

Crude, stinky

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parliament repeatedly used vulgar words to attack their opponents in its sessions in the past.

Until yesterday, none of the MPs from both benches used any abusive words nor made any derogatory remarks about each other in the present session of the House.

Lawmakers from the ruling Awami League strongly protested the abusive words and derogatory remarks of the two BNP MPs, who were elected to the reserved seats for women.

Whip ASM Feroz said, "In our childhood, we had heard such words were used in the red light districts. It's unfortunate that such words are now being used in parliament."

The whip also demanded that the Speaker expunge all the "abusive" words from parliament proceedings.

Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury said she would expunge the unparliamentary words.

Taking the floor on a point of order, BNP lawmaker Papiya termed Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman a "hero" and "future leader" of Bangladesh. The government is trying to bring him back from abroad to foil the opposition movement, she said.

Papiya also said the prime minister announced that Tarique would not be spared. "The prime minister's statement is indecent, inhuman and nonsensical."

The BNP lawmaker said Foreign Minister Dipu Moni is a "hybrid" politician who has entered politics all of a sudden. "She does not have mental balance and political capability."

Then AL lawmakers Fazle Rabbi Mia and Abdul Mannan took the floor and protested her remarks.

Later, taking part in discussion on the supplementary budget for the current fiscal year, BNP lawmaker Rehana Akhter Ranu said by visiting "atheist" blogger Rajib's house after his death, Sheikh Hasina proved that she is the prime minister of "atheists".

She also said the prime minister's family members are involved in taking two percent bribe in the Padma bridge project.

Govt suspends

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At least 1,127 people were killed in the collapse of Rana Plaza that had developed cracks a day before the disaster.

Of the seven, three inspectors had also been found involved in approving renewal of the licence of Tazreen Fashions without visiting the factory, Mikail said. One hundred and twelve workers died in the deadliest fire in November last year.

Law 'misjudged' by judges

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operative of Hizb ut-Tahrir, challenging the legality of an order of the court of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge in Dhaka that had taken charges against him into cognisance without permission from the government.

The Dhanmondi police filed the case on February 25, 2011, against Iftekharul Karim under the Anti-Terrorism Act, 2009 for holding an unlawful assembly along with around 10 to 12 people under the banner of Hizb ut-Tahrir chanting slogans in support of the establishment of a Khilafat state.

According to section 40s (2) of the Act, the trial court judges must take government permission before accepting charges in any case filed under the law.

The HC bench in the verdict directed the authorities concerned of the government to take necessary steps to give proper guidelines, knowledge and motivation to the judges concerned after enactment of a new law.

The metropolitan sessions judges of different districts, including Dhaka, have been making a similar mistake, as they are taking

into cognisance cases filed under this law without having government permission, the court said in the verdict.

Metropolitan Sessions Judge Zahirul Haque having no prior sanction from the government took into cognisance the case against Iftekharul Karim and eventually framed charges against him, it said.

"Thus, the learned metropolitan sessions judge [Zahirul] had acted illegally in taking cognisance of the case without prior sanction of the government as per provision of section 40s (2) of Santrash Birodhi Ain, 2009 and as such the order of taking cognisance is illegal and it has vitiated the subsequent proceedings of the case," the HC verdict read.

The Daily Star has obtained a copy of the verdict. The HC, however, permitted the lower court judge to take into cognisance the case afresh against the accused if he gets or obtains a valid and legal sanction from the government to that end, saying that a criminal offence never abates or gets destroyed.

In a written reply to the HC rule about the 117 cases, Azimuddin, Nur Bakth and Makbul Kabiraj, said Hye, adding, "They [Akkelpur Peace Committee leaders] informed Alim that we three brothers were pro-liberation."

Alim used to visit Akkelpur for holding meetings, said Hye, adding that one day, Alim had called his father to go to the Peace Committee office and threatened him over his sons' connections with the Liberation War and demanded that they sever those connections.

Alim further said he would hand over his father to the Pakistan army and torch their house if he did not bring his sons back from the "wrong path", said Hye. The witness said the Razakars even demanded Tk 25,000 as ransom and his father gave them Tk 15,000.

Hye said the Pakistani army and their local collaborators on October 7 started killings, looting and arson in and around the historic Paharpur.

After hearing the news, Hye went to Paharpur and heard that they had taken away his brother Fazlul Karim and two others to Joypurhat army camp.

On the following day Hye reached Joypurhat and looked for his brother, said the witness, adding that around 12:00 noon he saw soldiers of the Pakistan army and their collaborators heading east on a truck.

"I saw my brother and two other detainees on that truck," said Hye, adding that the truck stopped before the CO office and he approached the vehicle secretly.

"I heard and saw Major Afzal speaking, followed by Abdul Alim and through a loudspeaker [which was on the truck]. They said those who were involved in the Liberation War were enemies," said Hye.

"Then Major Afzal and Alim Saheb conspired to kill my brother and the other two after torturing them at Khanjanpur Kutibari," said Hye adding, "We didn't find my brother's body despite looking for him a lot."

Zahirul on November 26 last year said he had not taken government permission before taking the charges into cognisance as the prosecution and the defence did not make him aware of the provision.

Zahirul also apologised to the HC for not following the law properly and said he had later sought government permission for holding the trial.

Leaders and activists of various banned militant organisations, including Hizb ut-Tahrir, Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh, Jagroto Muslim Janata, Harkatul Jihad al Islami (Huji) and Shahadat-e Al Hikma, are accused in these cases, said sources in the HC.

Hizb ut-Tahrir Bangladesh coordinator Mohiuddin Ahmed, also an associate professor of Dhaka University, is among the accused. He is now out in bail, the sources added.

The HC on November 12 issued a rule asking Judge Zahirul to explain why he had accepted the charges against Iftekharul under the anti-terrorism law without government approval.

Earlier, the accused petitioner got bail from the HC in the case.

Victim's brother accuses Alim

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"as per instructions of Abdul Alim".

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Obaidul Hassan recorded his testimony before adjourning the proceedings until June 12.

During his testimony, Hye, 63, said after the declaration of independence in 1971, they had formed Sangram Parishad under the leadership of local member of national assembly (MNA) Mujibur Rahman in Akkelpur in Joypurhat and worked as the organisers of the war.

As per the directives of central Peace Committee and Muslim League leaders, Alim, the then leader of the Convention Muslim League, had formed Peace Committee in Joypurhat, making himself its chairman. After some days, he had formed Razakar force comprised of Biharis and other anti-liberation elements, Hye added.

Under the leadership of Alim, Peace Committee was formed in Akkelpur in mid-May with leaders

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37 Tazreen workers still missing

HC asks for police report on June 19

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A writ petition submitted to the High Court has claimed that 37 garment workers are still missing since the deadly Tazreen fire on November 24 last year.

After the hearing on the petition yesterday, the High Court directed the inspector general of police to get DNA tests of the relatives of the missing people done and to submit a report to it on June 19.

The home ministry and Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) in December last year said the inferno at Tazreen Fashions Ltd in Ashulia had killed at least 112 people and injured many others.

Anthropologists Naznin Akter Banu, Saydia Gulrukh Kamal and Mahmudul Hasan Sumon on April 28 filed the petition with the HC along with a list of the

names and addresses of the 37 missing people. They sought directives on the government to arrest the owner of the Tazreen garment, Delwar Hossain, and punish him.

Jyotirmoy Barua, a lawyer for the petitioners, said his clients had collected the names of the missing people from their relatives.

Yesterday, the court expressed dissatisfaction over the home ministry's failure to submit a probe report on the inferno even after it had been given time twice. The HC said the government must submit the report on June 19 and action would be taken against the people responsible otherwise.

The home ministry a day after the Tazreen fire formed a committee to investigate the incident and prepare a report, Jyotirmoy said.

On May 30, the court directed the government to submit the probe report

yesterday as it failed to submit it on that day as per an earlier court order.

Assistant Attorney General Jahangir Alam yesterday prayed to the court for two more days for the submission of the report.

He, however, told The Daily Star that Deputy Attorney General Bishwojit Roy had already received a copy of the home ministry's probe report in regard to another case and that this report would be submitted to the HC on the basis of an affidavit.

DAG Roy was not in court yesterday owing to matters of a personal nature, he added.

Delwar appeared before the court yesterday as per its May 30 order. The HC bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice ABM Altaf Hossain asked him to appear again in court on June 19.

AL lawmaker

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meeting on Friday, the ruling party MP alleged the three local journalists had turned against him over "unfounded" charges of corruption.

Warning against yellow journalism, he asked journalists to stop publishing news "based on lies," according to local daily Ajker Protiva. Several online newspapers reported the same.

Speaking as the chief guest, he said during his four-and-a-half-year tenure he had spent Tk 800 crore for development in his constituency, but newsmen never reported this.

Chitto Ghosh, president of Dinajpur press club, presided over the meeting, attended by the deputy

commissioner, superintendent of police, and press club executives. The programme was arranged to distribute cheques to distressed journalists.

The journalists present at the programme protested the lawmaker's comments and urged him not to make such derogatory remarks in future.

Contacted, Rahim denied making the comments. "I am innocent and reports published against me are aimed at tarnishing my image," he said. "This is yellow journalism."

Talking to The Daily Star, Chitto Ghosh said, "Let me see the newspaper [Ajker Protiva] report first."

Wahidul Alam, president of Dinajpur Union of Journalists, said, "The lawmaker's comments have hurt the entire journalist community of Dinajpur."

Editors concerned

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would plunge into a bigger crisis if the proposal was implemented.

The government decision would hamper free flow of information, as most people in the country still depended on print media for information. And any hindrance to free flow of information was not desired in a democratic system of government, said the Editors' Council, an organisation of editors of the country's top newspapers.

The proposal for imposing abnormal import duty on newsprint, an essential raw material for newspapers, was not consistent with the policy of freedom of the mass media and free flow of information, read the statement signed by Golam Sarwar, editor of daily Samakal.

While placing the budget for fiscal 2013-14 in parliament, Finance Minister AMA Muhith proposed raising the existing import duty on newsprint from 3 percent to 25 percent. He also proposed increasing by 9 percent import duty on plates used in the printing industry.

At present 23 percent duty, including 3 percent import duty, vat and tax, is charged on import of each tonne of newsprint. If the new proposal is implemented, the figure will stand between 57 and 58 percent, and will increase the overall publication cost by 28 percent.

The price of imported newsprint has already gone up in recent times, along with printing and transport costs. If the newly formed Wage Board announces its award, salaries and allowances of employees in newspapers would go up substantially.

And it would be very difficult for the newspaper industry to bear the high costs of importing newsprint in such a situation.

The Council noted that the logic mentioned in the budget that the proposed budgetary provisions would save the local newsprint industry did not conform to reality.

Of the country's 67 paper mills, only two or three produce roll newsprint used by newspapers.

Since the local mills are not capable of supplying good quality newsprint, it is illogical to impose extra import duty on newsprint in the name of saving these industries, according to the Council.

Besides, the quality of the locally produced newsprint is low.

The Council urged Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and the finance minister to take steps to withdraw the proposal on increasing import duty on newsprint. It hoped the parliament members would also play a positive role in this regard.

Shab-e-Barat

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reports and messages received from across the country about non-appearance of the new moon in the skies of Bangladesh.

"As the moon of Shaban of 1434 Hijri was not sighted, the month of Rajab will end on Monday on completion of 30 days and the Holy Shaban month will begin on Tuesday," said a release of the foundation.

Secretary to the religious affairs ministry and vice-chairman of the committee Kazi Habibul Awal presided over the meeting.

Shafique for checking graft

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Corruption is a disease in developing countries like Bangladesh and if it could be checked, the country could build not only the Padma bridge but also many other bridges with own funds, Law Minister Shafique Ahmed said yesterday.

He added if someone amasses wealth illegally by abusing state power, it will be owned by the state. Such wealth and the profits made from it will be "returned to the government".

He made the comments at a round-table discussion on "The progress made by Bangladesh in implementing the United Nations Convention against Corruption", organised by Transparency International Bangladesh at the Jatiya Press Club in the capital.

"Those who earned black money through bribery and other unfair means," the minister warned, "will not get rid of legal complications by paying tax. The ACC [Anti-Corruption Commission] can always proceed against them."

But people who failed to pay tax in time "will be spared legal action once they have paid the government-fixed tax", he mentioned.

TIB Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman, who moderated the discussion, said the implementation of the convention needs national unity, including between the ruling and opposition parties.

Shammi Laila Islam, programme manager of the TIB, presented a report on the progress Bangladesh made in implementing the anti-corruption agreement.

Despite various efforts from public and private sectors, she said, the level of corruption in the country is alarming as there is political interference in the handling of graft cases.

TIB Trustee Board Chairman Sultana Kamal who presided over the programme maintained that corruption is spreading fast due to a lack of accountability.

On December 9, 2003, the United Nations Convention against Corruption was opened for signature by the member states of the UN.

The convention subsequently came into force in 2005, with 164 states including Bangladesh as parties to it. Bangladesh ratified the agreement in 2007.

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2.	Procuring entity name	Civil Service College, Dhaka
3.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka
4.	Invitation for	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Computer, Computer Related Goods, Accessories and Office Equipment.
5.	Invitation Reference No & Date	CSCD/Accounts/Tender21/02/13-1395
6.	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method(OTM)
7.	Source of Fund	Own fund
8.	Development Partners(if applicable)	Not applicable
9.	Program/Project code	Not applicable
10.	Program/Project name	Construction & Furnishing of Civil Service College, Dhaka at Agargaon, Dhaka.
11.	Tender Package No & Name	GD-1: Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Computer, Computer Related Goods, Accessories and Office Equipment;
12.	Tender Publication Date	Monday, June 10, 2013
13.	Tender Last Selling Date	Sunday, June 23, 2013
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