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Sri Lanka

Pension Bill kills young FTZ worker

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Twenty one year old Roshain Shanaka who was shot by the police in Katunayaka lost his life on the first of June after two days of suffering in the Intensive Care Unit of the Ragama hospital.

He was among the tens of thousands of factory workers and trade union activists who called for the withdrawal of the private sector pensions bill on Monday the 30th. Roshain was fatally injured by live bullets fired by the police.

The Joint Trade Union Alliance (JTUA) had a massive demonstration in Colombo on June first condemning the brutal police attack.

The Sri Lankan government facing criticism over alleged war crimes in Geneva where the United Nations Human Rights Commission (UNHRC) is having its annual session, tried to save face by announcing that the police chief has handed over his resignation. Meanwhile, in an unprecedented move Minister Anura Priyadashana Yapa has said that President Mahinda Rajapaksa has offered to send the seriously injured abroad for medical treatment.