

EC expects

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Secretariat.
The CEC unveiled a revised plan for updating the voter list at a press briefing yesterday at the EC Secretariat.

As per the plan, enumerators will begin door-to-door visit tomorrow, and collect information on new voters and those who died since the last updating of voter list.

The four-phase task will be completed by December this year, instead of the earlier plan to complete it next year.

In the capital, the updating will begin in October. Before that, the EC will hold polls in the bifurcated Dhaka City Corporation by May.

Enumerators will visit homes from March 10 till the second week of April in the first phase, from May 17 to May 26 in the second phase, from July 21 to July 31 in the third phase and from October 4 to October 13 in the fourth phase.

The first three phases will cover 420 upazilas/thanas -- 120 upazilas/thanas in each

phase -- and the fourth phase will cover the remaining 92 upazila/thanas.

While visiting homes, enumerators will give the prospective voters dates for visiting nearby registration centres to have their photographs taken. Over 5,000 registration centres equipped with digital camera and laptops in unions and wards across the country will do the job.

The CEC sought cooperation from all to make a flawless updated voter list. "People of a locality know each other. So, I request them to assist updating the voter list," he said.

Rakibuddin mentioned that one may be punished with a jail term of up to six months if found guilty of getting registered as voters twice.

He said the EC has appointed 57,607 enumerators, 11,521 supervisors, 162 registration teams and 230 technical expert teams for updating the voter list, he said.

The estimated cost of the task is Tk 82 crore.

Press Council

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with two cases filed against them.

Matiur Rahman, editor and publisher of Bangla daily Prothom Alo, filed the cases with the council on Tuesday against six people, including the editors and publishers of the two Bangla dailies, for persistently running false, fabricated and defamatory news against him and the Prothom Alo even after being condemned and cautioned earlier by the Press Council.

Yesterday the council served notices on the accused editors and publishers asking them to submit their reply to the charges by 11:00am on March 29.

They have also been asked not to run any such reports until the cases are disposed of.

In the second week of January, Bangladesh Protidin and Kaler Kantha published reports against Prothom Alo and its editor on issues like blasphemy, minus-two formula, grenade attack and involvement in militancy.

According to the case state-

ment, the plaintiff alleged that the accused were using the newspapers as a tool for their misdeeds, corruption and blackmail and that the Kaler Kantha, Bangladesh Protidin, Daily Sun and Banglanews24.com -- all owned by East West Media Group of Bashundhara Group -- were collectively involved in propagating against the complainant, his family, the newspaper and the people engaged in it, and the newspaper industry.

Earlier, Bangladesh Press Council in its verdict condemned and cautioned the Kaler Kantha and Bangladesh Protidin for publishing false and defamatory reports against Prothom Alo and its publisher violating the ethics of journalism.

The council also directed them to refrain from publishing such news, but the newspapers did not stop.

Matiur Rahman sought exemplary punishment to the accused for committing such crimes over and over again ignoring the press council's verdict.

Upgrading

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chief election commissioner, state ministers, and planning commission chairman have been downgraded in respect of upgrading Biman tickets due to this decision.

However, the first five ranks -- the president, prime minister, speaker, chief justice and cabinet ministers -- have been kept as usual, added the lawyer.

The Warrant of Precedence is a warrant issued by the president of the republic to determine precedence amongst individuals.

The HC bench of Justice Mirza Hussain Haider and Justice Muhammad Khurshid Alam Sarkar also issued five directives to the secretary of the civil aviation ministry and Biman authorities to improve the image of the national airline and stop its financial losses and corruption.

The directives are introduction of online ticketing system, checking corruption in carrying passenger luggage, appointment of expe-

rienced directors to Biman's board, monitoring flight operations and taking necessary steps to check mismanagement in the sale and purchase of Biman aircraft.

Asaduzzaman Siddiqui, secretary of Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh, had filed the public interest litigation with the HC in November last year stating that Biman has become a loss-making concern of the government and failed to win people's trust due to its mismanagement, incompetence and corruption.

Some dishonest Biman officials are involved in corruption and have been violating the serial of the Warrant of Precedence as there is no transparency in upgrading the tickets of the passengers, the petitioner mentioned.

He prayed to the court to declare the decision of Biman board of directors illegal.

Barrister Ajmalul Hossain and advocate Mesba-ur Rahman appeared for Biman.

Mindset of men

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This year's theme of the day is 'Empower Rural Women-End Hunger Poverty'.

At the programme, Hasina urged both men and women to move forward for making the country a 'Golden Bengal'.

She called upon the parents to give equal importance to girl children and take equal care of them to ensure their active participation in nation-building activities.

The premier asked the guardians to give their girl children the same amount of food and facilities that they give to their sons.

"One day daughters could brighten the nation, society and family," she said.

In this connection, Hasina said, "We usually blame men for suppressing women. But sometimes mothers themselves unknowingly destroy the creativity of girls giving preference to boys in their education, food and dresses."

"I call upon mothers to come out of this mental-

ity," she added.
The prime minister said women empowerment may help eradicate poverty and hunger.

In this regard, she mentioned that her government has ensured women's participation in economy, politics and socio-cultural fields.


"They [women] have proved that they can do their best if they are given a chance," she said.

Referring to the social safety net programmes, Hasina said, priority was given to the interests of women.

She also underscored the need for joint initiatives of men and women to build a progressive, enlightened and secular society.

Women and Children Affairs Minister Shirin Sharmin Chowdhury presided over the function at the conference centre.

UN Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh Neal Walker and Tareq-ul-Islam, secretary of the ministry, among others, spoke.



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For details Terms of Reference (TOR), please visit our website: <http://www.unescodhaka.org/consultant>. Application should be received no later than **16.00 PM, Sunday, 18 March 2012**.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

DoE fines

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the environment.

In a separate drive, DoE fined three institutions Tk 5 lakh for noise pollution in the capital.

The DoE team led by its Director Mohammad Munir Chowdhury fined Messars RAM Brick Field for using topsoil of the area, soil from the bank of Shitalakhya river and blocking a canal of the Water Development Board, says a press release.

The brickfield has been running without environment clearance licence, licence from the deputy commissioner (DC) and permission from Bangladesh Standard and Testing Institute.

The team with the help of local DoE office seized 4.5 lakh pieces of unburnt bricks, 8 lakh bricks, one tonne coal, 50 lakh cubic metre soil, one excavator and two tractors.

The team also issued a notice to the owner of the brickfield to stop all its activities.

In Dhaka, DoE fined Alliance Properties located in Dhanmondi, Hotel Al Faruk International and Hotel City Palace International in Kamalapur.

Generators of Al Faruk International and Hotel City Palace were emitting 90 and 72 decibels of noise. While Alliance Properties was emitting 98 decibels of noise during its shore piling works.

The companies were producing noise over the permissible level and disturbing lives of locals, the release said.


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