

Broadcast policy challenged at HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Supreme Court lawyer yesterday challenged the legality of the recently formulated National Broadcast Policy, 2014, saying it has curtailed the freedom of the press and the fundamental rights of people.

In his writ petition filed with the High Court, Eunus Ali Akond has sought a stay order from the court on the effectiveness of the policy. The cabinet approved the policy on August 4 and issued a gazette notification to this effect three days later despite a strong criticism against the policy from different quarters.

The petitioner has urged the HC to ask the government to explain why the broadcast policy should not be declared illegal.

He has prayed to the court to direct the government to take steps so that television channels don't have those who are not experts on relevant subjects for talk shows and to direct them not to say or make any false, misconceived and irrelevant statement in their talk shows till disposal of the rule.

The HC may hold a hearing on the petition on Tuesday (today), Eunus told The Daily Star after filing the petition.

The policy is against the fundamental rights of people since it restricts the airing of reports against the government, armed forces and friendly countries, he said in the petition.

The lawyer said the government has made the broadcast policy for television and radio channels, ignoring worries about a possible misuse of some of its provisions.

Eunus has also attached a report of The Daily Star that contains a comment of Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu to the petition. The report was published on Friday.

While addressing a briefing on Thursday, Inu said, "If any individual makes any offensive or instigating comments in the media, it can interfere as per the policy." The minister's comment is against the fundamental rights of people, Eunus said in the petition.

Language hero Matin

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City Hospital in Mohammadpur. He has been kept at the ICU (intensive care unit)," Monika said while talking to The Daily Star last night. "His condition is not so critical," she said.

The 88-year-old was first taken to Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital yesterday where doctors did some tests on him, including a CT scan.

Matin underwent open-heart surgery in 1997. He has been suffering from various illnesses since then, Monika added.

Matin played a significant role in the Language Movement in 1952 for establishing Bangla as one of the state languages of then Pakistan. In 2008, Dhaka University conferred an honorary doctor of law degree on him for his role in the movement.



A few hundred of the 1, 661 Bangladeshis, who were enlisted in the job roster of 2012 for South Korea but later were replaced by candidates from the 2013's roster "without any reason", form a human chain before Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday demanding Korean visas.

PHOTO: STAR

Road crashes kill three

CITY DESK

Countrywide road accidents killed three people and injured four others yesterday.

Our Natore correspondent reports, a boy died and his father was injured when a human-hauler hit them in Kachhikata area of Gurudaspur upazila.

The deceased was Niyamul Islam, 6, son of Jahangir Alam of Chorkushabari village of Sirajganj.

Our Moulvibazar correspondent reports, a motorcyclist died when fell down on the road after he lost control over his vehicle in

Kowla area of Kulaura upazila.

The deceased was identified Mahmud Ali, 30, of Jaypasa village.

Our Kishoreganj correspondent reports, a girl died when a battery-run auto-rickshaw ran her over while she was crossing the road in Dhuljuri village under Hossainpur upazila.

The deceased was Tumpa, 4, daughter of Hira Mia of the village.

Our Dinajpur correspondent adds three people were injured when a three-wheeler turned turtle as the driver lost control over the vehicle on akkelpur-Mohadevpur road in Gopinathpur village of Joypurhat.

HC grants bail to Tarique's

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case in 2008, he said.

Apu, who had left the country in 2007, returned home in last June and surrendered before a Dhaka court on June 18 and sought bail in the extortion case.

However, the Dhaka court rejected the plea and sent him to jail. Later, he was also shown arrested in a case filed in connection with a bribery of Tk 21 crore involving the murder of Bashundhara Group director Humayun Kabir Sabbir.

Fakhrul sees

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freedom of the press.

He also criticised Awami League General Secretary Syed Ashraf Islam for his Sunday remarks that BNP has "connections with international militant organisations."

"Such remarks are truly unexpected of such a senior political leader as him. BNP is a democratic party but the ruling party has been conspiring to abolish it by making this kind of remarks," he said.

Referring to another remark of the AL general secretary about future BNP leadership, Fakhrul said it is absolutely an internal issue of the party and commenting on this is an unwarranted interference in another party's affairs.

CLIMATE CHANGE

BAU for agro-tech to combat impact

Celebrates 54th founding anniversary

BAU CORRESPONDENT

Agriculturists yesterday at a seminar put emphasis on developing easily adoptable green agro-based technologies to combat the impacts of climate change, including global warming.

The seminar titled "Contribution of Bangladesh Agricultural University to Agricultural Development" was organised in Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Auditorium on Bangladesh Agricultural University campus marking the 54th founding anniversary of the institution.

The university, which ranks among the topmost agricultural universities in South Asia, has produced about 40,000 graduates till now.

"We have not only achieved self-sufficiency in food production but also the government is thinking to export crops and vegetables and the credit goes to BAU and its graduates," said Vice Chancellor Prof Md Rafiqul Hoque.

A procession was brought out by the university authorities and later a tree plantation and distribution programme was held.

BSMMU to start

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another person are used to cure a patient while autologous stem cell transplant uses the patient's own stem cells.

Till now, Dhaka Medical College Hospital is the only hospital to have bone marrow transplantation facility but it only operates autologous stem cell transplantations.

HC clears way for trial

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Himu succumbed to his injuries at a hospital in Dhaka on May 23, 2012.

On May 24, 2012, a murder case was filed with Panchlaish Police Station accusing five persons in this connection.

I was insulted for

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Ivy said transparency was maintained in the biddings at Narayanganj City Corporation, and that she never intervened in the process.

The mayor said Osman controlled all the government works, including at Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) and Public Works Department, and his men got all government development works. None from the outside is allowed to file bids there, she said.

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