

# Create posts for physiotherapists at upazila level

## Lawmakers, medical leaders tell discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Marking the occasion of World Physiotherapy Day, which was on Sunday, National Assembly speaker, lawmakers and national medical leaders on Wednesday called for the introduction of first-class physiotherapist posts at upazila level.

They made the call at a discussion titled "Physiotherapy Medical Profession and Bangladesh's Bangladesh", organised by Bangladesh Physiotherapy Association (BPA) at the capital's Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel.

Netrakona District Mahila Awami League President Kamrunnesa Ashraf called on the Ministry of Social Welfare to appoint graduate physiotherapists at all schools for people with disabilities.

Magura-1 lawmaker Md Saifuzzaman sought the prime minister's intervention in appointing physiotherapists at the upazila level.

Speaking at the programme, State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Dr Enamur Rahman said if Bangladesh Rehabilitation Council Act is implemented, "pseudo-physiotherapy" will be stopped at the country's marginal level.

Fazle Rabbi Miah, deputy speaker of parliament, also sought the PM's direct intervention in filling vacancies, and creating specific councils and physiotherapist posts.

BPA President Dr Sanjit Kumar Chakraborty and BPA General Secretary Dr Shahadat Hossain expressed their firm commitment to continue the organisation's activities for the country's development and people's welfare.



During an eviction drive yesterday, authorities demolished various illegal structures and retrieved 1.84 acres of railway land at port city's Tiger Pass area. Despite receiving warnings, many occupants lost their homes and shops. Such drives are usual at the area, as the structures return eventually, say locals.

PHOTO: RAJIB RATHAN



# Toufique Khalidi's bail hearing on Sept 21

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday fixed September 21 for hearing a petition filed challenging a High Court order that granted anticipatory bail to Toufique Imrose Khalidi, editor-in-chief of bdnews24.com, in a corruption case.

Yesterday, Chamber Judge of the Appellate Division Justice Md Nuruzzaman sent the petition filed by Anti-Corruption Commission to its full bench for holding the hearing.

Lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan appeared for the ACC while lawyers Abdul Matin Khasru and AM Amin Uddin represented Khalidi during yesterday's hearing.

The ACC has filed the petition with the Appellate Division on August 27 challenging the HC order that granted anticipatory bail to Khalidi in the corruption case.

In the petition, the ACC prayed to the apex court to stay the HC order of bail, saying that there are specific allegations against Khalidi of committing corruption, ACC's lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan told The Daily Star.

On August 26, the HC granted anticipatory bail to Toufique Imrose Khalidi for eight weeks in the corruption case.

The bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Md Mostafizur Rahman passed the order after hearing a bail petition filed by Khalidi.

Mahub Shafique, a lawyer for Khalidi, told The Daily Star that the HC granted bail to his client considering the argument that his client has not committed any corruption.

ACC on July 30 filed the case against Khalidi, for allegedly depositing Tk 42 crore which have no "legal source" in different banks.

Gulshan Anwar Pradhan, deputy director of the anti-graft watchdog, filed the case with ACC's integrated district office Dhaka-1, saying that Khalidi earned the money through illegal means by creating "fake documents".

Khalidi, however, has denied the allegations.

# A witness

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said, "We are shocked to hear the news. This historical structure should not be demolished."

Freedom fighter and eminent cultural personality Nasiruddin Yousuff said not just for its historical significance, this town hall is also important as it is a place for people of the city to spend quality time with their family and friends and relish its splendour.

This correspondent also spoke to a number of city planners and archaeologists who said the structure must be preserved and maintained properly instead of being demolished.

Asked, DC Abul Fazal Mir, president of the town hall executive committee, said he had nothing to do with the initiative.

The local lawmaker has sent the letter to the ministry regarding the demolition and construction works, Fazal Mir said.

"The cultural affairs ministry will take its final decision in this regard," the DC added.

Contacted, lawmaker Bahauddin Bahar said the structure has become old and unsafe so it needs to be built anew. He also assured that the new structure will be similar to the old one.

# HC stays

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Petitioner's lawyer Hamidul Mishbah told The Daily Star the copyright office has no jurisdiction to hear and dispose of any allegation of violation of copyrights. District judges and the sessions judges concerned have such jurisdiction.

But, the copyright office on June 14 granted the copyright of 260 books of "Masud Rana series" and 50 books of "Kuasha series" to its ghostwriter Sheikh Abdul Hakim going beyond the jurisdiction, which is illegal, he said.

Lawyer Hamidul said Hakim had worked as a writer at Seba Prokashani and written books for the organisation for monthly salary.

After retirement, he submitted an application to the copyright office claiming copyright of the books, which was also a violation of the law, he said.

Hamidul Mishbah also said Seba Prokashani will have copyright of the books following the HC order.

# Tough times

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He said, in their survey, which took three months to finalise, they found the income of those groups nosedived slashing nearly 88 percent of their income on an average.

He said potters have lost 94.27 percent, folk singers 91.77 percent, musical instrument makers 84.66 percent and musical technicians 87.86 percent of their income since Covid-19 hit the country.

In such hardship, few of them were lucky enough to get financial assistance allocated by the government, it found.

Sixty-four percent potters did not get any assistance while 50 percent folk singers were left out. Among musical instrument makers the percentage is 56.50 and musical technician 65.31 percent.

The study did not find any complete government database of such traditional artisans and urged the government to declare all non-academic singers as artists and include them in its scheme.

Sisir Dutta told The Daily Star that they urged the government to offer incentives to them after categorising as per their talent and qualifications, take necessary measures to rehabilitate them during the pandemic, organise post-Covid-19 cultural fair for them, and reassess the existing payment at government radio and television.

The study also recommended taking steps so that marginalised artists can access government loan and create conducive environment for them to flourish.

# Couple found dead in Dhamrai

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A couple was found dead at their house in Dhaka's Dhamrai upazila yesterday morning.

The deceased were identified as Jewel (22), son of Monsur Fakir from Gopalpur Sylhetpara village in the upazila; and his wife Munmun (18).

Only the two used to live in the house, said locals.

When their neighbours got no response from inside in the morning, they broke open the door and found them dead on a bed, Dhamrai Police Station Officer-in-Charge Dipak Saha quoted the family members as saying.

The OC said Munmun's throat bore injury marks, adding that Jewel might have strangled her over family feud and then poisoned himself.

# The agony

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"An entire family was wiped out in an instant," said a teary Sumon.

Meanwhile, the body of ambulance driver Alamgir Hossain has been sent to his home in Cumilla.

Uzipur police station Officer-in-Charge (OC) Ziaul Ahasan said the ambulance was speeding and collided head-on with a covered van from the opposite direction while overtaking. A little later a bus also hit the covered van and the ambulance was crushed.

"The vehicle was completely destroyed. The metal had to be cut to get the dead bodies out," said OC Ziaul.

Police seized the covered van but the driver fled.

# 3 women

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Conducting a drive in Chayabithi area of Savar, they arrested Rashida and rescued the child from her possession, he said.

Getting information from Rashida, police arrested Fatema, and are efforts are on to arrest their associate Shaheen, said the ADC.

Rashida was arrested in another child abduction case by police in 2019.

On September 5, she came to Dhaka from Savar for court hearing of her previous abduction case. On her way back, she again abducted another child from Mirpur, said Ashraf.

ADC Ashraf said children from a number of low-income families play in Shah Ali Mazar area while their parents go out for work.

RAB ARRESTS ABDUCTOR IN PALLABI Meanwhile, a team of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-4) claimed to have arrested a member of organised abduction gang from the capital's Pallabi area yesterday.

The arrestee was identified as Sumi Begum (40), according to a press release.

The Rab team also recovered Mithila Akter (9), from her possession.

In primary interrogation, Sumi admitted to the elite force that she used to abduct poor girls from different areas of the capital by alluring them to provide better food or work. Then she used to sell those girls, reads the Rab-4 statement.

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# Lower courts

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or in an appeal under special law and he or she is regularly appearing before the court below, his or her bail shall not be cancelled and he or she cannot be taken into jail custody by the court below only on the ground that he or she could not submit bail extension order from the High Court Division."

"In the event of unavailability of such extension order, the courts below must wait for the result of the rule or the appeal, as the case may be, in which the accused was granted ad-interim bail," the HC bench said in the full text of verdict.

The verdict also said, "The learned judges of the courts below shall not cancel bail of an accused granted by the High Court Division in pending rule or appeal until or unless the rule is discharged or the appeal is dismissed or in any way the accused violates any condition of bail, if any, imposed by the High Court Division at the time of granting bail."

# DU finds

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abroad when the article was published, and Marjan submitted it without consulting her.

"I filed a complaint to Farid Uddin Ahmed, then dean of the social science faculty, after seeing the article published in the journal in my name without my consent."

Marzan, who is now in the US, was unavailable for comment.

According to DU regulations, if any faculty member is found guilty of plagiarism, the highest punishment is to terminate them from the job. But according to the university's tradition, the syndicate usually demoted guilty teachers.

However, the syndicate on Wednesday terminated three teachers -- BNP-backed Prof Morshed Hasan Khan of marketing for defaming Bangabandhu, assistant professor Radia Taisir of statistics for staying abroad without the university's permission, and former Prof Saiful Islam of theatre and performance studies for not returning after a study-leave-- said a DU press release yesterday.

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3 Procuring entity name Director (Administration), BCS Administration Academy.
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6 Invitation Ref. No. IFT No. BCSAA/Admin.....
7 Date 10 September 2020.
KEY INFORMATION
9 Procurement method Open Tender Method (OTM).
FUNDING INFORMATION
10 Budget and source of funds Non Development Budget, GoB.
11 Development partners (if applicable) N/A.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION
14 Tender package No. (1) 2020-2021
15 Tender package name Supply of 78 service provider of 06 Categories at BCSAA.
16 Tender publication date 10 September 2020.
17 Tender last selling date 08 October 2020, 05:00pm.
18 Tender closing date and time 12 October 2020, 12:00pm.
19 Tender opening date and time 12 October 2020, 1:00pm.
20 Name & address of the office(s) Director (Administration), BCS Administration Academy, Shahbag, Dhaka-1000.
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21 Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer As per tender document.
22 Experience, resources & delivery capacity required As per tender document.
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24 Price of tender document (Tk) Tk 1000.
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25 Name of official inviting tender Md. Hamidul Hoque.
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