

Air pollution should

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Rights and Peace for Bangladesh. The directives include ensuring the use of covers on trucks or other vehicles that transport sand or soil in the capital; covering sites where construction work is underway to prevent the spread of dust; sprinkling water on streets; ensuring complete road construction or excavation work or carpeting complying with laws and rules; seizing vehicles that emit black smoke; taking steps to set the economic life of different vehicles as per relevant law and restricting plying of vehicles which have no economic life.

The court also instructed to ensure that all market owners or shopkeepers keep their garbage in bags and the city corporations remove those after shops or markets are closed. It had also asked DoE to shut down illegal brick kilns within two months, stop burning of tyres and recycling of vehicle batteries without DoE approval.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Md Tazul Islam told the news agency that a committee was formed at an inter-ministerial meeting recently. As per its recommendations, 20 sweeping trucks will be used to tackle dust, he added.

Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon General Secretary MA Matin said dust pollution is on the rise due to a lack of good governance, preventive measures, action plans, initiatives and enforcement of law.

"As the government's development activities have marked a significant rise, pollution also increased. We're not against development, but it has to be done protecting the environment," Matin observed.

He said the two Dhaka city corporations can neither properly clean roads nor ensure proper waste management, causing a rise in dust pollution. "There's also no step to check the release of pollutants and black smoke from different industries, vehicles, water vessels and nearby brick kilns."

Contacted, Chief Waste Management Officer of Dhaka South City Corporation Air Commodore Md Zahid Hossain said water is being sprayed on main streets of Dhaka since November 21 to prevent dust from swirling in the air.

"We've submitted a DPP for importing nine sweeping vehicles to stop dust pollution. The vehicles will keep the streets clean using brushes and water," he said.

Director General of Directorate General of Health Services Prof Abul Kalam Azad said dust pollution seriously harms public health. "People are getting affected with lung problems, cancer and respiratory complications due to it."

Dr Imrul Haque of ENT department at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University said the number of patients suffering from asthma, pneumonia, obstructive lung diseases, bronchitis, lung cancer and lower respiratory infection has been on the rise due to growing dust pollution.

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informed the House that around 4.67 lakh Bangladeshi workers returned from different countries on various grounds, in the last 10 years.

Mentioning that the government formed "Female Workers Protection Cell" in December last year, she said not a single female worker were subjected to harassment in the last one month due to the effectiveness of scrutiny of female workers, following formation of the protection cell.

"A total of 7,365 female workers went to different countries for employment in December 2019, under the direct supervision of the cell," she said.

Kanchan sues

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much money Ilias received and for what purpose, and also how much money he took for himself and in the name of his son and daughter-in-law.

Shahjahan's comments at the time were published in different media, it said.

Such comments damaged Ilias' reputation nationally and internationally, Ilias said.

On December 11, he had urged Shahjahan to withdraw his comment, but to no avail, the case statement read.



Mominul Islam, managing director and CEO of IPDC; Partha Barua, renowned vocalist of the band Souls; Arif R Hossain, chief evangelist at Robi 10 Minute School, among others at the inauguration ceremony of IPDC's loan service to buy books at the Ekushey book fair.

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IPDC to give loans for books

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IPDC Finance Ltd has introduced an interest-free book loan -- titled "Subodh" -- for bookworms looking to make a big haul at the ongoing Ekushey book fair.

With the slogan "Notun boiyeer ghrane, subodh jaguk prane", the service was launched at Bangla Academy premises on Monday, said a press release.

One must have their National ID and the app of mobile financial service bKash to avail the offer. A recipient can take up to Tk 3,000 loan, which can be paid in three instalments.

The service can be enjoyed throughout the duration of the Amar Ekushey Grantha Mela. All information about the service can be accessed at the IPDC booth at the fair, said the press release.

The amount must be availed by three transactions.

A fun way to raise

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An extended part of the stall has a room where anyone can play a game called "3D Fire Simulation" by buying a ticket at Tk 10. In the game, the player has to douse fire with a dummy extinguisher, as instructions pop up on the screen.

"Most people don't know that they need to call 999 if a fire breaks out. Through this game, they learned such important information," said Amirul.

While children are having fun playing the game, parents are appreciating fire service's endeavour.

"We haven't seen such an initiative before; it's a very good step. Most adults are not aware of these subjects, let alone children," said Zahirul Haque, a private job holder who bought books for his 12-year-old son Akash.

"The game was fun. Now I know how to use an extinguisher and where I should call when things get out of control," said Akash with the newly bought books in his hand.

According to stall staffers, this initiative is the brainchild of Abdul Momin, assistant director (training) of fire service.

Contacted, Momin said, "We wanted to spread fire safety awareness among all, especially children and women. The book fair was one place where we could draw their attention."

"This is a first time for us. Abroad, fire service officials teach children fire safety, which is very important. We also wanted to popularise the initiative here," he added.

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ICT Division Senior Secretary NM Zeaul Alam and Power Division Secretary Dr Sultan Ahmed made presentations about the ICT and power sectors.

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of their representatives, a Bangladeshi named Ershad.

Ershad told Yusuf to go to port city with his brothers and contact one Parvez. On December 17, 2018, Yusuf, his younger brother and cousin arrived at the city and met Parvez at Riazuddin Bazar.

Parvez boarded them on a Feni-bound bus the same day and gave number of another person called Saber.

In Feni, Saber received them. After spending the night at a hotel, Saber took them to the passport office the next morning. There, an official there took their photo and fingerprints without asking anything.

They went back to Cox's Bazar the same day. Around 18 days later, they got their passports from Ershad, Yusuf said.

They also got selected for scholarships in Turkey, arranged by ERC members. In March 2019, Yusuf received another e-mail, telling him to get ready to travel to Turkey.

This newspaper has copies of multiple e-mails that were exchanged between Yusuf and the ERC last year.

In some e-mails, "The ERC Education Team" informed Yusuf that they had submitted his application for scholarships while some mentioned the application was being processed and others said he should keep the information secret and not change or share his password and e-mail.

Yusuf said in May, someone also took their interview via a video chat app. They gave the interview from a local computer shop in Ukhiya. In September, they were directed to go to Dhaka for visa purposes.

Yusuf in the statement also mentioned that throughout the entire process they did not have to spend anything as all the expenses were covered by the ERC. He said around Tk 1.20 lakh were spent on each passport, and claimed that he did not know they were doing anything illegal.

Meanwhile, broker Parvez was arrested by the PBI during their investigation, which helped the officials connect the dots. "We have also identified the syndicate involved in passport forgery," said Inspector Sontosh.

Asked, Banaj Kumar Majumdar, deputy inspector general of PBI, said, "We have learned about the involvement of the foreign organisation ERC in passport forgery from the confessional statement of the arrestees."

"We're investigating the case with highest priority and trying to arrest the racket," he added.

This correspondent has been trying to get in touch with the ERC for the last two weeks.

The newspaper sent e-mails to the ERC Education Team (the address Yusuf had been using to contact the ERC) and the chairperson of the organisation multiple times but to no avail.

On its website, ERC mentioned that it has a branch in Chattogram's Khulshi area and provided a phone number. Despite repeated attempts, that number was found switched off while no one in the area [Khulshi] seemed to know of any such office.

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Muhitun Nabi passes away

CITY DESK
Md Muhitun Nabi, former principal of Government College of Commerce, Chittagong, died in Dhaka on Sunday. He was 75.

He left behind his wife, two sons and a host of well-wishers to mourn his death.

His sons Md Rashedun Nabi and Md Tanvir Nabi requested everyone to pray for the salvation of his departed soul.