

CHANGING JS RULES OF PROCEDURE Hasina foils party colleague's initiative

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a surprise move, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday in parliament foiled a ruling Awami League MP's initiative to propose changes in the Rules of Procedure of Jatiya Sangsad.

The proposal by lawmaker Junaid Ahmed Palok sought to empower the speaker to take punitive actions against legislators who would use unpardonable, seditious, defamatory or indecent words in the House.

It also suggested imposing a Tk 30,000 fine on an MP for doing it three consecutive times, and the money should be deducted from his or her remuneration.

Palok wanted to place the amendment proposal in the wake of frequent use of vulgar and indecent words in parliament by some ruling and opposition lawmakers which triggered widespread criticism in and outside the House.

Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, as per the Rules of Procedure, read out the proposal to the House and sought permission to proceed with it. None objected and the speaker asked Palok to place his proposal.

Right then, Hasina, also leader of the House, took the floor and opposed it, saying proper process was not being followed. She said the business advisory committee should have been consulted before placing the proposal.

The speaker assured the PM that the proposal was being made as per the rules of procedure and once placed in the House it would be sent to the parliamentary standing committee on the rules of procedure.

But, the premier remained firm on her stance. She said, "I do not know exactly ... But, I am surprised at this process." She even said that being a new lawmaker, Palok might have not understood properly the procedure of placing proposals on bringing amendment to the rules of procedure.

In the face of the PM's objection, the Speaker suspended the placement of the proposal. Officials of the parliament secretariat said the Speaker had been proceeding as per rules but the PM's stance surprised them.

BNP MPs absent

The BNP did not join the House yesterday, apparently extending support to the hartal enforced by Jamaat-e-Islami, a key member of BNP-led 18-party alliance, protesting the verdict against former Jamaat ameer Ghulam Azam.

"We have been asked not to join the House today due to the hartal," a BNP lawmaker said, wishing anonymity.

On a point of order, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal lawmaker Mayen Uddin Khan Badal blasted the BNP lawmakers for their absence. "By remaining absent they proved they do not want trial of war criminals," he said.



Garbage containers of the Dhaka city corporation occupy half of Shah Shaheb Lane, formerly Poribagh Road, leaving barely any room for a vehicle to pass. The photo was taken from the capital's Poribagh recently.

PHOTO: STAR

Hasina's niece gets UK Labour Party ticket

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tulip Siddiq, granddaughter of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, was selected on Sunday by the British Labour Party as an MP candidate for the 2015 general election from Hampstead and Kilburn constituency.

The eldest daughter of Sheikh Rehana and niece of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, she is councillor in Regent's Park and cabinet member for culture in Camden Council. In May 2010, she became the first Bangladeshi woman to be in Camden Council.

In her instant reaction, Tulip tweeted: "Thank you @hampsteadlabour for selecting me as your candidate for 2015. I'm honoured to fight with you to keep H+K Labour in 2015!"

On July 11, British daily London Evening Standard reported that she was a front-runner in the fight to represent Labour in Hampstead and Kilburn, a key battleground in London.

Camden Councillor Sally Gimson and Deputy Mayor of Hackney Borough Sophie Linden were Tulip's two competitors for Labour ticket.

Tulip studied English literature at the University College of London and did a second master's in politics, policy and government before entering British politics, adds UNB.

Three killed in road accidents

CITY DESK

Three people were killed in separate road accidents across the country yesterday.

Our staff correspondent reports, two motorcyclists were killed in different places in the capital yesterday.

In Shonir Akhra, AHM Parvez, 33, an official of Crown Cement, died after a bus of Ark Paribahan rammed his motorbike.

A case was filed with Jatrabari Police Station. Police seized the bus and detained the driver Ripon Matbar.

In Pallabi DOHS, Masud Rana, 30, a freelance cinematographer, was killed after a truck hit his motorbike.

Our Chittagong correspondent adds, a fish vendor was killed as a bus ran him over after ramming the rickshaw which was carrying him in Chittagong city yesterday.

The deceased was Abdus Salam Talukder, 45, of Kalshir Dighir Par area of the city.

Police seized the bus but the driver managed to escape.

Many don't have access to adequate food

Says report of Food Planning Monitoring Unit

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Although Bangladesh has become a more food secure, better nourished and healthier country in recent years, many people still do not have sustainable access to adequate amounts of food, according to a report.

Due to malnutrition, 41 percent of the country's children were found stunted in 2011-12 while 36 percent of them were underweight, it added.

The report titled "National Food Policy Plan of Action and Country Investment Plan Monitoring Report 2013" was published by Food Planning Monitoring Unit of the Ministry of Food and Disaster Management and launched at Cirdap auditorium in the capital yesterday.

The report was prepared by 17 ministries

and divisions with technical support from Food and Agriculture Organization.

Although poverty has been on the decline by 1.7 percent per year, there has been little improvement in terms of income inequality in the country, the report said.

Launching the report, Food Minister Muhammad Abdur Razzaque said Bangladesh has become self-sufficient in rice production and has not imported rice during the past two fiscal years. From 2007 to 2012, rice production has increased by 50 lakh tonnes, he informed.

"We also increased the total agricultural subsidy from Tk 6,500 crore in 2011-12 to Tk 12,000 crore in 2012-13," he said, adding that in recognition of these achievements, Bangladesh received a UN award last month for successfully fighting hunger.

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