

Exhume Kulsum's body for autopsy

Demand workers' rights platform

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A platform for migrant worker rights demanded the body of 14-year-old Umme Kulsum, who was tortured to death in Saudi Arabia, be exhumed for autopsy, to investigate violence the underage migrant worker went through.

Bangladesh Civil Society for Migrants (BCSM) made the demand through a statement circulated yesterday. BCSM is a coalition of 19 organisations, including Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit, Oviyashi Karmi Unnayan Program, Ain o Salish Kendra, WARBE Development Foundation, Brac, Young Power in Social Action, Rights Jessore and others.

"If the family agrees, then Kulsum's body should be exhumed for autopsy, so proper investigation can be done. Following the investigation, we also request the government to take appropriate action under Saudi Arabian law, against the perpetrators who tortured her," said the statement.

"We have previously been promised by the relevant ministry that should any migrant worker die of torture abroad, an autopsy shall be performed," it added.

"Since this was an unnatural death, why did the government allow the family to bury the body without conducting an autopsy?" it said.

The platform said it is deeply concerned about how a teenager was given government clearance to go to Saudi Arabia as a migrant worker. It also questioned why the recruiting agency ignored Kulsum's pleas for help, even when she reported the torture. It demanded the government act against not only the recruiting agency who sent Kulsum, but also the government officials whose oversight led to a minor going there as a worker.

The statement was signed by CR Abrar, who chairs BCSM, and Syed Saiful Haque, the co-chair.

Kulsum was a victim of immense violence before losing her life. The perpetrators had broken her legs, knees and hips, and injured one of her eyes. They then dumped her on a street in Saudi Arabia. Police admitted her to the hospital, where she succumbed to her injuries. Her body was brought back on September 11.

Ensure a walking, cycling friendly city

Speakers tell webinar marking World Car Free Day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Although 93 per cent of commutes in Dhaka are on foot, bicycle, rickshaw and public transport, they get least priority in transport planning, speakers at a webinar said yesterday.

It is important to undertake functional projects which will take into account the need of all city dwellers and to create a pro-people city and ensure a walking and cycling-friendly environment, they said at the event titled "Back to Walking and Cycling for Livable Cities", marking World Car Free Day.

Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority (DTCA), in association with 60 government and non-government organisations, held several programmes including the webinar on the occasion, says a press release.

DTCA Executive Director Khondoker Rakibur Rahman presided over the webinar while Prof Samsul Hoque of Civil Engineering Department of Buet presented the keynote speech.

Nilima Akhter, additional secretary of Road Transport and Highways Division; Nur Mohammed Mazumder, chairman of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA); Brig Gen Amirul Islam, chief engineer of Dhaka North City Corporation; and Saifuddin Ahmed, executive director of WBB Trust, among others, took part in the webinar.

In the keynote, Prof Shamsul said it is important to have alternative of private cars and it is not enough to have public transports only. "We need an integrated transport system prioritising walking, cycling, rickshaw, water transport and rail. We must focus on road infrastructure to have functional mega projects," he added.

Nilima Akhter said developed countries prioritise walking and cycling in urban transport planning, making themselves able to control traffic congestion.

Nur Mohammed Mazumder said it is important to ensure active and safe commutes to school, to control usage of cars for children going to school.

Khondoker Rakibur Rahman said they will hold discussions with both city corporations about road network, with Rajuk about land use and with traffic police about traffic management soon. "We will have specific planning and will implement those with coordination of relevant organisations," he added.

No assessed

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British Council activities will be carried out in line with the government and WHO's Covid-19 protocols," the spokesperson said.

"The final decision on exams will be made in line with directives from the education ministry and in consultation with the UK boards," he added.

British Council has sought approval to host the exams from the government on Sunday night. The education ministry has not provided approvals until this report's filing.

Meanwhile, students continued their protests online and in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday, reiterating demands of cancelling exams and assigning predicted grading.

"When the situation of the country is like this, we're not in the mental state to sit for any board exams," said protesting student Araf Sharif. He urged the authorities concerned to not put students in severe health risk by holding the exams.

Earlier, the education boards decided to not hold exams for the May-June session globally. Instead, they used predicted grading -- a process whereby students are graded based on previous academic records submitted by schoolteachers.

Freeze ex-DIG Bazlur's bank accounts: Court to ACC

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday ordered Anti-Corruption Commission to freeze two bank accounts of suspended DIG of Prisons Bazlur Rashid, in a case filed for amassing Tk 3.08 crore beyond known sources of income.

It also ordered confiscation of 108.50 decimal of property in Jamalpur and a 2,981sqft flat at the capital's Siddheshwari belonging to Bazlur.

Judge Md Iqbal Hossain of Special Judge's Court-5 of Dhaka passed the order. He also rejected a bail petition of Rashid yesterday.

Man acquitted

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and killing Juthi. They arrested Humayun two days later in connection with the case.

The same day, law enforcers recovered Juthi's body. Humayun was then placed before a magistrate on July 5, 2004 and he gave a confessional statement that day.

In the statement, he said he had strangled Juthi to death as her father Abdul Jalil had insulted him following an altercation over a transaction of Tk 1,600, Bayezid said.

The Speedy Tribunal of Chattogram on April 5, 2006 convicted Humayun and sentenced him to death. He was sent to the condemn cell the same day.

After hearing the death reference and appeal of Humayun, the HC on February 22, 2012 confirmed the trial court verdict.

Then Humayun filed an appeal with the Appellate Division challenging the HC verdict. In the appeal, he prayed to the apex court to acquit him of the charges, claiming that he was innocent.

Advocate Bayezid said the Appellate Division yesterday acquitted Humayun as he said in the confessional statement that he was arrested on June 30, 2004 but it was stated in the case that he had been arrested on July 4, 2004.

Besides, Juthi's father told the trial court that he did not know Humayun. Moreover, the statements from the then UNO of Laksam, who was said to be present during the recovery of Juthi's body, and her mother, were not recorded during the trial proceedings, Bayezid said, adding that the SC delivered the acquittal verdict considering all these grounds.

Bayezid said Humayun will be released after the full apex court verdict reaches the jail.

Deputy Attorney General Bishwajit Debnath represented the state during the virtual hearing of the SC appeal.

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Gonoshasthaya

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still following an errant policy. They didn't approve vaccine trials timely."

About frontliners of Covid-19, he said, "The doctors, nurses and others will be at risk during a health emergency like people dying during war. The government should arrange enough support for them."

Conducted by the press adviser of Gonoshasthaya Kendra Jahangir Alam, director of Gonoshasthaya Kendra Mohammad Showkot Ali spoke at the event, among others.

LOST

I have lost my NOC from Janata Bank and mortgage permission (no. 958/7 July 1992) from RAJUK. I filed a GD with Badda P.S. (No. 1430, 21 Sept, 2020). -- SAMSUDDIN AHMED Phone: 01738909072

Increase flights

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He said visas of most of the 30,000 workers waiting to return to Saudi Arabia will expire on September 30.

"That's why there is a huge rush for tickets. We're trying our best to resolve the issue. We will give priority to issuing tickets to those whose visas expire on September 30," said the official.

Different travel agencies said several thousand migrant workers are feared to lose their job if the government does not immediately increase weekly flight frequency of Saudi Airlines from Dhaka.

Meanwhile, migrant workers demanded that the government take diplomatic efforts so that the Saudi government extends duration of their visas.

If not that, then the number of flights has to be increased so that they can reach their workplaces before September 30, they said.

Asked, M Mohibul Haque, senior secretary, civil aviation ministry, said, "We have requested the foreign ministry to hold talks with the Saudi authorities to extend the tenure of visa for Bangladeshi workers."

About increasing the number of Saudi Airlines' flights, he said they will give permission if they [Saudi Airlines] apply to them in this regard.

Meanwhile, migrant workers continue to

pass days amid uncertainty.

Shahidul Islam, a migrant worker, told this correspondent that he was scheduled to return to Saudi Arabia on March 20. But he couldn't due to suspension of flight operations from the middle of March following the global Covid-19 pandemic.

"The Saudi authorities extended my visa till September 30. But I couldn't confirm my return ticket in the last two days. I will lose my job if I can't go by September 30," he said.

This correspondent talked to several others who expressed similar angst.

Yesterday, in face of workers' agitation, officials of Saudi Airlines at the hotel at one stage issued a notice that they have suspended issuing tickets, prompting ticket seekers to take to the street.

They, however, moved away from the street after top police officials assured them of resolving their issues following talks with the Saudi Airlines' officials.

Several workers also complained that the Saudi Airlines authorities were charging an additional Tk 25,000 to re-issue tickets.

At the same time, several alleged that tickets are being sold at high price even at Tk 95,000 for one way.

Home to more than 22 lakh Bangladeshis, Saudi Arabia is also the prime destination for Bangladeshi migrant workers and the biggest

remittance-generating country for Bangladesh.

Many expatriates came to the country on vacation from Saudi Arabia before the closure of flights amid the pandemic.

They remained stranded in the country as only a handful of charter and special flights were operated between the two countries amid the pandemic.

BIMAN TO FLY TO KSA FROM OCT 1 Biman Bangladesh Airlines finally got permission from Saudi Arabia to resume commercial flights in the Middle Eastern country from October 1.

Biman Managing Director and CEO Mokabbir Hossain in a message on Monday said landing permission [in Saudi Arabia] is required before starting seat allocation.

But Biman is yet to get landing permission from the Saudi authorities. As a result, it is not possible to announce the flight schedule now, he said.

Biman MD also said for the time being, new tickets will not be sold.

The Bangladesh government suspended regular flight operations with all countries, except China, from mid-March to contain the Covid-19 spread.

At present, 13 airlines, including 11 foreign air carriers, are operating 46 weekly flights in seven countries from Bangladesh.

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Coal-fired

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Lauri's research found that the plants under Matarbari would release an estimated total of 1,600 kilogrammes of mercury per year into the air, of which one-third would be deposited into the land and fresh water ecosystems in Bangladesh.

The pollution would trigger 17 million days of sick leaves across the south-eastern region. Around 41,000 adults and 30,000 children would get asthma. Another 47,000 would live with disabilities caused by chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, the research finds.

Discussant urged the government to look for alternative power sources, as it is not a mammoth task in the 21st century.

Prof Md Khalequzzaman of Lock Halew University, USA, said, Bangladesh is a victim of climate change and has been advocating for prompt action internationally. If the country itself moves towards coal-based power plants, it would lose its moral and ethical grounds, and legitimacy to fight for the cause.

All coal-based power plants in Cox's Bazar and Chattogram would produce a total 10,000 megawatts of electricity. Sharif Jamil, general secretary of Bapa, moderated the webinar, chaired by Rasheda K Choudhury, former advisor of the caretaker government.

Eminent river researcher Prof Manzoorul Kibria, Dr Rashid-E-Mahbub, founder of Doctor's Platform for People's Health, Dr Abdul Matin and Fazlul Quader Chowdhury, president of Bapa, Cox's Bazar unit, had joined the event.

Majeda Begum no more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Majeda Begum, mother of Fisheries and Livestock Minister SM Rezaul Karim, died on Monday, at age 73.

She breathed her last at Khulna City Medical College Hospital. She had been suffering from heart, kidney and diabetes problems.

Majeda left behind her four sons, two daughters and a host of admirers to mourn her death, Advocate M Jewel Ahmed, assistant personal secretary to the minister, told The Daily Star.

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INVITATION FOR TENDER TO Supply, installation, customization, migration, UAT, training implementation and maintenance of Islamic Core Banking Solution

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