

CONSTRUCTION WORKERS' SAFETY HC issues contempt rule against 4 secys, Rajuk boss

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a contempt of court rule against four secretaries and chairman of Rajuk for not complying with its earlier directives for establishing a National Building Code Enforcement Authority to ensure health and safety of construction workers.

In the rule, the court asked them to explain in two weeks why they should not be prosecuted for committing contempt of court by failing to comply with the directives in 2010. The contemnors are Housing and Public Works Secretary Khondker Shawkat Hossain, Labour and Employment Secretary Mikail Shipar, Industries Secretary Mohammad Moinuddin Abdullah, Environment and Forests Secretary Shafiqur Rahman and Rajuk Chairman Nurul Huda.

The HC came up with the rule following a petition filed by rights bodies -- BLAST and Safety and Rights Society -- on May 27, saying that the officials had not implemented the HC directives, though they were aware of those.

On October 13, 2010, the HC had directed the government to establish the enforcement authority under the Bangladesh National Building Code.

It had ordered them to assign within three months the Rajuk, Chittagong Development Authority, Khulna Development Authority and Rajshahi Development Authority, Barisal City Corporation and Sylhet City Corporation to work as the code enforcement agency until the National Building Code Enforcement Authority is established, and to submit reports on the progress in this regard in every three months to this court.



Family members of Hasanul Haque Ratan alias Selim, *inset*, a Bangladesh Chhatra League leader, who was stabbed to death, wailing at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday.

PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

BNP demands release of MK Anwar, Bulu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP yesterday demanded unconditional release of its two lawmakers, MK Anwar and Barkatullah Bulu, before the upcoming budget session.

Arrest of the party leaders has made the environment tough for "the much expected" dialogue between the government and opposition, said the party leaders.

They were addressing a human chain on Jatiya Sangsad premises in the morning.

Some 14 BNP lawmakers participated in it.

Moudud Ahmed MP said, "Arrest of the opposition lawmakers proves that the government has no interest in the dialogue. The government has to decide what it wants to do?"

If they want to organise the dialogue they should withdraw the embargo from the rallies and release the arrested party leaders including the two, said Moudud.

Detective police arrested Bulu at the gate of BNP's Nayaplaton headquarters on May 16 while a Dhaka court on Monday sent MK Anwar to jail after he surrendered in a case filed over making "derogatory comments" against Swechhasebak League leader Debashish Biswas.

Proper procedures to enlist risky buildings suggested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government should follow proper procedures to make lists of risky buildings across the country, said Urban Study Group (USG) Chief Executive Officer Taimur Islam yesterday.

He was speaking at a press briefing on risky buildings and restoration of heritage at the Jatiya Press Club in the capital.

Authorities of local municipalities in some parts of the country have begun to make lists of risky buildings after the recent collapse of Rana Plaza in Savar, he said.

Some historically important buildings might be included in the lists as the lists are being made hurriedly, he added.

There might have been lack of coordination and consultation between the

government authorities and experts in making the lists, Taimur said.

Whenever a building collapses, concerns rise about the poor condition of the historic sites in Old Dhaka, but the authorities take little initiative to restore the sites.

In 2009, a government expert body prepared a list of 94 buildings and four areas mentioning those as historically important, the USG official said.

But, four of the listed buildings have so far been demolished mentioning those as risky, he said.

Referring to the recent demolition of such a listed heritage building at Shankhari Bazar in the capital, he said the government has taken little initiative to preserve and restore those buildings.

BCL man murdered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A former leader of Lalbagh unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) was killed by miscreants at Lalbagh in the capital yesterday.

The victim was Hasanul Haque Ratan alias Selim, 35, former organising secretary of the BCL unit.

Nurul Mottakim, officer-in-charge of Lalbagh Police Station, said some six to seven people attacked Ratan in front of Rahmatullah Model School around 11:00am and stabbed him indiscriminately.

With profuse bleeding, Ratan took shelter in the ground floor of a nearby house after being chased by the attackers, the house inmates told The Daily Star.

As the house's inmates came out to help Ratan, the attackers left the scene after saying that Ratan made "a grave mistake" in the previous night.

Ratan was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

Nila Begum, widow of the victim, alleged that a former leader of the BCL unit was involved in the murder.

Several days ago, Ratan got death threat through a phone call by the local leader, she said.

The duo had an altercation over occupying a seat in the front line at a milad mahfil in Palashi area of the capital about two weeks ago, she added.

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CORRIGENDUM

INTERNATIONAL TENDER FOR DESIGN AND SUPPLY FOR 30,000 MT/YEAR CAPACITY "LPG IMPORT, STORAGE, BOTTLING AND DISTRIBUTION PLANT" WITH ALL ESSENTIAL ACCESSORIES INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION, ERECTION, COMMISSIONING, TEST RUN ON EPC/TURKEY BASIS FOR SKS LPG (A PROJECT OF SENA KALYAN SANGSTHA), MONGLA, BAGERHAT, BANGLADESH

The following amendment has been made in the subject mentioned tender notice :

- For :** Obtaining tender document date 15 May 2013.
Read : Obtaining tender document date 11 June 2013.
- For :** Site visit for proposed LPG Project land and jetty site adjacent to Mongla Cement Factory is essential and which will be held on 26 & 27 May 2013.
Read : Site visit for proposed LPG Project land and jetty site adjacent to Mongla Cement Factory is essential and which will be held on 19 & 20 June 2013.
- For :** Tender is to be dropped in the tender box kept in the office of procurement and development directorate of above address on 27 June 2013 by 11.30 hours and will be opened on the same day at 1200 hours in presence of Bidders (if any)
Read : Tender is to be dropped in the tender box kept in the office of procurement and development directorate of above address on 15 July 2013 by 11.30 hours and will be opened on the same day at 1200 hours in presence of Bidders (if any). Other instructions will be same as published earlier on 07 May 2013 in The Daily Star, Prothom Alo & 08 May 2013 on the web site.

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Tarique sends legal notice to Qamrul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Senior Vice-Chairman Tarique Rahman yesterday sent a legal notice to State Minister for Law Qamrul Islam for making a "derogatory and defamatory" statement against him.

Tarique's lawyer Kayser Kamal issued the notice asking the state minister to withdraw his statement and apologise to Tarique within two weeks.

Otherwise, legal actions would be taken against Qamrul.

The notice stated the minister accused Tarique of "conspiring" to topple the government, and that he was staying in London on an expired parole. It quoted reports published in the dailies Samakal and Ittefaq on May 25 and 26.

It said Qamrul's statement was false, as Tarique was granted bail from the Supreme Court to be able to go abroad for treatment.

"... you [Qamrul] made the statement on purpose to undermine him [Tarique] politically and socially and damaged [and] belittled his reputation before the society for which you [Qamrul] are criminally liable as well as liable for damage under the civil law..."

The notice also stated that the BNP leader believed in democracy, and the government could only be changed by the people through a democratic process.

Meanwhile, Attorney General Mahbub Alam yesterday said the lower court lawfully allowed the Anti-Corruption Commission to seek the Interpol's help to arrest Tarique Rahman in connection with a money-laundering case.

One of Tarique's other lawyers, Mahbub Uddin Khokon, claimed the lower court order was unlawful and ineffective.

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