

Stop forcing children

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the capital.
The bench issued the orders after hearing statements of Neyamul and his father Umed Ali of Ashrafabad in Kamrangirchar and officials of police and Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) in an open court yesterday.

Umed Ali told the judges SI Nurul Alam, also investigation officer of Neyamul's case, tried on behalf of the accused to settle the matter off the court offering him a two-katha plot and Tk 2 lakh.

Umed said the accused including Shariful Islam, also known as Korban, who was arrested in December last year on charge of maiming Neyamul, made the offer through Nurul Alam.

The higher court yesterday asked the inspector general of police (IGP) and the Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) commissioner to immediately take departmental proceedings against Alam.

It directed both the IGP and the DMP commissioner to engage a senior official with the rank of superintendent of police or deputy director of Rab to investigate the incident of chopping off Neyamul's genitals.

Following newspaper reports on Neyamul, the bench on January 2 expressed its concern and issued a suo moto rule on the government to stop such incidents.

The court yesterday ordered Nurul Alam to

appear before the bench today along with Al Amin, who filed a case with Kamrangirchar police against Umed on charge of abducting Korban.

The court observed that Al Amin filed the "false" and "fabricated" case against Umed to save Omar Faruk, head of the gang liable to abduct and maim children, and his accomplices Ramjan, Russell, and Saddam.

It asked the director of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) to form a medical board to treat and cure Neyamul's wounds.

The judges yesterday heard the statement of Rab Legal and Media Wing Director Commander M Sohail, who said the gang

led by Omar Faruk is involved in kidnapping and maiming children of low-income group. They use those children to earn money through begging on city streets, he added.

Sohail told the court the gang members also abduct and rape young girls in Kamrangirchar and force them into prostitution to earn money.

The bench asked Nurul Alam as to why he did not pray to the court for taking Korban on remand in the case. Alam said he did not pray to put Korban on remand since he (Korban) was sick due to "torture" in Rab custody.

As the court asked Alam whether he had a medical certificate to prove Korban's

sickness, Alam said he had none.

The bench asked the government to come up with information about progress in implementing its directives by January 18.

Senior lawyers Dr M Zahir, advocate Habibur Islam Bhuiyan and advocate Alena Khan, chief executive director of Bangladesh Human Rights Foundation, who were present, said tough action should be taken against the culprits who are engaged in such inhuman activities.

The court appreciated the Rab for properly investigating the case and taking action in this regard.

Deputy Attorney General ABM Altaf Hossain represented the government.

Bangabandhu's Homecoming

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months of captivity in Pakistan jail.
Millions of people had given a heartiest welcome to Bangabandhu when he arrived at Tejgaon Airport from New Delhi by a British Airways flight at 1:41pm on January 10.

The road from Shahbagh to Tejgaon Airport was jam-packed with crowds of people who were eagerly waiting for him. About four hours were needed for his motorcade to reach Race Course Maidan, now Suhrawardy Udyan, where he later addressed a mammoth meeting of about 10 lakh people.

In the wake of the military crackdown by the Pakistani junta, Bangabandhu, who became the undisputed leader of the then Pakistan following the massive victory of his party Awami

League in the 1970 general elections, declared Independence of Bangladesh through the then EPR wireless at 00-30 hours on March 26 (the night following March 25) in 1971 at his historic 32 No Dhanmondi residence.

Pakistan army later arrested Bangabandhu from his Dhanmondi residence during the late-night crackdown of Pakistani occupation forces on the people of Bangladesh (then East Pakistan). The Pakistan junta later sent Bangabandhu to Pakistan (then West Pakistan) and imprisoned him.

After the nation achieved its victory over Pakistan on December 16, 1971 through a nine-month liberation war, the then Pakistan junta was compelled to free Bangabandhu.

President Zillur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gave separate messages on the occasion, calling upon the people to take a fresh vow to build a non-communal, democratic and welfare country on the Homecoming Day of Bangabandhu.

On this day, they said, the architect of independent Bangladesh and Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman who led the War of Liberation and struggled for independence, returned to his sovereign homeland after being freed from a Pakistani prison.

They also expressed their belief that the independence and sovereignty of the country would remain safeguarded as long as all will uphold the ideals of Bangabandhu.

Bhutan PM due today

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Airport.
Economic development through establishing connectivity and increasing trade and investment will figure in talks between Bhutan and Bangladesh during this visit.

Discussions will also be held as to how Bangladesh can import power from Bhutan.

The two countries are expected to sign an agreement on medical cooperation according to which Bhutan will recruit doctors from here and in return the quota of Bhutanese student for studying in medicine in Bangladesh will be increased.

Two existing MoUs (Memorandum of Understanding) on cultural exchange and air services will be renewed.

Bhutan also wants to recruit diploma engineers

from here as the country is currently carrying out various developments, sources said.

Presently, transport of goods between Bangladesh and Bhutan is taking place via India through Burimari border in Lalmonirhat.

If a direct road link between the two countries is established through Haluaghat in Mymensingh, Bhutan's eastern region would be connected to Bangladesh, officials said. The issue is likely to come up during the Bhutan prime minister's visit.

Sheikh Hasina in her visit to India in January 2010, urged India to convert Radhikapur-Birol railway line into broad gauge for Bangladesh-Bhutan railway transit.

Bangladesh also agreed to give Bhutan access to

Mongla and Chittagong ports. An agreement was also made allowing trucks from Bhutan to enter Bangladesh, about 200 meters from Banglabandh zero point.

Thinley will lead a 20-member delegation including four top-ranking businessmen. Health Minister Lyonpo Zangley Dukpa, Cabinet Secretary Dasho Tashi Phuntshog, Foreign Secretary Dasho Daw Penjo, Secretary General of Bhutan Chamber of Commerce and Industry Phub Tasherling, President of Bhutan Exporters' Association Geleg Nima, among others, will accompany the Bhutanese premier.

On the first day of his visit, Thinley will place wreaths at the National Mausoleum. On Tuesday,

he will hold talks with his Bangladesh counterpart at the Prime Minister's Office. The same day Thinley will call on President Zillur Rahman and deliver a lecture on Gross National Happiness at Dhaka University Syndicate Hall.

On January 12, the Bhutan delegation will go on a tour around the Sundarbans and the next day Thinley will visit Chittagong Port and University of Science and Technology, Chittagong at Foy's Lake where he will meet Bhutanese students.

The Bhutanese premier will also visit Cox's Bazar beach and a Buddhists Pagoda on Thursday. He will leave Bangladesh on January 14.

Food ration system introduced

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survey before introduction of the programme. The minister, however, did not specify when the programme would be started.

The meeting also decided to start selling rice and wheat from this month to 3.01 lakh class-four government employees, village defence police and village head of the Ansars through ration cards, and 11.2 lakh ultra-poor people through fair-price cards across the country.

A card holder would get 10kg of rice and 10kg of wheat or 20kg of rice or 20kg of wheat (whichever is available at the time of distribution) every month at Tk 24 and Tk 20 per kg.

Meanwhile, the government decided to increase the price of rice by Tk 1 per kg under public food distribution channel including expansion of the area covered by the Open Market Sale (OMS).

"The price of rice under public food distribution programme has been fixed at Tk 25 effective from February 1," said the food minister.

The minister said the decision to increase the price has been made as the rice price has shot up in international market. If the price in the international market comes down the price will also be lowered, he added.

A minister who was in yesterday's cabinet meeting told The Daily Star afterwards, "She [the prime minister] directed all the ministers, lawmakers, DCs, law enforcement agencies, NSI and DGFI to monitor the market to learn whether there is anything unusual behind the price hike of

rice."

She asked them to investigate if the rice mill owners are stockpiling rice and paddy. She also directed the banks and other financial institutions not to give loans to the rice mill owners for an indefinite period, the ministers said.

Chairing the cabinet meeting, Hasina discussed elaborately ways to handle the price hike of rice and other necessary essentials. She also wanted to know from the ministers whether the government could give more subsidy to food.

They told the premier that it would put huge pressure on the budget, which is already under much pressure as subsidies were given in other sectors.

She asked the ministries

concerned to ensure that the poor get food-rationing cards and fair-price cards and programmes like OMS, TR, GR, Food for Work function properly.

She directed Commerce Minister Faruk Khan to be more active and make Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) more effective, cabinet sources said, adding that the premier expressed dissatisfaction over the TCB's performance.

"We have promised people that we would ensure lower prices of essentials and we will have to keep our word although prices have been hiked in India and the international market. So we all have to play an active role to this end," she was quoted by a minister as saying.

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নির্বাচন কমিশনের কার্যালয়
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নির্বাচনী তফসিল

এতদ্বারা কৃষিবিদ ইনস্টিটিউশন, বাংলাদেশ-এর কেন্দ্রীয় কার্যনির্বাহী কমিটির ২০১১ এবং ২০১২মেয়ানের নির্বাচনী তফসিল ঘোষণা করা হলো।

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১৩।	নির্বাচন কমিশন কর্তৃক নির্বাচন ফলাফল প্রকাশের শেষ তারিখ	২৭-০৩-১১ রবিবার বিকেল ৫:০০টা

উল্লেখ্য কেন্দ্রীয় কার্যনির্বাহী কমিটির নির্বাচনের সঙ্গে শাখাসমূহের কার্যনির্বাহী কমিটির কর্মকর্তাদের এবং কাউন্সিলরদের নির্বাচন একই দিন ও একই সময়ে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। এই নির্বাচন গঠনতন্ত্রের ৬ষ্ঠ অধ্যায় অনুযায়ী পরিচালিত হবে। গঠনতন্ত্রের ৪৫ অনুচ্ছেদ মোতাবেক প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বী প্রার্থীপদ কেউ প্যানেলভুক্ত নির্বাচনে কোনো প্রচারপায় অংশগ্রহণ করতে পারবেন না। এ বিষয়ে কোনো ব্যত্যয় ঘটলে নির্বাচন কমিশন গঠনতন্ত্রের বর্ণিত ৬ষ্ঠ অধ্যায়ের ৪৪ অনুচ্ছেদ মোতাবেক প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বী প্রার্থীর প্রার্থীতা বাতিল করতে পারবেন।

(কৃষিবিদ স্টের তোফাজ্জল হোসেন)
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Corrigendum
Chittagong Port Authority

Invitation for Tenders (IFT) No. CPA/CHE/49 Dated 08.11.2010
Subject: Procurement of Six [6] Numbers of Straddle Carrier with Spare Parts, Tools, Accessories and Related Services.

The following amendment of the above tender has been made:

12. Tender document last selling date:	30.01.2011
13. Tender submission date and time:	31.01.2011 at 12.00 hrs
14. Tender opening date and time:	31.01.2011 at 12.15 hrs

All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

M. Khairul Mostafa
Chief Engineer (Mechanical)
Chittagong Port Authority

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বাংলাদেশ এনার্জি রেগুলেটরি কমিশন
গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
টিকিবি ভবন (৪র্থ তলা), ১ কারওয়ান বাজার, ঢাকা-১২১৫।

গণ-বিজ্ঞপ্তি

নং-বিইআরসি/টারিফ/বিএসসি(বিউবো)-০১/২০১০-১১/৩৮ তারিখঃ ০৬ জানুয়ারী, ২০১১।

বিষয়ঃ বাংলাদেশ বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ড (বিউবো) কর্তৃক বাংলাদেশ এনার্জি রেগুলেটরি কমিশনে দাখিলকৃত বিদ্যুতের বাক মূল্যহার বৃদ্ধির আবেদনের উপর গণ-শুনানী।

এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, বাংলাদেশ এনার্জি রেগুলেটরি কমিশন আইন, ২০০৩ অনুযায়ী বাংলাদেশ বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ড (বিউবো) বিদ্যুতের বাক মূল্যহার ০১ জুলাই, ২০১০ হতে ০১ জানুয়ারী, ২০১৩ পর্যন্ত প্রতি ৬ (ছয়) মাস অন্তর ১২% হারে (প্রতি অর্থ বছরে গড়ে ২৫.৩০%) বৃদ্ধির জন্য বাংলাদেশ এনার্জি রেগুলেটরি কমিশনে আবেদন পেশ করেছে। অর্থ-সংশ্লিষ্ট সকল পক্ষকে (stakeholders) নিয়ে বাংলাদেশ এনার্জি রেগুলেটরি কমিশন ০৫ জানুয়ারী, ২০১১ তারিখে বিউবোর আবেদনের উপর এক উন্মুক্ত সভা করেছে। বিউবোর বিদ্যুতের বাক মূল্যহার বৃদ্ধির আবেদন কমিশনের মূল্যায়নের জন্য গৃহীত হয়েছে।

বিউবোর বিদ্যুতের বাক মূল্যহার বৃদ্ধির আবেদনের উপর আগামী ১৯ জানুয়ারী, ২০১১ তারিখ সকাল ১১.০০ টায় কমিশন কার্যালয়ে গণ-শুনানী অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। অগ্রহী যে কোন ব্যক্তি, প্রতিষ্ঠান বা সংস্থা ১৬ জানুয়ারী, ২০১১ তারিখের মধ্যে কমিশনে নাম তালিকাভুক্ত করে উক্ত গণ-শুনানীতে অংশ নিয়ে পক্ষে বা বিপক্ষে বিশ্লেষণনির্ভর যুক্তি/মতামত উপস্থাপন করতে পারবেন।

বিউবোর বিদ্যুতের বাক মূল্যহার বৃদ্ধির আবেদন কমিশনের অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে দেখা যাবে এবং কমিশনের ওয়েব সাইট www.berc.org.bd থেকে ডাউনলোড করা যাবে। আগামী ১৩ জানুয়ারী, ২০১১ তারিখ পর্যন্ত এ বিষয়ে শুনানী-পূর্ব লিখিত বক্তব্য/মতামত কমিশন কার্যালয়ে গ্রহণ করা হবে।

কমিশনের নির্দেশক্রমে
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Vacancy Notice

United Nations Development Programme in Bangladesh announces the vacancy for the posts of **National Expert (Law Reform) (Service contract - SB4)** for the **'Promoting Access to Justice and Human Rights in Bangladesh' Project.**

The duration of the Service Contract is one year initially, subject to renewal on an annual basis upon satisfactory performance and availability of funds

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