



BNP Standing Committee member Barrister Moudud Ahmed talks to journalists while being sent to jail on being denied bail in seven cases by a Dhaka court yesterday. The cases were filed by police in the capital on December 9, 2012, and March 2 and 6, 2013 in connection with "torching of vehicles, assaulting police and preventing them from discharging their duties" during the opposition agitation.

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FINDING NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS Keep social context in mind: Experts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Research on nutritional requirements should be conducted keeping national and social context in mind instead of depending on measures set by international organisations, stated medical experts at a discussion yesterday.

Reference values to specify the type and amount of nutrition needed can be determined by identifying the lifestyles of Bangladeshis in rural and urban areas, their eating habits and their accessibility to healthy and nutritious food, they added.

Campaign for Rights to Food and Social Security organised the discussion, "Nutrition Safety to Ensure Right to Food: Facts and Actions", in the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

"Our eating habits, ways of living, physical appearance -- all are different from people living abroad. Thus, it would be foolish to continue trusting findings of international researchers on suitable nutrition intake," stated Prof Dr MA Sayeed of Ibrahim Medical College.

The experts also criticised food product ads on TV for presenting false claims to earn more profits.

"Parents need to be made aware of the falsehood publicised by food companies to make huge profits," stated noted health activist and People's Health Centre Bangladesh founder Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury.

The experts also stressed the necessity for pregnant mothers to consume nutritious food to ensure the birth of healthy children.

"Family members of an expectant mother can play a huge part by ensuring that she is provided with adequate nutritious food at correct times," said Dr Nahid Yasmin of women and gynecology department of Suhrawardy Hospital.

Presenting the keynote, Ali Abbash Mohammad Khorshed of Dhaka University's Institute of Nutrition and Food Science stated that the demand for ensuring nutritious food could turn to a social movement with suitable awareness campaigns.

Clarification

Baridhara Society President Feroz M Hassan in a clarification to a news report headlined "Ban slapped on lungi clad rickshaw-pullers" carried in this paper on April 3 said they had no intention to bar lungi clad rickshaw-pullers from entering their neighbourhood. The incident might have occurred due to "misunderstanding" of security guards, for which the society expressed "regret".

OUR REPLY

Revisiting the capital's Baridhara on April 4, The Daily Star found eight rickshaw-pullers at Baridhara's entrance all in trousers.

One of them said, "The society would not let us in if we are in lungi." We stand by our report and hope that the society will instruct the security guards not to harass rickshaw-pullers in lungi.

Obituary

RU CORRESPONDENT

Prof M Rejaul Islam Molla, teacher of the physics department of Rajshahi University (RU), passed away at his residence in Binodpur Bazar area on Saturday. He was 55.

He left behind his wife and three sons to mourn his death, says a press release.

Rejaul was buried in Khojapur graveyard near the university area following a namaz-e-janaza at RU central mosque after Maghrib prayers.

RU Vice Chancellor Prof Muhammad Mijanuddin and pro-VC Prof Chowdhury Sarwar Jahan expressed shock at his death.

PADMA BRIDGE GRAFT ALLEGATION ACC to send team to Canada

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission will send a team to observe the trial process of a Canadian court trying three Canadians reportedly involved in Padma bridge graft allegation.

ACC sources said the team consisting of ACC's legal adviser advocate Anisul Haque and its Deputy Director Mirza Zahidul Alam was scheduled to stay in Canada for 12 days. The team will fly in a day or two after receiving Canadian visa.

The team was tasked with observing the hearing as well as gives an effort to interrogate the trio -- former officials of Canadian company, SNC Lavalin, Ramesh Shah, Mohammad Ismail and Kevin Wales -- to complete the ongoing investigation in Padma bridge graft allegation case, they said.

The hearing of the case will be started today and be continued till April 19.

ACC Chairman Ghulam Rahman said although the commission was yet to get any reply from Canadian attorney general's office regarding MLAR (Mutual Legal Assistant Request), it unilaterally decided to send the team.

Office of Bangladesh's attorney general wrote to its Canadian counterpart requesting sharing information about the trio after filing of the case.

On December 17 last year, the ACC filed the case with Banani Police Station against seven persons including the trio.

The ACC has nearly completed the investigation of the case in Bangladesh part.

3 held from ICT prosecutor's house

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three persons were held from the Uttara residence of Tureen Afroz, a prosecutor of International Crimes Tribunal, on Saturday night.

They are her security guard Gaffar and one Mizanur and Suman.

Tureen Afroz said she found them inside the residence. At first, Gaffar claimed that he did not know the two others. But, after the arrest, he admitted that the two visited him, she added.

Police produced the three before a Dhaka court which later sent them to jail.

Uttara West Police said they arrested the trio as there was an inconsistency what they said. The arrestees admitted that they knew each others and Mizanur and Suman went to the residence to stay for the night, said police.



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