Bibi, a resident of

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MURDER CASE

Palak, Tuku placed on 7-day remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed six people, including ex-state minister for ICT Zunaid Ahmed Palak and former deputy speaker Shamsul Haque Tuku, on a seven-day remand.

They were remanded in a case filed over the death of Khalid Hasan Saifullah, a 11th grader, in the capital's Lalbagh area during the quota reform protests on July 18.

The other accused are Arif Khan Joy, former deputy sports minister; Tanbir Hasan Shaikat, general secretary of DU Chhatra League; Ahmad Hossain, Awami League organising secretary; and Rear Admiral Mohammad Sohail, former chairman of Chattogram Port Authority.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Arobia Khanam passed the order after Md Akkas Mia, sub-inspector of Lalbagh Police Station and

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Legal notice seeks list of presidential pardons of 33yrs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Supreme Court lawyer yesterday served a legal notice seeking a list of convicted persons whose sentences have been waived, commuted and suspended by presidents between January 1991 and July 2024 under Article 49 of the constitution.

The article says, "The President shall have power to grant pardons, reprieves and respites and to remit, suspend or commute any sentence passed by any court, tribunal or other authority."

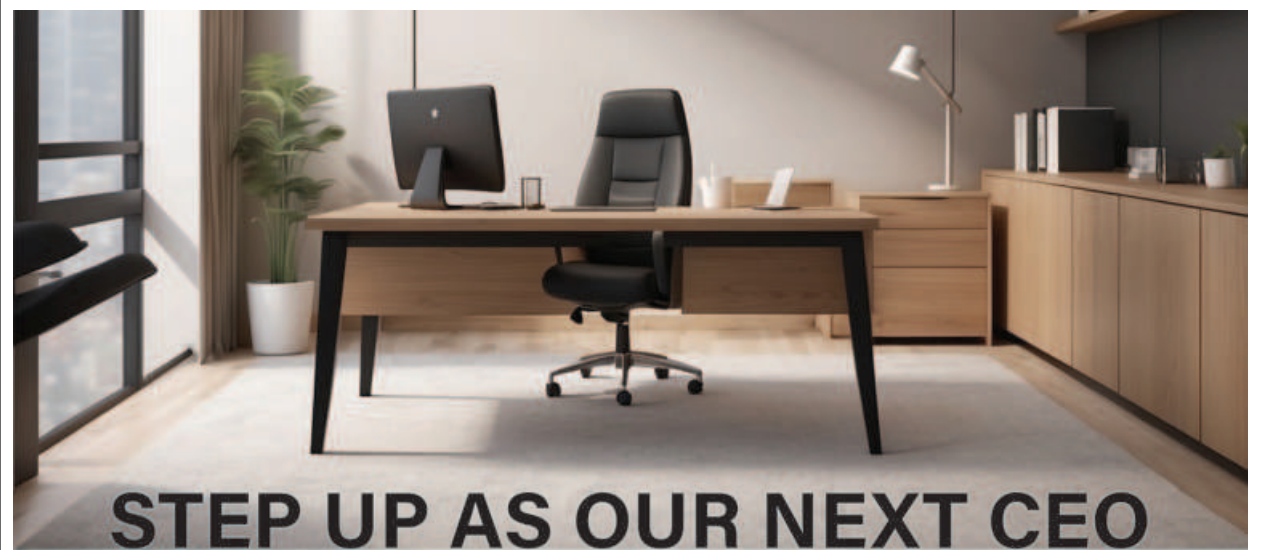
Barrister Md Omar Farooq sent the legal notice to the secretaries at the ministries of home, law, cabinet division and the president's office, asking them to provide him with the list in 15 days.

The lawyer requested the notice recipients to explain under which process those convicted persons' sentences have been commuted or suspended.



Bottled water in large stocks on sale in the capital's Karwan Bazar yesterday amid the high demand for clean drinking water during the ongoing floods.

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