

KARNAPHULI RIVER Polluting factories to face legal action

Says Chittagong Port Authority
Chairman Nizamuddin Ahmed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Legal action will be taken against all the industrial units that are responsible for polluting the Karnaphuli river, the line of Chittagong city and the country's premier port, Chairman of Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) Rear Admiral Nizamuddin Ahmed said yesterday.

The responsible industrial units will be identified through spot visits, he declared while addressing the first meeting of a high-powered committee which the shipping ministry has formed with Ahmed as convener to check the river pollution.

Laying emphasis on different steps to maintain the river's navigation, the CPA chairman said all canals would be demarcated, cleaned and the grabbers would be evicted.

The shipping ministry on May 30 formed the 14-member committee for recommendations on how to maintain navigation and current of the Karnaphuli and check its pollution, said sources.

The committee comprises representatives from Chittagong City Corporation (CCC), Chittagong Development Authority (CDA), the Department of Environment (DoE), Chittagong District Administration and officials of CPA and other local administrations.

During yesterday's meeting at the CPA, the committee formed four sub-committees on cleaning, dredging and demarcation of the canals of the river and on identifying the causes of pollution.

In a power point presentation, the CPA chairman said most of the 55 big or small canals that crossed the city and emptied into the river had been filled with garbage or grabbed illegally. He sought cooperation from all the government agencies, factory owners to save the river.

Participants of the meeting held chemical waste discharged by industrial units on the Karnaphuli bank and solid waste from the city for pollution.

DoE Chittagong Director Jafar Alam, a member of the committee, said the river could face the fate of the Buriganga if the pollution and encroachment could not be stopped immediately.

Describing the level of pollution, Poribesh Bachao Andolan (Poba) Executive General Secretary Md Abdus Sobhan, another member, said dissolved oxygen in the Karnaphuli water and its adjoining canals had fallen to almost zero at different places.

Pro-BNP intellectuals

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"Bangladesh and Proclaimer of Independence", the book is edited by BNP senior vice chairman Tarique Rahman. Ziaur Rahman Foundation organised the launch. About 25 discussants, mostly public university professors, spoke on the 143-page volume.

The book contains five essays, two of them written by Ziaur Rahman. The photocopies of some history books and documents on the liberation war were tagged with the book to back up the claim.

In the prologue, Tarique supported his claim that Zia was the first president and Bangabandhu's becoming prime minister of independent Bangladesh was illegal.

While speaking, Tariqul highly lauded Tarique for editing such a "historic" book. "Awami League's mask has been exposed in the book that contained the statements of the sector commanders and renowned journalists about the country's independence and the role of Ziaur Rahman."

BNP standing committee members RA Ghani, Goyeshwar Chandra Roy, Ganoshasthaya Kendra founder Zafrullah Chowdhury, Dhaka University professors Mahbub Ullah, AFM Yusuf Haider, film director Amzad Hossain, and lyricist Gazi Mazharul Anwar, among others, spoke at the programme with former DU vice chancellor Prof Emajuddin Ahmed in the chair.

Princeton awards

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In its official citation, the university commended Sir Fazle's commitment to poverty alleviation, calling Brac, which he founded in 1972, a profoundly effective and universally admired organisation committed to alleviating poverty for millions worldwide.

With more than 1 lakh employees, Brac has worked for an estimated 135 million people in 12 countries using a wide array of antipoverty tools like microfinance, education, healthcare, legal rights training and more.

Sir Fazle has received numerous other honorary degrees including Doctor of Humane Letters from Yale University in 2007 and Doctor of Letters from the University of Oxford in 2009. He was appointed Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George by the British crown.



Maj Gen Sheikh Mohammad Aman Hasan, director general of Special Security Force, greets Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina with a bouquet at SSF Officers' Mess in the capital yesterday marking the force's 28th founding anniversary.

PHOTO: BSS

Her procedural challenge

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gazette notification published without fixing the jurisdiction of the special court should not be declared illegal.

The government issued the notification on April 25, 2007 under Section 4(1) of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1958. Bashudev Roy was appointed as the judge of the court on March 4.

Justice Farah also asked the government to explain why the continuation of the proceedings against Khaleda and her indictment should not be declared illegal.

However, Justice Kazi Md Ejarul Haque

Akondo, the other judge of the bench, summarily rejected the prayers, saying the petitions had no substances.

Following the spilt orders, the HC bench sent the petitions and the orders to Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain.

Earlier on April 23, the HC rejected the two review petitions of Khaleda. The HC in its order said the trial court had properly framed charges against her in the cases.

Yesterday, after receiving the petitions, the bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque fixed today for hearing the petitions.

Law enforcers fear violence

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backed candidates may try to occupy polling centres or influence polling officials during the election on June 26.

Furthermore, the security officials think instigating speeches made by candidates or their supporters attacking particular families may create tension, said EC officials who were present at the meeting.

An official of a top law enforcement agency said there is a possibility of post-poll violence, if Jatiya Party (JP)-backed candidate Selim Osman is defeated in the election.

Another security official feared that there may be casualties on voting days

over establishing supremacy in polling stations.

Against the backdrop of fears of the security officials, the EC and the home ministry have decided to deploy additional security forces at polling centres to maintain law and order.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Kazi Rakiuddin Ahmad, at a press briefing at the EC Secretariat yesterday, said, "Compared to other by-polls, Narayanganj polls will have more security."

The Narayanganj-5 constituency fell vacant as its Jatiya Party lawmaker Nasim Osman died on April 30.

Photojournalist Jahirul

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He left behind his wife, two daughters and a son.

Earlier on June 2, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visited Jahirul at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University.

Hailing from Narayanganj, Jahirul obtained his masters' degree from Dhaka University.

He started his career in journalism at the daily Azad during the Pakistani regime. He also served Bangladesh Observer, Banglar Bani and Bangladesh Times.

He had served Kolkata-based daily Aajkal as a special correspondent and photojournalist till his death.

He played pioneering role in establishing Bangladesh Photojournalists' Association and he was elected its president several times.

Besides, Jahirul assumed different posts of the Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Jatiya Press Club.

The prime minister and other distinguished individuals and originations expressed deep shock at his death. Bangladesh Photo Journalists' Association has announced week-long condolence programmes.

Bangladeshis terrified

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Zahidul Islam, BMET assistant director (immigration), confirmed that no Bangladeshi worker departed for Iraq through the capital's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport yesterday.

According to the BMET, 424 Bangladeshis migrated to Iraq till June 9.

People bid

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assembly on Jukto Front's ticket in 1954 while in prison.

A philosopher, translator, essayist and political activist, he participated in a 58-day hunger strike by political prisoners demanding humane treatment.

His work on Plato remains a point of reference for students of politics and philosophy in Bangladesh.

It was Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Prof Abdur Razzaq who ensured Sardar Fazlul Karim's return to Dhaka University as a teacher soon after independence.



Mohiuzzaman Chowdhury performs one of the Tagore songs, which were featured in Bangla films at "Bangla Cholochochitre Rabindranather Gaan" at The Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct gallery yesterday. The other artists on the stage who also performed are, second from left to right, Bulbul Islam, Fahim Hossain Chowdhury, Laisa Ahmed Lisa, Shama Rahman, and Adity Mohsin. The programme was organised as part of Star Melodies, a monthly programme of the newspaper.

PHOTO: STAR

ARSON, VANDALISM CASES

Hearing on charge framing against SQ Chy deferred

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday deferred till August 3 the hearing on charge framing in two cases filed for vandalism and arson on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in 2010 against condemned war criminal Salauddin Quader Chowdhury.

The defence moved a petition requesting the court to relieve Salauddin from the charges, while the prosecution lodged a no-confidence petition against the charge sheets.

According to court sources, on November 7, 2010, a group of people vandalised and set fire to vehicles in Bansbaria and Salimpur areas in Sitakunda upazila of Chittagong.

Following the incident, police filed two cases with Sitakunda Police Station in this connection.

Later, on September 12, 2011 charge sheets of the cases were submitted with SQ Chowdhury as a prime accused.

The prosecution yesterday moved the no-confidence petition as Aslam Chowdhury, convener of BNP, Chittagong north, was acquitted of the charges.

Trader found dead in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A trader was found dead in his apartment in the capital's Sabujbagh last night.

The victim, Bacchu Miah, 38, was a businessman at Polwel market in Paltan.

Sabujbagh police Sub-inspector Ashraful Alam said he might have been strangled.

Death anniversary CITY DESK



Today is the 11th death anniversary of Sajeda Islam, wife of late engineer

Fakhrul Islam.

JP lawmaker

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fearing that if there was no such scope, the money might be siphoned abroad.

Another JP lawmaker, Pir Fazlur Rahman, told the House that due to the lax attitude of the local administration, the brutal incident in Mirpur took place. In an arson attack at the Bihari camp of Pallabi, 10 people, including nine of a family, were killed early Saturday.

Earlier, Housing and Public Works Minister Mosharraf Hossain told the House that Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk) had identified 321 risky buildings in the capital and the list of those buildings had been handed over to the Dhaka city corporation for taking legal measures.

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Khamarbari, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215.
Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)
FOR
Selection of Individual Consultant:03 (Three) Positions
Memo No:ais/1057
Date:12.06.2014

The Government of Bangladesh (GOB) has received grants from International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) towards the cost of Implementation of Rural Radio Initiatives (RRI) Under Coastal Climate Resilient Infrastructure Project (CCRIP) and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this fund to eligible payments under the following consultation services by individual consultants (National) for which this invitation for expression of interest (EOI) is issued.

The qualifications and experience of the consultants required for the assignment are as follows:

SL No	Name of Position	Number of Position	Duration of service (Months)	Duty Station	Educational Qualification	Brief terms of Reference(TOR)
01	Lead Communication Consultant (ComDev and Radio Production Expert)	01 (One)	19 (Nineteen)	Amtali, Barguna, another three Radio stations & Dhaka	Master Degree in any discipline	Lead Communication Consultant, (ComDev and Radio Production Expert) will ensure on a daily basis the effective implementation of the project work plan in the field and achievement of the expected results.He /She should have minimum 5 years experience in related field;
02	Broadcast Engineer-Part Time	01 (One)	19 (Nineteen)	Amtali, Barguna & another three Radio stations	Bsc/ Diploma In Electrical & Electronic Engineering. Educational qualification may be relaxed for experienced candidates	Broadcast Engineer-Part Time will ensure uninterrupted broadcasting of KRISHI RADIO at Amtali, Barguna & another three Radio stations. He will provide necessary trouble shooting for transmitter, antennas, antenna tower and other broadcast equipment. He /She should have minimum 10 years experience in the relevant filed;
03	National Radio and Equipment Technician- (Part Time)	01 (One)	19 (Nineteen)	Amtali, Barguna & another three Radio stations	Diploma In relevant subject. Educational qualification may be relaxed for experienced candidates	National Radio and Equipment Technician will provide on job training to KRISHI RADIO & another three Radio stations staff and volunteers- on handling radio equipment like console, computer, outdoor recorder; recording editing, program production; maintenance of equipments and trouble shooting. He /She should have minimum 10 years experience in the relevant filed.

The Director, Agriculture Information Service (AIS) now invites application from eligible candidates for the positions mentioned above. Applicants are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (Complete CV with other details as required by the application forms).

Consultants will be selected using individual consultant sub- method in accordance with the public procurement rules 2008. It is expected that the services will commence in August 2014. Interested candidates are requested to submit their Expressions of Interest (EOI) in accordance with the standard application forms which may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours (also available in the AIS website: www.ais.gov.bd).

The deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest (EOI) is 30th June, 2014 at 2:00 PM local time EOLs will be submitted in sealed envelope to be delivered to the Director, AIS, first building, 1st floor, Khamarbari, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215 and be clearly marked "Expression of Interest (EOI) for Selection of individual consultant against the post of **Lead Communication Consultant, (ComDev and Radio Production Expert/ Broadcast Engineer-Part Time / National Radio and Equipment Technician-(Part Time)**

The client reserves the right to accept or reject any /all expression of interest (EOI) without showing any reason whatsoever.

(Syed Khorshed Zafri)
Director
Agriculture Information Service (AIS)