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MONEY LAUNDERING

Provide probe update on S Alam by Sept 29: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday sought to know updated information about the probe into money laundering allegations against S Alam Group.

The court asked the Anti-Corruption Commission lawyer Shaheen Ahmed to place the information before it on September 29.

The HC bench of Justice Md Kamrul Hossain Mollah and Justice Kazi Zinat Hoque passed the order during the hearing of a writ petition.

The writ petition sought HC's order on the authorities concerned to attach all immovable properties -- owned by S Alam Group, its shareholder directors, and their family members -- and to impose restrictions on the transfer or sale of those properties.

Nagorik Oikya President Manna hospitalised

STAR REPORT

Nagorik Oikya President Mahmudur Rahman Manna was admitted to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) after suffering a heart attack on Saturday night.

He was under observation at the hospital's coronary care unit.

His personal physician Dr Shoaeb Muhammad on Saturday said, "The next 72 hours are critical for him."

However, as of yesterday afternoon, Manna's health condition had improved, and he was in a "stable condition", according to a text message sent from his party to the media.

No ring installation was required for his heart, the message said.

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BAITUL MUKARRAM Ruhul Amin removed from Khatib post

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Religious Affairs Ministry has removed Multi Md Ruhul Amin from the post of Khatib of Baitul Mukarram.

"Ruhul Amin has been dismissed following due process," said a ministry press release yesterday.

Islamic Foundation sources said Ruhul Amin had been absent from the national mosque since the fall of Awami League government on August 5. He went to the mosque last Friday to lead the Juma prayers.

A section of people refused to offer prayers led by him, resulting in a clash between two groups. More than 50 people were injured after the clash broke out.

A three-member probe committee was formed, according to the ministry.

One Hafez Mawlana Mohammad Ziaur Rahman filed a case with Paltan Police Station Saturday, accusing 54 individuals and 500-600 unnamed persons.



PHOTO: PID

Chief of Army Staff General Waker-Uz-Zaman paid a courtesy call on Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus at his office in Dhaka yesterday.

SURGE IN DENGUE CASES

Hospitals grapple with child patients

HELEMUL ALAM and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Saidul Islam, father of four-year-old Ayman Sikdar, was anxiously waiting in front of the ICU of Bangladesh Shishu Hospital yesterday. Inside, his son was fighting for his life after catching dengue fever.

Ayman, who was first admitted to a hospital in Mirpur on Saturday, was transferred to Shishu hospital as his condition worsened.

"Upon arriving at the hospital, the doctor immediately sent him to the ICU as his condition was critical," said Saidul, a resident of Berek Mollar Mor, Sait Feet Road.

Four-year-old Aliza Rahman was also admitted to the hospital. Her condition deteriorated yesterday afternoon as her blood pressure continued to fall.

"We brought her to Shishu Hospital from a Farmgate hospital



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yesterday for better treatment, but her condition kept worsening," said Saidur Rahman, Aliza's father. Saidul and Saidur are not alone. The number of dengue patients at Shishu Hospital has surged in

recent days, prompting hospital authorities to open a dedicated dengue ward on Sunday.

"We opened a dengue cell on Sunday to cope with the rising number of patients," said Abdul Hakim, Public Relations Officer of Bangladesh Shishu Hospital.

As of yesterday, 154 dengue patients were hospitalised at Shishu Hospital, including 27 new cases in September alone.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services at least 3,339 children aged between 0 and 10 years were hospitalised with dengue across the country as of yesterday, with 1,340 cases recorded in the first 22 days of September.

Afroza Azad, mother of seven-year-old Azmi Binte Azad, blamed the negligence of the owner of

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Six die of dengue in a day

Highest single day fatality this year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

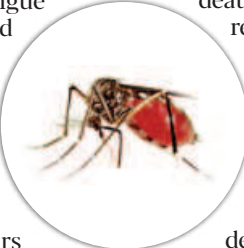
Bangladesh reported six dengue deaths yesterday, the highest single-day toll from the virus this year.

The previous highest death toll was five, recorded twice on September 10 and 17.

Meanwhile, during the same 24-hour period till yesterday morning, 986 dengue patients were hospitalised -- also the highest in a single day this year.

Previously, the highest number of dengue hospitalisation in a single day was 887.

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UN to support election and police reforms
UN resident coordinator tells chief adviser

STAR REPORT

The United Nations will support Bangladesh in a wide range of areas, including police and election reforms, as the interim government rolls out major restructuring of the country's institutions, the UN's resident coordinator said yesterday.

The chief of UN in Bangladesh Gwyn Lewis paid a courtesy call on Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad

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WORLD RIVERS DAY

River water is about diplomacy, not just politics

Says Rizwana

UNB, Feni



Syeda Rizwana Hasan, adviser to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, and the Ministry of Water Resources, yesterday called for immediate action on river water management between Bangladesh and its upstream neighbour.

Speaking during a visit to the flood-damaged Ballamukha embankment in Parshuram upazila of Feni, she emphasised that the time for government inaction on such critical issues is over.

"River water is not just about politics; it's about diplomacy and economics," she said during her visit.

"We are here to understand the suffering

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BCL demands safe campuses

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra League has demanded an end to "extrajudicial killings" and to ensure "safe campuses" across the country.

A press release signed by President of BCL central unit Saddam Hussain and General Secretary Sheikh Wali Asif Enan was issued in this regard and sent to the media yesterday.

BCL, pro-Awami League's student organisation, has expressed concern over the recent "extra-judicial killings" of Tofazzal Hossain at Dhaka University, Shamim Molla at Jahangirnagar University, and Abdullah Al Masood at Rajshahi University.

Chhatra League has urged the administration and law enforcement agencies to take appropriate action against those involved in the incidents following an impartial investigation. This is the first official press release issued by the BCL after the fall of the Sheikh Hasina-led government on August 5.

VIOLENCE IN CHT
'Form independent body, implement CHT accord'

Speakers demand at Shahbagh human chain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a human chain in Dhaka yesterday called for the formation of an independent investigation commission to ensure a fair probe into recent attacks in Rangamati and Khagrachhari.

The proposed commission would include indigenous people and rights activists, with the aim of bringing the perpetrators to justice.

The protest, organised by the "Parbatya Chattogram Shanti Chukti Bastobayon Andolon," took place in front of the National Museum in Shahbagh.

It included indigenous people, students, teachers, and activists, who presented an eight-point demand focusing on the safety and security of the Jumma people across the three hill districts, particularly those affected in Khagrachhari Sadar, Dighinala, and Rangamati.

Mohammad Shah Alam, president of the Communist Party of Bangladesh, said unrest in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) has persisted due to the government's failure to fully implement the CHT Peace Accord and resolve land disputes.

He emphasised the need for unity among indigenous communities, urging them to abandon internal divisions and join the movement for the peace accord's implementation.

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People from all walks of life held a human chain in front of the National Museum in Shahbag yesterday, demanding an end to the ongoing violence in the Chittagong Hill Tracts. They also demanded full implementation of the CHT Peace Accord.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN