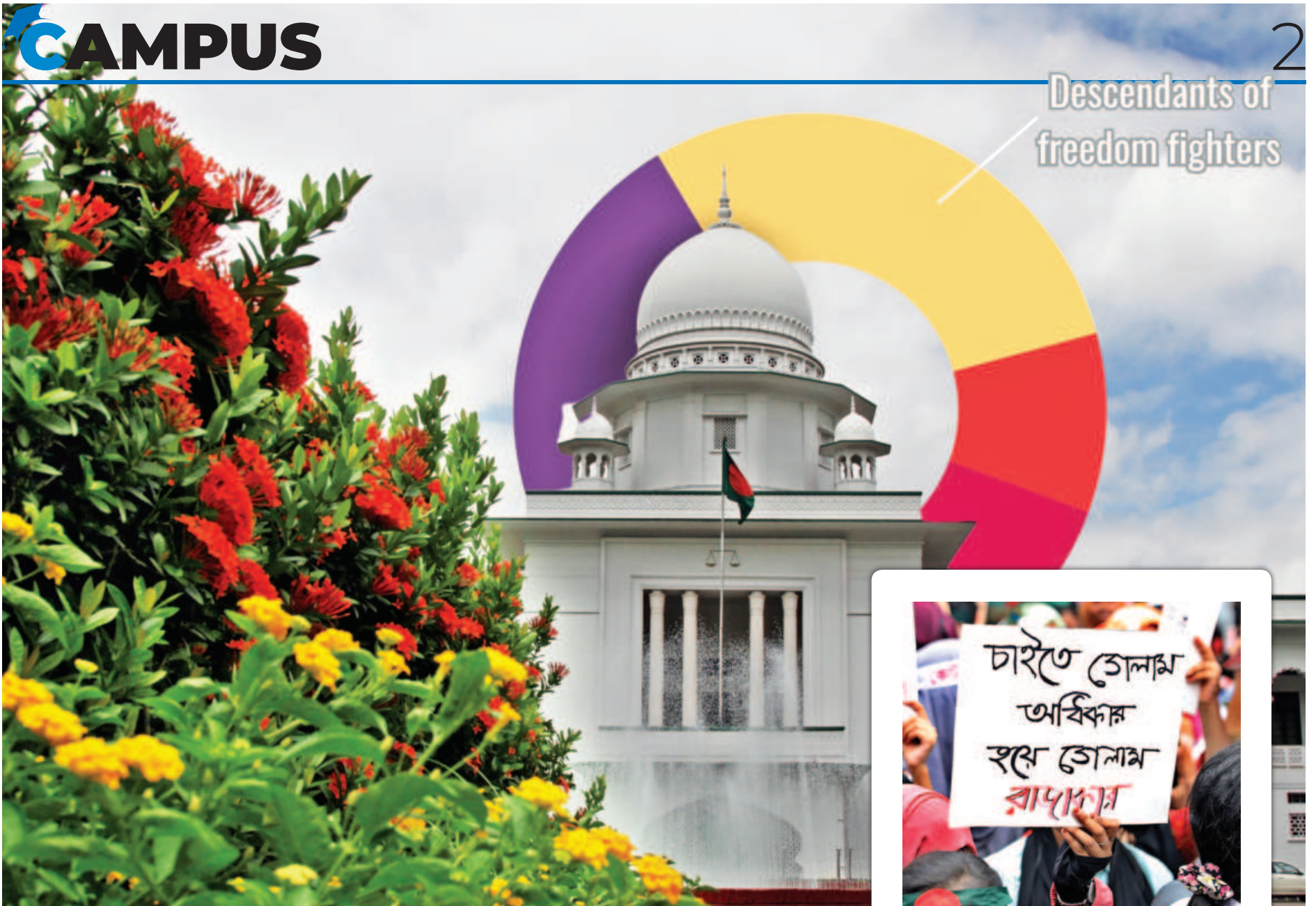


Descendants of  
freedom fighters



On June 5, the High Court declares the government's 2018 decision to cancel the 30 percent quota for freedom fighter's children and grandchildren illegal, effectively reinstating the quota. Students start staging protests in six universities across the country.



On July 14, in response to a reporter's question, Sheikh Hasina makes the controversial remark that compares the protestors to *razakars*. Her words cause an uproar leading to several demonstrations across different campuses with students chanting "Tumi ke? Ami ke? Razakar, razakar! Ke boleche, ke boleche? Shoirachar, shoirachar!"



Dhaka University (DU) students organise under the banner of "Students against Discrimination" on July 2, and stage a demonstration in the TSC area demanding reinstatement of the 2018 government circular that scrapped the quota system in civil service. Protests spread to other parts of the country over the next few days. Students call for "Bangla Blockade" from July 7.



Between July 7 and 13, Dhaka comes to a standstill multiple times due to blockades and demonstrations organised by the students.