

Lawyers oppose anti-crime act

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Sammilita Ainjibi Samannaya Parishad yesterday strongly denounced the bill titled 'Law and Order Disruption Crimes (Speedy Trial) Act, 2002', terming it a black law, anti-people and unconstitutional.

The law is designed to persecute the opposition activists, said the Parishad leaders at a press conference.

Barrister M Amirul Islam, convener of the Parishad, said, "One of the main objectives of the law is speedy disposal of cases, but it is not possible to achieve that goal with the existing manpower in the judiciary and the law enforcing agencies. As a result, common people will suffer most."

"The law is motivated and discriminatory. It is aimed at harassing the political leaders as well as common people."

He called upon the people to build up a nationwide campaign against the law.

At the press conference, the Parishad leaders said that terrorism, murder, oppression on innocent people, extortion, grabbing of property, rape, attacks on minorities have increased alarmingly in the recent time.

To make things worse, police

often refuse to take cases. Instead, they harass the victims, the leaders said.

They also pointed out that the political leaders are often arrested under Sec 54 of the CrPC and taken on remand. This is one type of state terrorism, they added.

"We oppose the Public Safety Act (PSA), but about 12000 identified criminals belonging to the ruling party have been freed from jails following the repeal of the Public Safety Act and many of those are taking part in the upcoming city corporations elections," said Barrister Amir.

Some 50 lawyers attended the press conference held at the Jatiya

Erratum

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The Ain o Salish Kendro (ASK) protested the tabling of the 'Jatiya Sangsad (Special Jurisdictions and Powers) Bill, 2002' and demanded its rejection, terming it 'unconstitutional'.

But in a news item published in The Daily Star yesterday, the ASK has been inadvertently referred to as demanding the withdrawal of the 'Law and Order Disruption Crimes (Speedy Trial) Act, 2002'.

We regret the error.

Press Club. The Parishad leaders said the government will use the law as a means of stifling the democratic rights of the people.

Also, they pointed out, the human rights, freedom of speech and press freedom will be under threat once the law is passed.

The lawyers demanded immediate reform of the judiciary system for quick disposal of cases.

The law provides for special court to try offenders in a period ranging from 30 to 60 days.

"Justice hurried is justice buried. We definitely want quick disposal of cases, but not in the way the law has meant," said Barrister Amir.

The Parishad also announced a three-point action programme.

It will submit a memorandum to the Speaker of the parliament to protest countrywide terrorism, extortion, repression on opposition activists, and the passage of the bill.

A protest rally will be held under the banner of the Parishad in all district bars, including the Supreme Court Bar, today.

And a meeting of the representatives of all the bar associations will be held on May 2 and 3.

Barrister Shafiq Ahmed, Adv Sahara Khatun, former law minister Abdul Matin Khosru, Barrister Tania Amir, Adv Abdul Bashed, Adv Syed Ahmed, Md Shamsul huq Tuku and Adv Quamrul Islam were, among others, present on the occasion.

DUJ concerned

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) at an emergency meeting yesterday expressed deep concern over the termination of journalists of state-owned Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS).

Chaired by DUJ president Kazi Rafique, the meeting viewed that the action has manifested government's ill intention of taking political revenge. It decided to build up a strong movement against such actions.

The meeting also noted that the proposed law providing for speedy trial would stifle press freedom.

It also condoled the death of Khairul Anam, special correspondent of daily Ittefaq.

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A silent procession carrying black flag was brought out in the city yesterday to protest the killings and terrorism across the country. DCC mayoral candidate Advocate Abed Raza led the procession.

Tributes paid to Begum Rokeya, Shamsunnahar

BSS, Dhaka

Glowing tributes were paid yesterday to Begum Rokeya Shakawat Hossain and Begum Shamsunnahar Mahmud, two legendary women, who pioneered Bengali Muslim women education, at a function marking the launching of two memorial books on their life and works.

Held at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium here, the occasion was chaired by eminent educationist Professor Anisuzzaman while elderly singer and writer Husna Banu Khanam was the chief guest.

The discussants included professor Selina Bahar Zaman, who edited the books, Iqbal Bahar Chowdhury, chief of the Bangla Service of Voice of America, Washington, writers Shamsuz-

zaman Khan and Morshed Shariful Hasan and women rights leader Ayesha Khanam. Prof Kazi Madina conducted the function.

The speakers dwell on different aspects of two books which are compilation of articles on them by noted persons and thanked the editor for her untiring efforts in undertaking a tough but noble task that would greatly embellish and invigorate Bengali literature.

The speakers stressed that it is necessary to undertake more such endeavour like publication of the two books so that present generation could know more about Begum Rokeya and Shamsunnahar Mahmud for their invaluable contribution to development of women education in our country.

Death threat to candidate

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A BNP candidate for the ward commissioner in the DCC elections yesterday accused his rival of issuing death threat to him.

Sayedur Rahman Neuton, who is contesting the election from ward No. 8, said his security is at stake following the threat made by Md Saiful Islam Chowdhury Ripon, also a candidate for the same post.

Addressing a press conference at the DRU auditorium, Neuton alleged that his opponent was attacking him and his supporters fearing that he will be defeated in the election.

Dhaka may sue FEER

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh is expected to write to Hong Kong-based Far Eastern Economic Review (FEER) soon that the magazine would be sued for its Bangladesh cover story of April 8, 'Beware of Bangladesh', said a senior official.

Bertil Lintner, a Bangkok-based stringer and guest writer of the Review, obtained visa from the Deputy High Commission of Bangladesh in Calcutta, hiding his identity to visit Dhaka on an 'anti-Bangladesh news fixing mission,'

he said.

Lintner, a Swedish national, also wrote as a staff reporter the same anti-Bangladesh piece in the Wall Street Journal, a sister organization of the Review, both owned by Dow-Jones, a financial publishing firm in New York.

Bangladesh government could not find the records of his 'hate Bangladesh mission trip' initially because he hid his identity, the official said.

In his visa application form, he gave his identity as an educationist based in Thailand.



Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty to squally wind is likely at one or two places over Khulna, Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions today.

Weather may remain mainly dry over Chittagong and Barisal divisions, Met offices said.

Country's highest temperature 34.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Khulna and the lowest 20.0 degree at Chuadanga.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.18 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.41 am.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.3	20.4	81	65
Chittagong	32.0	22.5	76	77
Rajshahi	33.8	21.5	87	67
Khulna	34.0	22.0	82	63
Barisal	32.5	21.4	74	69
Sylhet	32.2	21.4	81	72
Cox's Bazar	32.7	24.2	72	88

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Interested applicants are requested to submit three sets of application with C.V. supported by certificates of qualification and experience alongwith recent passport size photograph on or before 30 April 2002. Candidates with third division/ class in their academic career need not apply.

Applications should be sent to the addressee shown below.

Member Secretary
Committee of Mutawallis, IDB-BISEW
IDB Bhaban (4th floor), E/8-A Rokeya Sharani
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka - 1207

Islamic Development Bank-Bangladesh Islamic Solidarity Educational Wakf (IDB-BISEW)

IDB-BISEW Vacancy

Islamic Development Bank-Bangladesh Islamic Solidarity Educational Wakf (IDB-BISEW) is to provide financial assistance towards education of Bangladeshi Muslim students of Islamic educational institutes and orphanages in Bangladesh to transform the vast population into skilled manpower in order to strengthen the technical capability of its people to use existing and emerging technologies for economic growth and equality of Bangladesh.

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- Excellent communication and writing skills in English.

The compensation package will be determined on the basis of qualification and job experience. Candidates with third division/ class in their academic career need not apply.

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Review & design of the community water & sanitation facilities for the environmental sanitation, hygiene and water supply in urban slums & fringes project.

UNICEF-Bangladesh invites proposal from established local company to review & design of community water and sanitation facilities for the environmental sanitation, hygiene and water supply in urban slums and fringes project.

Interested companies having previous working experience (for minimum 5 years) in relation to design and management of community based water and sanitation facilities with well equipped training section, are requested to collect detailed Request for Proposal (RFP/2002/002) for above-mentioned service from UNICEF, ground floor, Right Wing, Dhaka Sheraton Hotel Annex Building, 1 Minto Road, Dhaka-1000 from Tuesday, April 9, 2002, between 8:30 to 16:00 hours.

A briefing session on the requirement of the assignment will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2002 at 14:50 hours in JPG Conference Room, 6th floor, Central Wing, UNICEF-BCO. The proposal must be submitted on or before 15:00 hours on April 30, 2002 (Thursday) in the "Tender Box" located in UNICEF HR Section.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Local Government Engineering Directorate
Habiganj

Memo. No. LGED/EE/Habi/2002/814 Dated: 24-3-2002

LGED Short Tender Notice No. 39/2001-2002

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are hereby invited from interested LGED enlisted (as per class capacity) & up to date renewed valid contractors and LGED's all projects pre-qualified (as per financial capacity) valid contractors for implementation of works of 4 Groups under Priority Basis Project of Habiganj district during 2001-2002 financial year.

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Executive Engineer
LGED, Habiganj

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 - The Vendors must have fully equipped office in Bangladesh with a proven record of supplying and installing of brand computer systems.
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