

CORRUPTION CASES

Submit list of officials by July 12, HC asks ACC

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The High Court has directed the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) to submit a list of the public servants, who have been taken into custody or granted bail in connection with corruption cases, before it by July 12.

In response to a writ petition, the court also asked the ACC to submit a report stating the present position of the cases filed by the commission against them to it within this period.

An HC bench also issued a rule upon the government to explain in four weeks why it should not be directed to suspend the public servants in question.

The bench of Justice Mirza Hussain Haider and Justice Muhammad Khurshid Alam Sarkar came up with order and rule on May 13 after hearing the petition jointly filed by six Supreme Court lawyers.

The lawyers, including Mohammad Hossain and Shamsul Haque, filed the petition on May 13 as a public interest litigation seeking

a direction from the HC on the government to suspend the public servants taken into custody or granted bail in connection with the cases filed by ACC.

Petitioners' counsel Mohammad Hossain told The Daily Star that the HC had asked the ACC to submit the list and report in two weeks from the date of passing the order and accordingly the ACC has to comply with the order by July 12. He said they got the copy of HC order on May 24.

The counsel said the ACC had requested the cabinet secretary to take steps to put all public servants, who have been charge sheeted by ACC, under suspension, and accordingly the cabinet division had asked all the ministries and departments to put the charge sheeted public servants under suspension.

But the ministry of public administration could not inform the petitioners as to whether any such public servant had been suspended through they issued a legal notice on April 12, he added.

2 workers fall from ladder, die

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Two construction workers died after falling from under-construction buildings at Badda and Wari in the capital yesterday.

The deceased were Md Lutfar Rahman, 30, hailed from Godagari upazila in Rajshahi, and Mohammad Rana, 30, hailed from Chapainawabganj and residing in Wari.

Lutfar fell from a makeshift ladder when he was plastering the outer wall of the first floor of a seven-storey building at Nurur Chala in Badda at noon, said his co-worker Jahangir Alam.

He fell on the road after hitting an electric pole, Jahangir added.

Lutfar was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where doctors declared him dead.

Meanwhile, Rana was injured after he slipped down from a ladder while plastering the outer wall of a five-storey building on Abhoy Das Lane in Wari around 10:30am.

He was admitted to DMCH where he died at 1:30pm.

Pay scale for Ibtedai madrasa teachers demanded

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Teachers of independent Ibtedai (primary level) madrasa yesterday urged the government to expedite announcing national pay scale for them.

They made the call while speaking at a meeting at the Jatiya Press Club organised by the Bangladesh Independent Ibtedai Madrasa Teachers' Association.

In April 2011, the government had assured them of paying as per national pay scale but it had not announced it, said Kazi Ruhul Amin Chowdhury, chairman of the association.

The speakers said madrasa teachers were mostly from lower-middle class families and it was difficult to survive for

them without being paid on par with regularised primary school teachers.

They also urged the government to pay attention to the poor infrastructure of the madrasas as most of them were either makeshift or poorly constructed.

"The government should also train up the teachers as they are mentoring madrasa students up to grade V who later continue studying at secondary level education at high schools or madrasas," he added.

Secretary general of the association Mokhelesur Rahman, told The Daily Star that at least five teachers worked at each of the 6,882 government-registered Ibtedai madrasas where more than 17 lakh students studied up to grade V.

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