

Quit job if fail to work in villages

Prime minister asks doctors

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday came down heavily on doctors and asked them to quit jobs if they do not attend their duties in villages.

"If you want to be in service you must perform your duty. It cannot be acceptable that you will draw your salary but won't do your duty months after months," she said.

The prime minister said this while addressing the inaugural ceremony of the 19th Bangladesh Medical Convention and Special AGM of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the city.

The premier also censured the mindset of the doctors for not paying their income tax. "This is really disappointing," she said.

Without mentioning any name, she said not only commoners, internationally renowned citizens of the country also do not hesitate to dodge taxes.

The PM cited example of Begum Fazilatunnesa Hospital Project for which Bangabandhu Memorial Trust has paid taxes worth tk 1.89 crore.

Hasina said when she talks to lawmakers or local people; it is a common allegation that doctors are very indifferent to their duties in remote hospitals.

The premier was also critical of the physicians for their "attitude" towards certain remarks made by BMA Secretary General Dr Md Sharfuddin Ahmed at the function.

Dr Sharfuddin requested young doctors to render free service at least for one day a week in their respective villages, but the doctors present at the function did not appreciate it.

"Your silence has shocked me...I did not expect such behaviour from you," Hasina said.

Prime minister at the function also distributed BMA Award, 2011 among Prof Mazhar Ali Kadri (posthumous), Prof Syeda Firoza Begum (Posthumous), Dr Mujibur Rahman (Posthumous), National Prof Dr Nurul Islam, Prof Dr MD Sohrab Ali, Prof Dr Rashid-e-Habib, Prof Kazi Shahidul Alam and Prof Dr Pran Gopal Datta.

Health Minister AFM Ruhul Haq, State Minister for Health Captain (Rtd) Majibur Rahman Fakir, PM's Adviser Syed Mudasser Ali and BMA President Dr Mahmud Hasan addressed the function.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurates Annual General Meeting 2011 and 19th Convention of Bangladesh Medical Association at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the city yesterday.

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'Tortured' wife dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman in the city's Moghbazar died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday allegedly due to injuries inflicted by her husband five days ago.

Nazma, 22, was first admitted to a clinic at Tejgaon on March 7 and later shifted her to DMCH. The couple was residing in the city's Meer Hajirbagh.

Nazma's father Majibur Rahman of Jhalokathi district told The Daily Star that her husband Ainul Zaman Sohag admitted Nazma to the hospital after beating her up mercilessly for dowry of Tk 5 lakh. Sohag and his family members have now gone into hiding, said Majibur.

Govt to send medical team to Japan

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Bangladesh is ready to send a medical team to Japan for the tsunami-hit people of that country. Health Minister Ruhul Haq yesterday told Bangladesh Medical Convention at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the city.



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BNP advisory council's meeting held

Nazmul Huda meets Khaleda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday sat with members of the party's advisory council to discuss the country's latest political and other situations.

This was for the first time since holding of the parliamentary election in December 2008, Khaleda Zia, also leader of the opposition, formally held the meeting where 29 advisory council members were present.

The three-hour long meeting started around 8:10pm, was held at the BNP chief's Gulshan office.

The members expressed their opinion on the current political, economic and other prevailing scenarios, said party sources.

Khaleda formed the 35-member advisory council on Dec 8, 2009.

Meanwhile, expelled BNP leader Nazmul Huda last night called on Khaleda Zia at her Gulshan office.

On getting green signal of withdrawing expel order, Huda met the BNP chief, party source said.

The meeting between Khaleda Zia and Nazmul Huda continued till filing of this report at 12:45am. They discussed the upcoming Supreme Court Bar Association election, said party leaders.

Huda was expelled from the party few months back for his comment on Khaleda Zia.

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of law enforcement agency is alleged of any kind of human rights violation, he will be suspended instantly. After proper investigation, if he found guilty he will be given punishment otherwise his job will be restored," said Mizanur Rahman.

Mentioning that using various ways human rights are being violated by various organisations including the government hospitals, schools and child care centres, he said it is the responsibility of human right defenders to find out the violations and report it to the authorities concerned.

Rapid Action Battalion

(Rab) commits extra-judicial killings as there is no practice of accountability in the force, said South Asia Director of Human Right Watch Meenakhi Ganguly.

"There is no need of Rab if the police force is trained well," she said adding, "A powerful investigation body should be formed to investigate the illegal activities of Rab."

Earlier, Abbas Faiz, a researcher of Amnesty International, put out the attended human rights defenders about their duty in brief. Adviser of Odhikar Farhad Mazhar presided over the programme.

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