It's like locking stable after the steed's stolen

Menon on plan for containment zone

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dividing Covid-19 containment zones after reopening everything, is like locking the stable door after the steed is already stolen, Workers' Party President Rashed Khan Menon said yesterday.

He made the comment while attending a virtual conference with his party leaders, commemorating recently-passed party leader Mustafizur Rahman Kabul.

He said the government seems to have taken the path of "herd immunity".

"It is not clear what the health ministry is doing about tackling coronavirus," Menon said.

The government is likely to start implementing zone-wise lockdown with criteria -- red, yellow, and green -- based on severity of the virus' spread. However, this is yet to be fully implemented. Highly affected areas will be under total lockdown and instructions on health protocol in the zones will be given to prevent further spread of the virus.

At a time when the popular tourist desination is deserted, local children are having the time of their lives splashing amid the mighty waves of Kuakata beach. This photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

M'singh residents rally against 'beautification' of Circuit House ground

Human chain protests admin's decision

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Mymensingh*

Various socio-cultural and civil organisations have protested the initiative taken by Mymensingh divisional administration for "beautification and development" of century-old Mymensingh Circuit House ground.

They said the development project of Tk 6 crore includes erecting wall surrounding the ground and establishments inside it.

As part of the protest, a human chain, maintaining social distance, was formed under the banner of "Aamra Mymensinghbasi" on the spot Friday afternoon.

The speakers said the ground has a long history of political meeting, games and cultural events. If the site is enclosed in the name of development, it will lose its beauty and people's free movements, they said.

Hundreds of people throng the ground and its adjacent areas for morning walk every day and many of them enjoy playing football and cricket, said the speakers. Foundation stone of the development work was laid on June 1 without any meeting with locals, they said.

Terming the initiative unwise, they also said the ground situated on the bank of the river Brahmaputra will lose tourist attraction if the project is implemented.

Dr Prodip Chandra Kar, president of Udichi Mymensingh district unit and Progoti Lekhak Sangha, presided over the programme.

Cultural personality Shahadat Hossain Khan Hilu, Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) Mymensingh president Advocate Emdadul Haque Millat, poet Farid Ahmed Dulal, Poribesh Rakhha o Unnayan Andolon secretary Advocate Shibbir Ahmed Liton, Mymensingh Sahitya Sangsad former president Yazdani Quraishy Kajal, Jano-Udhyog president Advocate Nazrul Islam Chunnu, Zila Mohila Parishad secretary Fahmida Yesmin Runa, Shiri Sangskritik Academy president Advocate Abdul Motalab Lal and social worker Ali Yusuf addressed the event, among others.

Contacted, Mymensingh Divisional Commissioner Md Kamrul Hasan, who took over charge several days ago, said the project is yet to be finalised. The sentiment of the local people will be considered, he said.

Dedicated

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students on March 29, for primary students on April 7, and for technical and madrassa students on April 19, so that students can make up for some of the losses due to closure of schools.

Many educationists and guardians said it was only partially fulfilling the objective, as about a half of the country's people -- many of them underprivileged -- do not have access to TV sets.

The Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey-2019 of Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics shows that 50 percent households of the country do not have television sets.

Many city-based schools have started online education. But maximum schools in rural areas are yet to begin the remote class system due to their students' unavailability of internet and device access.

The survey also said 37.6 percent of households have access to internet by any device from home. It also found 5.6 percent of households have a computer or tablet.

Telecom insiders said of the total mobile users, 30 percent are using smartphones and there are a total of 10 crore SIM cards.

"We have seen that many students remain out of education in absence of TV sets. So the toll free hotline will be able to connect all into education service," said Directorate of Primary Education Director General Md Fasiullah.

Case handed

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said Mitu was murdered due to personal vendetta but did not mention who was behind the incident.

Even after three years of investigation, officials have failed to identify whereabouts of the prime accused, police informant Kamrul Islam Musa alias Musa Sikdar, who reportedly led the mission to kill Mitu in front of her child.

Kamrul was an informant of Babul, who admitted this during his confession on December 27, 2017 at the CMP headquarters.

Talking to the newspaper, Mitu's father Mosharraf Hossain said, "We came to learn through newspaper reporters that the case was handed over to PBI recently."

"We are frustrated as police didn't inform us about the transfer. We've provided information to them earlier, but there was no progress. PBI chief Banaj Kumar Majumdar knows the case's history, and we think we'll will see progress through his fair investigation."

Mitu's father pointed his finger to Babul for his daughter's murder, as he did earlier.

Babul could not be contacted after repeated attempts, as his phone was switched off and social media accounts were deactivated.

On June 5, 2016, Mitu was stabbed and shot dead when she was walking her son to his school bus stop at port city's GEC intersection.

Following the murder, Babul filed a case against three unidentified men with Panchlaish Police Station.

Investigators so far arrested five persons -- Motaleb Mia Wasim, Anwar Hossain, Ehteshamul Haque alias Bhola, Md Shahjahan and Saidul Sikder Shakur (Musa's elder brother).

Wasim and Anwar have given confessional statements before a court, implicating seven persons, including Musa, who, according to the two, directly took part in the killing.

Of the accused, Nurul Islam Rashed and Nur Nabi, whose names were mentioned by Anwar and Wasim, were killed in "gunfights" with police in July, 2016 in Chattogram, while Musa and another accused, Kalu, are still "on the run".

CMP issued a red alert for the two, with a bounty of Tk 5 lakh on Musa, on June 29, 2016.

Two others -- Md Shazaman alias Robin and Abu Nasar Gunnu -- had been arrested in connection with the killing, but their involvement could not be substantiated.

Bhola, who reportedly supplied firearm for the murder, recently walked out of jail, after securing bail from the High Court in December, 2019.

Although police said Musa is on the run, his wife Panna Akhter had claimed that plainclothes police detained him and his brother Shakur in the port city's Bandar area on June 22, 2016.

However, only Shakur was shown arrested in the case.

Police also later brushed aside the allegation by Panna, saying they only managed to catch Shakur.

On June 25, Babul was picked up and interrogated in police custody for 15 hours.

He was relieved of his job on September 6 that year. He now works at a private company.

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of the SC, and chairman of the Supreme Court Special Committee for Child Rights, has been monitoring issues regarding filing of bail petitions for detained children and their release, Saifur Rahman added.

The SC spokesman, however, could not specify the types of criminal cases in which 27,480 people were accused, and received bail in last 15 working days

The virtual court functions started on May 11 after a gap of 46 days in order to deal with the urgent cases.

The regular activities of courts across the country including Appellate and High Court Divisions of the Supreme Court remained closed since March 26 due to ongoing coronavirus outbreak.

The closure is scheduled to continue till May 30.

On May 10, Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain issued some directives for the courts about dealing with urgent cases virtually during the ongoing closure.

TURNED AWAY BY HOSPITALS

'Coffin procession' in Sylhet protests death of patients

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Sylhet*

A group of youths from different walks of life brought out a procession in Sylhet city yesterday, protesting the deaths of patients after being turned away by hospitals.

Carrying a coffin covered with white sheets and placards, they paraded through many streets before arranging a rally in the Chowhatta area.

Miftah Siddiqui, chairperson of Public Voice of Sylhet, said, "The vulnerability of the country's health system became transparent during this Covid-19 pandemic. Many people are dying as hospitals are denying them treatment," he alleged.

"We're protesting such incidents through our symbolic procession. Next time, we will start protesting in front of the hospital, which will deny patients treatment," he said.

A rally will be organised this morning in front of Sylhet Central Saheed Minar, he added. "We urge the deputy commissioner of Sylhet, civil surgeon and mayor to work together to take action against those hospitals involved in such misdeeds," he said.

So far, at least four people have died in the last one week in Sylhet city after being turned away by hospitals. The Daily Star has also published two reports regarding this issue.

Carrying a symbolic coffin, youths bring out a procession in Sylhet city yesterday, protesting death of patients after being turned away by hospitals.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

This road at the capital's Motijheel has remained dilapidated for the last few months. With frequent rain recently, water has been collecting in the potholes, causing pedestrians and vehicles to deal with an even worse situation. This photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

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প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা

"সবাই মিলে গড়ব দেশ, দুর্নীতি মুক্ত বাংলাদেশ"

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মাইক্রোবাস আউটসোর্সিং সংক্রান্ত পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

নং দুদক/প্রশাঃ ও লজিঃ/৯১/২০০৮(অংশ-১০)/১২৬১৬ তারিখঃ ০৪/০৬/২০২০খ্রিঃ

১।	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ/এজেন্সি	ঃ	দুর্নীতি দমন কমিশন।
২।	সংগ্রাহক সত্তার নাম, জেলা ও কোড	ঃ	দুর্নীতি দমন কমিশন, ঢাকা, ৬৭০১।
৩।	যে কাজের জন্য দরপত্র	ঃ	১ জুলাই ২০২০ থেকে ৩০ জুন ২০২১ পর্যন্ত দরপত্র সিডিউলে বর্ণিত শর্তাদি সাপেক্ষে দুর্নীতি দমন কমিশন, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকার কর্মকর্তা ও কর্মচারীগণের অফিসে যাতায়াতের জন্য ৫টি ২০১৩ মডেলের অনধিক ০৫ (পাঁচ) বছর ব্যবহৃত হয়েছে এমন সিএনজি চালিত ১২ আসন বিশিষ্ট Climate Controlled মাইক্রোবাস ভাড়া।
৪।	দরপত্র সূত্র ও তারিখ	ঃ	দুদক/প্রশাঃ ও লজিঃ/৯১/২০০৮(অংশ-১০)/ তারিখঃ /০৬/২০২০খ্রিঃ
৫।	সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	ঃ	খোলা দরপত্র (OTM)।
৬।	বাজেট ও অর্থের উৎস	ঃ	দুর্নীতি দমন কমিশনের রাজস্ব বাজেট।
৭।	দরপত্র প্রকাশের তারিখ	ঃ	০৭/০৬/২০২০খ্রিঃ।
৮।	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	২৩/০৬/২০২০খ্রিঃ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।
৯।	দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	২৪/০৬/২০২০খ্রিঃ সকাল ১২:৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১০।	দরপত্র খোলার স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	দুর্নীতি দমন কমিশন, প্রধান কার্যালয়ে পরিচালক (অর্থ ও হিসাব) এর অফিস কক্ষে আগামী ২৪/০৬/২০২০খ্রিঃ সকাল ১৩:০০ ঘটিকায় দরপত্রদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র খোলা হবে।
১১।	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের স্থান/দপ্তর	ঃ	দুর্নীতি দমন কমিশন, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ১, সেগুনবাগিচা, ঢাকা-১০০০।
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১৩।	প্রতিসেট দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য	ঃ	প্রতিসেট দরপত্র ডকুমেন্টের মূল্য ১,০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)।
১৪।	দরপত্রের নিরাপত্তা জামানত	ঃ	দরপত্রের সাথে দরপত্র জামানত হিসেবে প্রতিটি মাইক্রোবাসের জন্য ২০,০০০/- (বিশ হাজার) টাকার ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার যে কোন বাণিজ্যিক ব্যাংক (সিডিউল ব্যাংক) হতে সহকারী পরিচালক (অর্থ ও হিসাব), দুর্নীতি দমন কমিশন, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা এর অনুকূলে দাখিল করতে হবে। অন্যথায় দরপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।
১৫।	দরপত্রের বৈধতার মেয়াদ	ঃ	দাখিলকৃত দরপত্রের কার্যকারিতা (Validity) দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ হতে ১২০ (একশত বিশ) দিন পর্যন্ত বহাল থাকবে।
১৬।	দরদাতার যোগ্যতা ও প্রয়োজনীয় দলিলাদি	ঃ	মাইক্রোবাসের প্রকৃত মালিক/সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান। দরদাতাকে দরপত্রের সাথে গাড়ির হালনাগাদ ব্লু-বুক, ফিটনেস সার্টিফিকেট, ট্যাক্স টোকেন, ইন্সুরেন্স সার্টিফিকেট, ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, আপ-টু-ডেট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সার্টিফিকেট, ভ্যাট, টিআইএন সার্টিফিকেট ও আয়কর পরিশোধের প্রত্যয়নপত্রের ফটোকপি সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।
১৭।	বিশেষ নির্দেশনা	ঃ	ক. কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল অথবা যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। খ. দরপত্রের বিস্তারিত শর্তাবলী দরপত্র সিডিউলে উল্লেখ থাকবে। গ. অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ নির্ধারিত তারিখ ও সময়ে দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা সম্ভব না হলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে একই সময়ে ও স্থানে দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে।
১৮।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর নাম	ঃ	মোহাম্মদ আব্দুল আওয়াল।
১৯।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর পদবী	ঃ	পরিচালক (অর্থ ও হিসাব)।
২০।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর ঠিকানা	ঃ	দুর্নীতি দমন কমিশন, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ১, সেগুনবাগিচা, ঢাকা।
২১।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর সাথে যোগাযোগের বিবরণ	ঃ	০২-৯৩৯০২৭৫ (অফিস)।

মোহাম্মদ আব্দুল আওয়াল
পরিচালক (অর্থ ও হিসাব)

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