

‘Ban Tiktok to save the youth’

Writ petition seeks curbs on three social media apps

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Supreme Court lawyer yesterday filed a writ petition with the High Court seeking its directive on authorities to stop operations of smartphone apps -- Bigo Live, Tiktok and Likee, “in order to protect the young generation from social degradation”.

Md JR Khan Robin submitted the petition as a public interest litigation to the HC, also praying to this court to issue a rule asking authorities to explain why their inaction to stop the use of these apps should not be declared illegal.

He said in the petition that the young generation of the country is being addicted to these apps and are “losing their morality and social values”.

Sometimes, youths are being involved in crimes by being instigated by such apps, Robin said, adding that such apps have been banned in some neighbouring countries -- such as India and Pakistan, and Indonesia.

JR Khan Robin told The Daily Star that he will move the writ petition before the HC after it reopens on January 3 following its ongoing annual vacation.



Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority yesterday demolished illegal structures at Koyla Patti area in the capital's Gabtoli.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Razzaq Foundation launches essay contest on Bangabandhu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Gyantapas Abdur Razzaq Foundation is organising an essay competition on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in two different categories for first to twelfth graders and university-level students within the deadline on February 18, 2021.

In a media announcement yesterday, the foundation said the purpose of the competition is encouraging research, writing and thinking at all levels of education.

“Bangabandhu’s dream and the achievements of Bangladesh” is the topic for school and college-level students and the word limit is 1,750-2,000, while “The role of students and teachers in the emergence of Bangladesh” is for currently-enrolled university students with a word limit of 2,000-2,500. First, second and third place winners in the first topic will receive Tk 5,000, Tk 3,500 and Tk 2,500 respectively; the prize is Tk 10,000, Tk 7,500 and Tk 5,000 in the second topic.

Every entrant must mention their name, education institution, class or department, mobile number and email and the writing must be academic and follow the appropriate format and rules of citation, said the media announcement.

It said the language of the write up could be Bangla or English. The essays will be graded on research, writing, analysis, organisation and coherence and not on any other factor.

The write-up could be sent as hard copy or email attachment to info@abdur-razzaq-foundation.org or Gyantapas Abdur Razzaq Foundation, House-75/A, Road-12/A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1209.

Border

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Responding to the BGB request, BSF director general Rakesh Asthana mentioned Indian government’s ‘zero tolerance policy’ to terrorism, and said appropriate measures would be taken against those camps if there are any.

Yesterday, journalists drew the home minister’s attention to the issue, after a medal distribution ceremony among BGB members.

“They [BSF] are cooperating as much as they can; we are doing the same. Our prime minister has always said we will not allow even an inch of land in our country to be used by any separatist or terrorist, and that is what we are doing,” the minister added.

“We have intelligence about some areas along the border with Myanmar too. From those areas, some miscreants cross the border and commit crimes here. Similarly, some others commit crimes there and take shelter here,” he added.

Earlier, at a special law and order meeting in Khagrachhari, the home minister had said members of police, BGB and Ansar will be deployed at vacant army camps located in CHT to stop killings, extortion and terrorism in the area.

Replying to another question on security about the new year, the minister said security forces are on alert to face any challenge. Everything is under surveillance, he added.

NSU remembers founding member MA Hashem

CITY DESK

North South University (NSU) yesterday organised a virtual discussion session in memory of its recently-deceased founding member and former chairperson MA Hashem.

The programme featured a Khatam-ul-Quran and a discussion session, a press release said.

The programme was attended by members of NSU’s board of trustees and all its employees.

Former president of FBCCI and chairperson of NSU’s board of trustees MA Kashem along with board members Azim Uddin Ahmed, Benajir Ahmed, Mohammed Shajahan, Rehana Rahman and Yasmin Kamal were present as speakers.

Among others, son of MA Hashem Aziz Al Kaiser, also chairman of City Bank and Vice-Chairman, Partex Star Group; daughter-in-law Tabassum Kaiser, director, City Bank; and grandson Amman Al Kaiser were also present.

Prof Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor of NSU, presided over the session.

A large number of parents and students also connected to the programme through live broadcast from NSU’s Official Facebook Page, the press release added.

Two bankers

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Following the case filed with Tejgaon Police Station, CID first recently arrested Miraz and Rashed -- both private university students. Based on information obtained from them, they arrested Shanto.

According to the CID official, Rashed is a question solver. Ripon is a public university student in Dhaka and Shafiqul is a trader who is an associate of Manik.

Earlier in 2018, police arrested a student named Nafiu Tahsin from Tejgaon Government Science College, in connection with admission question leak of Dhaka University’s “Ka” unit.

SM Kamrul Ahsan, chief security officer of Dhaka University, then filed a case against Nafiu, with Tejgaon Police Station.

Later in November 2018, CID interrogated Nafiu. In a report submitted to the court, it said the racket was using digital tools and social media to leak DU admission papers, in exchange for hefty sums of money.

Earlier, CID investigated a case filed over DU “Cha” unit question leak in 2017 and pressed charges against 125 people, including 87 DU students and a few Chhatra League leaders, in June, 2019.

After investigation, CID found that the questions were mainly leaked in two ways: from the printing press the night before the exams and through digital devices minutes before the tests started.

Job or admission seekers were given the answers via tiny earpieces a few minutes into the exams.

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statement of the complainant that day.

Yusuf Ali Sardar, former chief revenue officer of the city corporation; Md Mazed, its former deputy assistant engineer; and their assistants Kamrul Hasan, Helena Akter, Atiqur Rahman Swapan and Md Walid were also made accused in the case.

According to the case document, Khokon and six others colluded to build and allot shops, violating the main design of Fulbaria City Supermarket-2.

Contacted, Sayeed Khokon told The Daily Star, “I will not comment on the case now, as it is under investigation.”

Aside from 2,300 design-approved shops at Fulbaria Supermarket-2, 911 others were built illegally. DSCC on December 8 started a drive to demolish all 911 illegal shops.

JS session

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committee of parliament is likely to sit in a meeting with Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury in the chair to fix duration and businesses of the session.

According to the constitution, the president must convene a session within 60 days from the last sitting of the last session. The last session, which was a special session to mark the birth centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, was prorogued on November 18.

IPI decries

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light on the situation in Bangladesh.

“The government charged 11 people, including journalists and a cartoonist, with spreading false information about the pandemic. Only two of them were taken into custody, as others were living abroad. At the time of his arrest, cartoonist Ahmed Kabir Kishore was working on a series of cartoons with caricatures of ruling party leaders and allegations of corruption in the health sector,” it said.

In Bangladesh, a journalist was killed for his reporting on drugs and illegal gas connections, it added.

In 2020, IPI has observed unacceptable levels of attacks against independent media and journalists in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal. Press freedom has already been severely curtailed in recent years in the region, said the statement, quoting IPI Executive Director Barbara Trionfi.

Strengthening independent media and keeping journalists safe in the region will be a core aspect of any strategy countering the pandemic’s effects. Otherwise, democracy in the region will be severely damaged, she said.

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Company Secretary

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Renewable

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Dr Saleemul Huq, director of International Institute for Environment and Development, underlined individual initiatives in the process of green transformation.

“Without participation of underprivileged community, the green transformation won’t thrive much. We have to devise ways to include them in the journey,” he said.

Dr Fahmida Khatun, executive director of Center for Policy Dialogue; Prof Siddique Jubayer, former secretary of power division; and Dr Dipal Chandro Barua, president of Bangladesh Solar and Renewable Energy Association, were also present at the webinar, among others.

CMP launches

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Police officials said the service is totally free and the system will be reviewed after two or three months based on its performance.

In the press conference, CMP commissioner said no one is allowed this year to celebrate outdoor programmes on the night of December 31. Presenting 16 restrictions, the commissioner said no one will be allowed to use any public place, open space or rooftop for New Year celebrations on 31st night.

CMP additional commissioners, DCs of the four zones, and officers-in-charge of police stations were present during the press briefing.

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Condolence Message

Mr. Sharif M. Afzal Hossain
Birth: 01 January 1950 and Death: 29 December 2020

The distinguished organizer of Liberation war of Bangladesh and valiant freedom fighter Mr. Sharif M. Afzal Hossain started his eternal journey on 29 December 2020 at 5:50 P.M at Combined Military Hospital Dhaka. (Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Elahi Rajiun). He was 71. He left his wife, only daughter, grandsons, granddaughter and countless well-wishers to mourn his death. He is the father in law of Mr. Ziaur Rahman, Managing Director of Bay Group.

He was born on 01 January 1950 in a respectable Muslim family of Sharifbari in the village of Khoda Bushpur at Modhukhali sub district under Faridpur district.

He obtained MA (SS) & LLB degree from Dhaka University and TCC from Japan, SSC from Netherlands and certificate of IVP from USA. Besides he obtained different international Course Certificates from Singapore, Taiwan, South Korea, Thailand, India, Hong Kong and Malaysia.

He was a business leader. He earned his name and fame as distinguished organizer, writer, resource person, Media personality and good orator.

Sharif M. Afzal Hossain was first generation industrialist and businessman. He started his business through setting up industries and trading companies. He was Chairman of Joint venture industries and other local Group of Concerns. He was associated with different national and international forums. He was founder, Advisor and Director of various educational and service providing industries.

We are deeply shocked of his demise and praying to Almighty for salvation of his departed soul. May Almighty give his family strength and courage to bear this irreparable loss.

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১	প্রকিউরিং এনটিটি	১	জেলা সুপার, দিনাজপুর জেলা কারাগার, দিনাজপুর।
২	দরপত্রের নাম ও মেয়াদ	১	০১-০১-২০২১ হতে ০১-১২-২০২১ পর্যন্ত বিভিন্ন প্রকার খাদ্যদ্রব্য সরবরাহ।
৩	দরপত্র প্র্যাক্‌জ নং	১	ডায়েটরি-০২/(০১-১২)২০২১
৪	দরদাতাদের নামসমূহ	১	দরপত্র দাখিলের বর্ণিত মতে।
৫	ব্যাংকিং ও ফান্ড গ্রান্টের উদ্দেশ্য	১	জাতীয় রাজস্ব পত্রিক।
৬	দরপত্রের প্রকৃতি	১	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (OTM)
৭	দরপত্র সিটিউল গ্রান্টের স্থান	১	জেলা সুপারের কার্যালয়, জেলা কারাগার, দিনাজপুর ও কারা উপ-মহাপরিদর্শক, ঢাকা/খুলনা বিভাগীয় দপ্তর।
৮	দরপত্র সিটিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১	১৮-০১-২০২১ বেলা ২.৩০টা পর্যন্ত।
৯	দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়	১	(১) জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, দিনাজপুর (২) কোতোয়ালী থানা, দিনাজপুর এবং (৩) জেলা সুপারের কার্যালয়, জেলা কারাগার, দিনাজপুর এর প্রধান ফটকে প্রকৃতি ব্যাংক, ১৯-০১-২০২১ বেলা ৯.০০ ঘটিকা হতে বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১০	দরপত্র বাজ উন্মুক্তকরণের স্থান ও সময়	১	জেলা সুপারের কার্যালয়, জেলা কারাগার, দিনাজপুর, ১৯-০১-২০২১ বেলা ১২.৩০টা।
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১২	দরপত্র সিটিউলের মূল্য	১	টাকা ১,০০০/- (এক হাজার) মাত্র।
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১৪	দরপত্র অনুমোদনকারী কর্তৃপক্ষ	১	কারা মহাপরিদর্শক, বাংলাদেশ, ঢাকা।
১৫	দরপত্রের সাথে যে সকল কাগজপত্র জমা দিতে হবে	১	দরপত্র সিটিউল/ডকুমেন্টে বর্ণিত মতে।
১৬	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্তৃপক্ষ	১	জেলা সুপার, জেলা কারাগার, দিনাজপুর।
১৭	দরদাতাদের প্রতি বিশেষ নির্দেশাবলী	১	দরপত্র সিটিউল/ডকুমেন্টের শর্তাবলী পঠাঠে ক্রয়কাগজে বর্ণিত হবে দরপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে।
১৮	দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত অন্যান্য তথ্যাবলী জানার জন্য কর্তৃপক্ষের সাথে যোগাযোগ করা যেতে পারে।	১	
১৯	কর্তৃপক্ষ কোনো কারণ দর্শালে ব্যতিরেকে যেকোনো/সকল দরপত্র বাতিল/প্রত্যাহার করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।	১	

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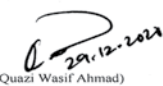
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