

Ramna OC apologises for violation of court order

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Officer-in-charge (OC) of Ramna Police Station yesterday appeared before a Dhaka court and tendered his unconditional apology for violating court order.

Metropolitan Magistrate Mehedi Hassan Talukder pardoned and directed OC SM Shibly Noman to register a petition as a regular case and start its investigation.

Earlier on April 15, the same court directed the OC to appear in person before it and explain within seven days why he did not register a petition as a regular case.

On March 24, a resident of Siddheshwari Arunoday Apartment Sharifullah Majumder filed a case against Fisheries and Live Stock ministry Secretary Mohammad Sharful Alam, his cousin AB Siddique alias Rnu, Mohammad Rabiul, Nur Islam and Al Amin on charges of cheating, looting and extorting.

After the hearing, Mehedi recorded statement of the complainant, took the charge into cognizance and directed the Ramna OC to register it as First Information Report (FIR) and investigate the issue.

But the OC, without registering it as a regular case, submitted a report to the court. The court then took it a gross violation of the court order and directed Shibly to appear in person before it and explain why he violated the court order.

FAO to introduce community radio in Barguna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) is going to set up the first community radio at Amtoli in Barguna aimed at better helping farmers increase productivity and attain sustainable agricultural development.

To this effect, the UN body has signed an agreement with the government on a project titled 'Enhancing Rural Communication Services for Agricultural Development through Community Rural Radio'.

Dileep Kumar Das, joint secretary of Economic Relations Division, and Ad Spijkers, FAO representative in Bangladesh, signed the agreement on Sunday, says a press release.

The project is the first of 12 radio initiatives cleared recently by the government under the Right to Information Act 2009.

FAO, in collaboration with agricultural information services (AIS) of the agriculture ministry, will set up the radio.

"We are very happy to initiate the community rural radio with AIS as it will strengthen the rural communication services for agriculture and food security," Ad Spijkers said.

The community radio will play a key role for knowledge and information sharing on food security and climate change adaptation issues at community level, he added.

"An integrated master plan and robust investments for the agricultural development of that area is the key to bring back the southern Bangladesh as 'the food basket'. We have to explore the synergies of water, seeds and technologies," said the FAO representative.



Noted actor Razzak speaks at a rally of Bangladesh Film Development Corporation (BFDC) artistes, directors and producers on the FDC premises in the city yesterday to protest the government move to import Indian films. PHOTO: STAR

'Use e-Health for masses'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a roundtable yesterday said e-Health schemes should be focused on providing healthcare to general public rather than using technology in ways that would not be of any help to them.

Emphasis should be on ideas that would make healthcare more accessible to the general people above everything else, they added.

The roundtable on 'Future of e-Health in Bangladesh' was organised by Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI) at its conference room in the city.

Presenting a keynote paper, Director (MIS) of DGHS Prof Abul Kalam Azad

pointed out various e-Health initiatives taken by the government and hoped that people living in remotest areas of the country would have access to healthcare with the e-Health initiatives.

The initiatives include mobile phone-based services where medical doctors would attend to phone calls anytime any day of the week, enhanced management information system and SMS-based services where pregnant women can receive advice regarding their situation through SMSs.

The speakers stressed the need to create public-private partnership where the government and private sector can make collaborative

efforts to enhance e-Health initiatives and make them accessible to the masses.

They underscored the importance of creating a platform for such partnership.

Speaking as the chief guest, Health Minister Prof AFM Ruhul Haque said in a realistic perspective, changes from different initiatives would not be visible in one day. But in time their effects would be visible in a wider array.

He called for suggestions and technical assistance from the private sector in implementing the e-Health initiatives.

BEI President Farooq Sobhan chaired the programme.

DEFAMATION CASE HC rejects appeal of SQ Chy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday rejected an appeal for staying the proceeding of a defamation case filed in Tangail against BNP lawmaker Salauddin Quader Chowdhury.

The same court, however, stayed for three months the proceedings against him in four other similar cases filed in Khulna, Norail, Thakurgaon and Panchagarh.

The bench of Justice Nazmun Ara Sultana and Justice Sheikh Hasan Arif also issued a rule upon the government to explain within four weeks why the proceedings of these four cases against Salauddin should not be declared illegal.

The orders came following a writ petition filed by Salauddin challenging the legality of proceeding with the cases.

Advocate Abdur Rahim, senior vice-president of Tangail district Jubo League, filed the Tk 20 crore defamation suit on August 19 last year accusing Salauddin of making derogatory remarks about the National Mourning Day and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Attorney General Mahubey Alam told The Daily Star that the defamation case against Salauddin Quader Chowdhury will continue at the trial court in Tangail, following the HC order.

Tk 265cr to digitise BIWTA

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) has planned a Tk 265 crore digitisation project to improve its services, ensuring better and safer communications on waterways.

BIWTA Chairman Abdul Malek Mia told BSS yesterday that the shipping ministry initiated the project and expected required allocation under the development budget for 2010-2011 fiscal.

"We are expecting that the job will begin in July with the fiscal allocation and would finish in a year," he said.

Under the project, he said, BIWTA will be developed as a tech-savvy organisation equipped with the latest technology and skilled manpower to offer efficient services.

"It will improve capacity to conduct accurate hydrographic survey and maintain navigation by carrying out faster and timely dredging," Malek said.

He said under the project, all ocean going ships and inland passenger vessels would get digital device so they can be located all the time for ensuring safety.

"This would also help locate the respective ships and vessels easily in case of any emergency or accident," he pointed out.

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HEALTH, DISASTER MANAGEMENT, EDUCATION British support to continue Says UK official in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Deputy Head of the South Asia Group in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, UK William Middleton yesterday said the British government will continue to support Bangladesh in health, disaster management and education.

He was addressing a group of British diaspora at a hotel in the city. Deputy High Commissioner to Dhaka Duncan Norman accompanied Middleton during his two-day tour to the region.

Middleton said the Bangladesh-origin community in the UK had already strengthened their presence through their laudable activities in different fields. By now they are an integral part of the British society and contributing largely to the British economy and other fields. Sylhet has an additional attachment to Britain and its people for historic reasons, he said.

The official said despite the challenging economic climate, Bangladesh's economy grew well last year and current estimates point to similar growth this year. The country's flourishing democracy is also a matter of interest to others, he added.

Middleton said Sylhet, famous for its good resource of gas and others, including tea, is increasingly known as an engine of economic growth and investment and one of the most dynamic corners of Bangladesh, driven largely by international trade and remittances.

"Sylhet's success is a reminder for us that today's globalised world has the power to transform entire communities. Sylhet is an evidence that the global economy can create jobs, generate wealth, increase government revenues and raise standards of living throughout Bangladesh," he said.

The British official further said Bangladesh has become an important partner in global commerce and a leading advocate for the interests of least developed countries. Besides, international focus is much more for Bangladesh's successful peacekeeping missions abroad, he added.

The official visited Sylhet divisional Imam Training centre run by the Islamic Foundation and talked to officials there. He also met the Sylhet mayor yesterday before flying to Dhaka.

Zonta Club executives

METRO DESK

Elections of Zonta Club of Dhaka III for 2010-2012 was held at a local hotel on April 25 after the annual general meeting, says a press release.

The office-bearers are President: Ztn Mamtaz Chowdhury, President elect: Ztn Shahida Ahmed, 1st Vice President: Ztn. Naseema Akter, 2nd Vice President: Ztn Amna Rahman,

Treasurer: Ztn Khadija Afzal, Recording Secretary: Ztn Rubina Quader Hossain and Corresponding Secretary: Ztn Shahnaz Shahab.

Directors are Ztn Shaheen Khan, Ztn Najma Shafiq, Ztn Shahnaz Farouq, Ztn Zakia Ali Bhuiyan and IPP Ztn Rubina H Farouq.

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