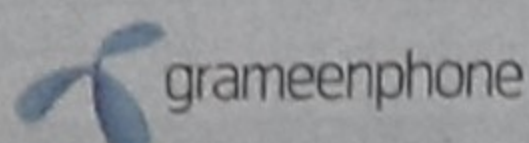


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Issue directives to local admin to stop fatwa

Rights activists urge govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Lawyers and human rights activists yesterday urged the government to issue directives to local administration for taking immediate steps to stop issuing fatwa (religious edict) as it increased alarmingly in recent months in the country.

Expressing deep concern over the frequent incidents of whipping women in the name of arbitration following fatwa, they called on the government to take prompt legal action against those involved in issuing fatwa to ensure security of the victims.

Terming fatwa unlawful and inhuman, they also urged the government to circulate a message using state-run TV and Radio that issuing fatwa is

a punishable crime and stern action would be taken against those who would issue fatwa.

They made the call at a press conference titled 'Fatwa, illegal arbitration, intolerable punishment: Where is the rule of law?' at Dhaka Reporters Unity auditorium. It was organised by Brac Human Rights and Legal Aid Programmes and Brac Advocacy and Human Rights Unit.

Stressing the need for preventive measures against issuing fatwa, former adviser to a caretaker government and Executive Director of Ain O Salish Kendra Advocate Sultana Kamal said, "It is not enough to take action after the incidents, it is a must to take preventive measures against such crimes."

"It is the duty of law enforcement agencies to stop illegal activities, but how the incidents of whipping women after issuing fatwa are taking place across the country under the very nose of them?" asked Sultana.

Barrister Sara Hossain said the High Court verdict banning fatwa has been stayed by the Supreme Court, but the country's constitution bans all sorts of fatwas that go against the humanity.

Dr Faustina Pereira, director of Human Rights and Legal Aid Programme, and Shipa Hafiz, director of Training Division, Gender Justice and Diversity of Brac, and Fouzia Karim Firoze, president of Bangladesh National and Women Lawyers Association, also spoke on the occasion.

3 teenage boys get 30 yrs for killing primary student

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced three teenage boys to 30 years' rigorous imprisonment for killing Alvi, a student of class four of Pallabi MDC Model High School, in August 2005.

The convicts are Md Arman, 19, Md Noman Parvez, 17, and Md Abul Al Sayeedi, 16.

Judge Mohammad Rezaul Islam of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-4 handed down the verdict in presence of the convicts at a packed courtroom.

However, the court acquitted another accused, Mohammad Masum, as the charges brought against him were not proved.

In his order, the judge said the convicts should be given capital punishment but they were given 30 years' imprisonment considering they are underage.

According to the prosecution, victim's father Sheikh Azad Hossain had a dispute with convict Arman's father Mohammad Harun over digging of a drain in the area. Following the incident, Arman along with friends Noman, Sayeedi and Masum called Alvi out of his house and killed him on August 30, 2005.

HR Commission law to be enacted in this JS session

Says law minister

UNB, Dhaka

Law Minister Shafique Ahmed yesterday said the National Human Rights Commission law would be enacted in the current session of parliament.

"The proposed law is now being examined by the Parliamentary Standing Committee and its report will be placed before the House in a couple of days," he told reporters after emerging from a meeting with the three-member NHRC.

During the meeting, he had invited the members of the Commission to submit concrete suggestions as to how the Commission could be turned into an effective institution to protect human rights.

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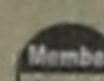
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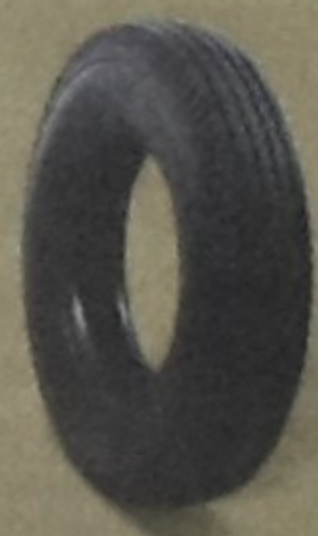
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