

No bar to remove illegal structures from Sugandhya Point on Cox’s Bazar beach

Supreme Court scraps HC stay order

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday cleared the way for the government to remove unauthorised business structures from Sugandhya Point at Kalatali on Cox’s Bazar sea beach.

A four-member bench of the Appellate Division of the SC headed by Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain scrapped the rule and stay order issued by the High Court on removal of the structures.

The apex court came up with the verdict after hearing an appeal filed by the land ministry and other authorities concerned of the government challenging the HC rule and order.

Appellants’ lawyer Manzill Murshid told The Daily Star that 52 persons have constructed structures without permission from proper authorities for running businesses at Sugandhya Point.

Cox’s Bazar Development Authority on April 10, 2018 issued a notice to evict them. The 52 persons had filed a writ petition

with the HC challenging the eviction notice, mentioning that the Cox’s Bazar municipality trade licence authorities had permitted them to set up the structures.

Following the petition, the HC on April 16, 2018 issued a rule questioning the eviction notice and stay its effectiveness.

Later on, the offices concerned of the government including the land ministry filed the appeal, he said.

During yesterday’s hearing, Manzill Murshid told the SC that the HC and apex court directed the authorities concerned to evict structures from the Cox’s Bazar sea beach which was declared ecologically critical area.

But some unscrupulous businessmen have built unauthorised structures violating the verdicts, he added.

Writ petitioners’ lawyer AM Mahbub Uddin Khokon told The Daily Star he can say after going through the full text of the SC verdict whether the structures at Sugandhya Point on Cox’s Bazar sea beach can be removed.

EMK Center marks 8th anniversary

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The Edward M Kennedy Center, popularly known as the EMK Center, celebrated its 8th founding anniversary on Wednesday. To commemorate the occasion, a virtual session was held, where various luminaries spoke of the centre’s journey so far.

Founded in 2012 through a partnership between the Liberation War Museum and the American Center of US Embassy, Dhaka, the centre is now run jointly by the American Center and University of Liberal Arts, Bangladesh (ULAB).

In his remarks, Earl R Miller, US Ambassador to Bangladesh, said, “One’s life is not just for oneself, but for one’s community. Whether in Bangladesh or in the US, we can all do our part to give back to our community.”

The session also featured Prof HM Jahirul Haque, VC of ULAB; Asif Uddin Ahmed, acting director of the EMK Center; George Tsiatis, CEO and Co-Founder of The Resolution Project; and Manik Mahmud, head of Social Innovation Cluster at Aspire to Innovate (a2i) as speakers, among others.

The ceremony also marked the closing of a two-month-long Youth Employment Campaign that hosted around fifty webinars and online sessions on youth employment issues.

During his concluding remarks, Professor Imran Rahman, special advisor to the Board of Trustees at ULAB, thanked all who supported EMK Center during its 8-year-long journey.

Focus on

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(Bangladesh time early Thursday morning).

The title of the summit was “Urgent Action on Biodiversity for Sustainable Development”, while the theme of the event was “Leaders Dialogue 2: Harnessing science, technology and innovation, capacity building, access and benefit-sharing, financing and partnerships for biodiversity.”

In her second proposal, Hasina said creating greater public awareness through education and research, and strengthening national legislation and monitoring mechanisms are key actions for safeguarding biodiversity.

“Global access to benefit-sharing must be ensured for the true owners of the genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge,” she said in her third proposal.

In the fourth proposal, the premier said, “Achieving the Paris goals could be the difference between our extinction and survival. We must implement them.”

Mentioning that Bangladesh fully subscribes to the “Urgent action on biodiversity for sustainable development”, Hasina said, “We live in an inter-dependent world where every species has a specific role to play in our ecosystem.”

She, however, said according to the WWF and the Zoological Society of

London, the world’s wildlife population has fallen by an average of 68 percent just from 1970 to 2016.

Pointing out that Bangladesh is heavily dependent on freshwater, the PM said freshwater biodiversity is declining at the fastest rate in the world, while 85 percent of global wetlands have already been lost since the Industrial Revolution.

Hasina said the population of freshwater mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles and fish has fallen by an average of four percent each year since 1970.

“We’re aggravating climate change and loss of biodiversity, and as a result, increasing the risk of ‘Zoonotic’ diseases like Covid-19,” she said.

The premier continued, “We’re not only causing extinction of other species, we are actually moving towards ultimate extinction if our current actions continue unchecked.”

Hasina said in Bangladesh, biodiversity conservation has been recognised in its constitution as a fundamental principle of state policy. Bangladesh is one of the few countries that enacted law to implement the convention on Biological Diversity, she said.

The government has declared more than 5 percent of total terrestrial area and about five percent of the marine area as “Protected and Ecologically Critical Areas”, she added.

975 women

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ASK underscored the need for ensuring rules of law and accountability to prevent rights violation.

“Otherwise, the culture of impunity gets established in the society and the number of incidents of violation of human rights rises,” read the press release signed by ASK Secretary General Md Nur Khan.

The rights organisation urged the government to ensure safety of all during this crisis period. It also asked the government to take immediate steps to ensure justice to the victims of human rights violation.

In a separate press release, Bangladesh Mahila Parishad said they recorded 129 rape incidents in September where 83 victims were minors.

Six were victims of acid attack and five women were killed over dowry, said Mahila Parishad, adding that their estimate is based on reports of 13 dailies.

BCL leader

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Cumilla residence couple of days ago. On September 29, Fatema took her to Sabuz’s Dhaka residence where he raped her, the police official said quoting the case statement.

Sabuz met Fatema through social media, she added.

Sabuz was supposed to give Tk 10,000 to Fatema. As they were arguing over the money, the girl somehow escaped and later rushed to Mirpur Police Station.

Police arrested Fatema as she followed the victim to the police station. Later, they arrested Sabuz from Paschim Monipuripara early yesterday.

Sayedur Rahman Redoy, general secretary of Dhaka City North Unit BCL said they came to know that vice-president Sabuj was arrested in a rape case.

“We will write to the central committee, recommending actions against him after going through the allegations,” he said.

In a Facebook post before his arrest, Sabuz mentioned that he is the VP of Dhaka north city unit of BCL and claimed that a vested quarter was trying to frame him in various ways to take political revenge.

Though this paper could not independently verify that the Facebook ID “Sabuz Al Sahba” in Bangla belongs to the accused, several BCL activists said it was his Facebook ID.

He was seen with top BCL leaders participating in party programmes in photos shared from the Facebook ID.

Mentionable, in another post four days ago, two days after a woman was gang-raped allegedly by BCL men inside MC College in Sylhet, Sabuz wrote: “Honourable IGP, what is the problem if the rapists are put on crossfire?”

Ex-Ghoraghat UNO released from hospital

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Former Ghoraghat Upazila Nirbahi Officer Wahida Khanam, who was undergoing treatment at National Institute of Neurosciences and Hospital after a brutal attack on her in Dinajpur, was released from the hospital yesterday.

“The brain surgery conducted on her was hundred percent successful. Now she can walk but it will take one or two more weeks for her full recovery,” said Dr Md Zahed Hossain, chief of the Neurotrauma Department of the hospital while briefing reporters after her release.

Wahida will be taken to Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed. It will take around one month for her to get back to normal life, he said.

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Talking to The Daily Star, Nusrat said her family arranged her marriage with Abdullah, a 29th BCS police officer, in 2016. “My husband often beat me as my father could not give him a flat and car,” she alleged.

Two pictures of Nusrat that this newspaper obtained show marks of bruises on her arms. Asked, she said the pictures were taken around a year ago.

Md Touhidul Islam, a brother-in-law of Nusrat who rescued her, said they will first admit her to a hospital and then will file a case.

Despite repeated attempts, Abdullah could not be contacted for comments on his cellphone. He also did not reply to the text messages sent to him.

Contacted, M Kamruzzaman, officer-in-charge of Kushtia Model Police Station, said they are looking into the matter.

Prothom Alo

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In the complaint, Mojibur said his son was electrocuted and became unconscious around 4:30pm that day, while attending the Kishor Alo programme.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Md Aminul Haque took cognizance of the charges and ordered the Mohammadpur Police Station OC to submit an investigation report in this regard.

On January 16 this year, Abdul Alim, an inspector of the police station, submitted the probe report to the court.

The report said that the charges brought against all the 10 accused were found to be true.

On September 20, Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Jasim ordered to transfer the case to the Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge’s Court for trial.

Bangladeshi

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their newborns. ICU in hospitals require a high capital to set up, with the incubator itself costing anywhere between Tk 3 and 5 lakh,” Dr Choudhury said.

“I realised that making the device more affordable could help relieve parents from much of the cost. We can now deliver incubators with the same basic functionalities at a quarter of the cost of other devices available on the market,” he said.

“Our biggest achievement is that we were able to break the barrier and have a Bangladeshi medical device endorsed by an organisation like MIT and supported by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Previously, we were heavily dependent on developed countries for equipment, and now we can develop our own medical technology,” he added.

The project will move into clinical trials next, and if successful, find partners to deliver and deploy the incubators to resource-stricken regions in Bangladesh.

Solve is an initiative of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). It aims to find tech-based social entrepreneurs around the world through innovation challenges. The initiative then brings together MIT’s innovation ecosystem and members to fund and support these entrepreneurs to create a long-lasting, positive impact on different sectors of the society.

Give Tk 20 lakh

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verdict as the HC delivered the directive on agreement from the bus company.

Deputy Attorney General Abdullah Al Mahmud Bashar told this newspaper that the HC also asked Green Line to submit a report to this court through the SC registrar general’s office in 15 days after complying with the directive of paying Tk 20 lakh to Russel.

The HC bench of Justice FRM Nazmul Ahasan and Justice KM Kamrul Kader came up with the verdict

after hearing a writ petition seeking its directive on Green Line Paribahan to give adequate compensation to Russel Sarker.

In April, 2018, Russel (26), a chauffeur working for a power company, and a Green Line bus driver locked into an altercation after the bus rear-ended his car. At one point, while Russel was chasing the bus, it ran him over.

SC lawyer Umme Kulsum Smrity, on May 13, 2018, filed a writ petition

with the HC, seeking necessary order to give Russel compensation and stop reckless driving.

Following the petition, the HC issued a rule the next day, asking the Green Line authorities and the government to explain why they should not pay Tk 1 crore to Russel.

The HC on March 31 last year directed Green Line to pay Tk 50 lakh.

Later on, the HC bench held hearings and passed orders on several days on this issue.

Theatre

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implemented, we are delighted,” said renowned cultural personality Ramendu Majumdar.

“Theatre was the one place that us artistes could breathe freely, and it was unfortunate that it was closed for such a long time,” said eminent artiste Ferdousi Majumdar. “The reopening announcement has filled me with joy.”

“We can see the light of hope once again,” adds Masum Reza, playwright and director.

Bangladesh Mahila Samity reopened its stage for plays on August 28, after being closed for five months.

Ctg zoo

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Other than the Sambar, it hosts 22 spotted deer, and four barking deer, said Dr Shuvo.

Contacted, Dr Manzoorul Kibria, a professor at CU Zoology Department, said awareness should be developed to conserve rare deer species, as well as nature in general. Strict steps should be taken to stop illegal hunting, he added.

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