

CARETAKER GOVT SYSTEM

Anarchy to surface if SC verdict not accepted

Says law minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law Minister Barrister Shafique Ahmed yesterday said anarchy and disorder would ensue if the Supreme Court (SC) verdict that declared caretaker government system unconstitutional is not accepted.

All have to abide by this verdict, he said while addressing the inauguration of a workshop for judicial officials in the city yesterday.

The SC has rescinded the caretaker government system, as it is ultra vires (beyond powers) of the fundamental structures of the constitution, said the minister.

Barrister Shafique also pointed out that the statement of the prime minister over the caretaker government system is being misinterpreted.

The premier has said the government has nothing to do with the caretaker government system after the SC declared it illegal and unconstitutional as it has delivered the verdict after examining all the relevant aspects, he said.

He said even after that the prime minis-

ter has urged the opposition political parties to discuss the caretaker government at the parliament.

The minister was speaking as the chief guest at the inauguration of the 106th training course of judicial officials organised by Judicial Administration Training Institute (JATI) with its Acting General Director M Mafizul Islam in the chair at its auditorium in the city.

Twenty-six district and additional district judges are attending the weeklong training workshop.

The law minister urged the lower court judges to perform their duties considering sufferings and financial conditions of litigants.

Cases remain pending with the courts for long due to lack of fair case and court managements, he said, adding that the old cases have to be disposed of on priority basis.

The minister said the government has taken initiatives to reduce the shortage of judges, and to enhance their logistic supports.

Already 215 judges have been appointed, and appointments of more than 100 judges are now underway, he added.

DU team tops programming competition

DU CORRESPONDENT

The two-day National Collegiate Programming Contest (NCPC)-2011, a computer programming competition, ended at Dhaka University (DU) yesterday.

Seventy-eight teams from 17 public and 35 private universities participated in the competition where Resonance, a team from DU, won the first place.

DubDub and Dynamites, two teams from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), obtained the second and third place respectively.

This is the first-ever programming contest to make separate arrangement for female programmers. Fifty female teams from 26 universities in the country participated in the event.

DU's Felicity and Renaissance stood first and third respectively in the contest fought only by female programmers while Buet's Hyperion team was selected as second best team.

The programmers of the first three winning teams were awarded crests, cash, and certificates at an award ceremony at TSC auditorium of DU.

State Minister for Science and ICT Yeafesh Osman attended the ceremony as the chief guest, which was presided over by DU Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique.

SHANCHITA'S SUICIDE Threat to withdraw case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Family members of Shanchita Khatun, who killed herself following "foul play" by her schoolteacher, yesterday revealed at a human chain in Tanore that they are under threat for withdrawing the suicide provocation case.

Local people formed the human chain at the upazila headquarters demanding immediate arrest of the accused Mokhlesur Rahman, the headmaster of Chanduria Abu Bakar High School.

They also submitted a memorandum to the upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) demanding security to the victim's families, the relatives of the accused are threatening for withdrawing the case.

Different local rights organisations including Broti and Adibashi Shangskritik Shangstha organised the demonstration.

Shanchita, daughter of late Boyen Uddin and Rashida Bewa of Juranpur village, was a class IX student of Abu Bakar High School. She committed suicide on June 1.



Different city areas become deserted yesterday as number of public transport vehicles suddenly go off the streets fearing pre-hartal violence. The photo was taken from Shahbagh in the city around 7:00pm. PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON



State Minister for Science and ICT Yeafesh Osman awarding a team of Dhaka University students the first prize of National Collegiate Programming Contest-2011, a computer programming contest, at Teacher Student Centre auditorium yesterday.

'Enact house rent control act'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Nagarik Samaj, a citizens' platform, yesterday demanded enactment of a time befitting house rent control act and its strict implementation to halt uncontrolled increase of house rent in the city.

The samaj members made the demands at a human chain in front of

Supreme Court in the city.

They said 80 percent of around 15 million city residents are living in rented houses. House owners are increasing rent without following any rules while tenants are becoming their victims.

Citing Consumers Association of Bangladesh statistics, they said house rent increased over 350 times in the last 21 years while Dhaka City Corporation

did not increase income tax.

They also demand practice of signing contracts with the tenant, area based rent fixing and hoisting of rent chart in major road crossings.

Golam Mashih and SM Lutfar Rahman spoke at the programme, presided over by the sangstha Chairman Nasir Uddin Munshi over the programme.

Hold govt docs accountable

Prof Mizan urges govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

National Human Rights Commission Chairman Prof Mizanur Rahman yesterday urged the government to ensure accountability of doctors in state-run hospitals to reduce public suffering.

"The government has been appointing doctors on adhoc basis so that people get proper medical care.

"But it is not acceptable that you (doctors) are taking money without catering for the needs of people properly," he said.

He was addressing a seminar styled "Inhabitable environment and human rights" organised by Samajik Paribesh O Manabdhikar Bastobayan Sangstha at Jatiya Press Club in the city marking World Environment Day-2011.

Pointing at doctors whom he found had bunked off scheduled duties at Shahjadpur Upazila Health Complex in Sirajganj during a visit there on Friday, Prof Mizanur said legal action should be taken against them immediately.

"I didn't get a single doctor after waiting there for one hour. There is no cleaner and so patients clean the hospital on their own.

"There is no water supply for the past three months. Observing the mismanagement I don't find any reason to use money there.

"I asked the health minister and director general of Health Department to take legal action against those doctors," said Mizanur.

The sangstha Chairman Lion HM Ibrahim Bhuyan chaired the session while Jatiya Party Presidium Syed Abu Hossain Babla and Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh President Manzil Murshid also spoke.

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