

Ayaan's death: HC unhappy over DGHS's report, forms 5-member probe body

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Online Desk: The High Court on Tuesday formed a five-member probe body to investigate the death of 5-year-old Ayaan Ahmed who died while undergoing treatment at United Hospital after circumcision.

The HC bench of Justice Mustafa Zaman Islam and Justice Md Atabullah passed the order after expressing dissatisfaction over the probe report submitted by the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) in connection with the death of Ayaan.

Headed by Prof Maksudul Alam, head of Anesthesia Department of Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College and Hospital, the probe committee was asked to submit its report within one month.

Advocate ABM Shahjahan Akanda Masum stood for the petitioner while deputy attorney general Tushar Kanti Roy represented the state.

Barrister Syed Ahmed Raza stood for United Hospital.

On January 9, Advocate ABM Shahjahan Akanda Masum filed a writ petition seeking investigation into the death of Ayaan and Tk 5 crore compensation for his family.

The HC asked the authorities concerned to submit a report after investigation on January 15.

The court also issued a rule asking the government to explain as to why Tk 5 crore should not be given to the family of Ayaan as compensation.

On January 28, deputy director of Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) Parimal Kumar Pal submitted the 15-page investigation report.

According to the report, Ayaan had been suffering from childhood asthma and he used to take inhaler and nebulizer for respiratory problems.

On Ayaan's circumcision day, Ayaan was given an inhaler and nebulizer before the circumcision at the waiting room which was not informed to the physicians, said the report.

On January 8, Ayaan, died following a circumcision procedure at the United Hospital. He was put on life support for seven days after his circumcision.