

Suranjit for Supreme Judicial Council to end JS-judiciary row

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Minister without portfolio Suranjit Sengupta yesterday demanded formation of the Supreme Judicial Council to resolve the existing row between the judiciary and the parliament over a ruling of the Speaker, which was subsequently overturned by a High Court verdict.

"We (parliament) have referred the matter to the chief justice... he now needs to take initiatives for formation of the Supreme Judicial Council to resolve it through hearing," Suranjit told a discussion of Awami Olema League in the capital.

He hoped the chief justice would settle the matter through a "historic verdict".

Suranjit's comments came after the government recently filed an appeal with the Supreme Court, challenging the High Court verdict that termed Speaker Abdul Hamid's ruling about an HC judge "ineffective and baseless in the eyes of the law".

Law Minister Shafique Ahmed earlier said the government expected that the Appellate Division would overturn the High Court decision, "upholding the supremacy of the parliament and independence of the judiciary".

A High Court bench on August 27 invalidated the Speaker's ruling that a High Court judge had violated the constitution by making "derogatory remarks" about the parliament and the Speaker.

"The Speaker's (Abdul Hamid) ruling is inconsistent with the Constitution and the rules of procedure of Parliament," said the High Court verdict on a writ petition filed by the aggrieved judge AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury.

Hamid gave the ruling in parliament on June 18 saying that an HC judge (Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury) had violated the constitution by commenting that the Speaker's criticism of an earlier court order issued by him was "tantamount to sedition".

Repeated amendments to constitution is abusive

Says Dr Kamal Hossain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Terming the constitution the nation's biggest achievement after independence, eminent jurist Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday said people should be made aware of its integrity and dignity and be ready to sacrifice life to protect it.

The constitution has been abused and hurt at different times in the past causing damage to democracy, he said, adding that politicisation was the first enemy of the constitution.

Amending the constitution again and again is a kind of its abuse, while interference in the judiciary hurts it, he said.

Dr Kamal, who was an author of the country's constitution, was addressing a discussion on "Second Colloquium on the Constitution" organised by Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILIA) in its auditorium in the capital.

He said the constitution's supremacy must be upheld for the development of future generation. "No one, be he or she the president, a judge or a minister, is above the constitution."

Everybody of the country, even a rickshaw puller, is the beneficiary and trustee of the constitution, he said. If the constitution is not protected, the nation will not have a bright future, he added.

Bangladesh's constitution is unique in the world, and it should not be treated from political aspects, he said.

Dr Kamal cited that Aminul Haque, a lawyer, and Anisul Haque Chowdhury, a

former district judge, who had dealt with the Moezuddin murder case, died for their efforts to protect the constitution.

An eminent lawmaker, Moezuddin was killed by terrorists in Gazipur in 1984 during a hartal against the autocratic rule of HM Ershad.

Aminul and Anisul had attempted to execute the life term jail sentence of Moezuddin's convicted killer Azam Khan but failed due to the presidential mercy granted by Ershad, he said.

Dr Kamal said the country's people should be made aware of the right use of the constitution so that they became ready to sacrifice their lives to protect it. The media could play a big role in this regard, he said.

Barrister M Amir-Ul Islam, who presided over the meeting, said the recent discussion in the parliament criticising judges was an unhealthy debate.

He also said the message that the constitution was supreme and sovereign had to be spread to the primary school level.

In his keynote paper, Rabiul Islam, a teacher of Jahangirnagar University, said Article 70 should be amended to establish the rights of freedom of speech of lawmakers so that they could criticise and vote against their own parties without being subject to lose their parliamentary membership.

He also recommended that the grounds on which the president had granted clemency to some convicts should be made public. "The conclusion drawn by the president with grounds might be published by the authentic judgment compilations like Dhaka Law

FBCCI ELECTION

Annisul Huq's panel wants direct voting

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ganatantrik Parishad, a panel in the upcoming FBCCI election, yesterday demanded restoration of direct voting system.

Leader of the panel Annisul Huq, also ex-president of the FBCCI, made the demand at a post-Eid gathering at the Institution of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh in the capital. The election to the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) is scheduled for November 24.

At present, FBCCI members vote to elect 30 directors who along with 18 nominated directors later elect the president and two vice presidents.

Ganatantrik Parishad demands that the FBCCI members now directly vote to elect the president, vice presidents and all 48 directors.

Addressing businessmen from across the country and some former FBCCI presidents, Huq proposed a signature campaign to press the demand.

According to his proposal, the Parishad will establish a temporary secretariat in the capital within October 30 for conducting electoral activities.

"All 30 members from our Parishad will fight in the election for the posts of 30 directors," he said. "I will not contest," he added. "We have a plan to meet Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in June next year for her approval for direct election."

"If she does not endorse the demand, the elected directors from the Parishad will resign from the FBCCI board of directors," Huq said.

FBCCI President AK Azad told the meeting that it was not possible for the current board to re-introduce the direct

Death anniversary

METRO DESK



The 40th death anniversary of A.K.M. Fazlul Kabir Chowdhury will be

observed at Gohira of Raozan upazila in Chittagong today.

On the occasion, various programmes including milad mahfil and qurankhwani will be held, and foods will be distributed among poor people.

On September 9, 1972, Kabir Chowdhury died of cardiac arrest at his residence in Dhaka.

He was chairman of Legislative Committee of the East Pakistan Assembly, vice chairman of Chittagong Port-Trust, governor of Marine and Mercantile Academy, and counselor of Chittagong District Council.

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BCL men beat up CU journo

CU CORRESPONDENT

Some 20 self proclaimed pro-Awami League Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists beat up a journalist inside a classroom of communication and journalism department yesterday.

Rubel Das, in his second year in English department and claiming to be a follower of CU BCL President Mamunul Hoque, arrived in room 504 around 1:45pm, said Tasnim Hasan Riad, a fourth year student of

the journalism department.

Tasnim, CU correspondent of Daily Suprobhat Bangladesh, said Rubel, on not finding him, attacked his classmate Mujibul Karim, a journalist of CUTimes24.com.

Rubel and some BCL activists were angry with him for publishing a report on the food quality in the CU cafeterias, he added.

Mamunul however denied that Rubel was a BCL activist.

Condolence




With solemn grief we mourn at the death of **Mr. Bipin Bihari Saha Roy**, Father of Hon'ble Managing Director & CEO of **Elite Paint & Chemical Industries Ltd.** **Mr. B. B. Saha Roy, on September 07, 2012 at 10:05 PM** on account of old age at United Hospital, Dhaka. He left his wife, two sons, one daughter, six grandchildren and numerous well-wishers.

We, the board of directors and the employees of **Elite Paint & Chemical Industries Ltd.** pray for the eternal peace of his departed soul and for his family to endure the grief.



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