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POWER ABUSE BY POLICE SC irked as HC directives unheeded

No action by govt in 13 years; arrests by plain-clothes officers serious issue, says SC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Supreme Court yesterday expressed dismay at the government's unwillingness to implement the 15 directives issued by the High Court 13 years ago to stop policemen making arbitrary arrests on suspicion and torturing arrestees on remand.
"Thirteen years back, the High Court had given some specific directives on the detention of any person and subsequent dealings with the detainees on remand. But the government did not implement any of them," said the Appellate Division of the SC during the hearing on an appeal on the issue.
The HC directives came on April 7, 2003, upon a writ petition filed as the public interest litigation (PIL) by
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Students of Shahjalal University of Science & Technology in Sylhet hold their ears and stand in front of their library yesterday protesting the humiliation of a headmaster in Narayanganj on Friday. His humiliation took the social media by storm as many updated their profile pictures with photos of them holding their ears. May be we all should do this to atone for the humiliation of a teacher.
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#sorrysir

Social media erupts in protests against humiliation of teacher

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The very punishment meted out to a teacher in Narayanganj to humiliate him publicly became the symbol of protest on social media.
Many Bangladeshis posted photos of them holding their ears with the caption "sorry sir" on social media platforms to express their solidarity with the teacher who had been made to do squats holding his ears in the presence of a local lawmaker allegedly for making derogatory comments on religion.
Infuriated by the incident, many Facebook users uploaded photos of them squatting and even made those their profile and cover pictures.
Social media users started
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JUSTICE FOR TONU Parents now see hope

RAFIUL ISLAM
The parents of Sohagi Jahan Tonu called for the immediate arrest of her rapists and killers yesterday, a day after the CID revealed that the girl was indeed raped before being murdered.
The family, which was frustrated with the first autopsy report, now sees a ray of hope for justice following the latest findings in the case.
On Monday, the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) said following DNA tests, they also found spermatozoa of three separate males on Tonu's clothes.
The findings expose the flaws in the inquest and first autopsy reports which did not find any evidence of rape.
"The DNA test findings have proved that my *maa* [Tonu] was brutally tortured before being killed. All we want now is the immediate arrest and punishment of her killers," said
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MP's men now out to hush voices

Headmaster suspended
WASIM BIN HABIB and AKRAM HOSEN, back from N'ganj
A feeling of being watched would take over once you step on the premises of Piyar Sattar Latif High School at Kallyandi, a remote village in Narayanganj.
The school where its headmaster was beaten up and humiliated publicly in the presence of the local lawmaker five days ago is now under guard by people who seemed very keen on establishing one narrative: how AKM Selim Osman MP had "saved" headmaster Shyamal Kanti Bhakta's life.
Many of them came to the school in Kalagachhiya union of Bandar area on motorbikes and cars from Narayanganj city. They were all bent on making sure that no other voice apart from theirs reached the media. When The DailyStar correspondents entered the school yesterday morning, a few dozen pairs of eyes were on them.
Joined by some villagers, the people were split into a few groups of 10 to 15. They gathered on the ground and were discussing how the media "ran a smear campaign against the MP instead of praising him for saving the life of Shyamal, who made disparaging remarks about religion."
"Are you in the media? What are you going to write? Write what we tell you to write," said a middle-aged man in a white shirt and denims with a key ring dangling from his index finger.
Another man joined in and said, "The way people were infuriated [by the "disparaging remarks of the head teacher"], they would have killed the headmaster for sure. It was the MP's presence of mind that had
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COMMENTARY Story of an MP and a teacher

Sorry sir, you are in the wrong profession, at a wrong time and in a wrong place
MAHFUZ ANAM
Most of our greatest politicians were parliamentarians like AK Fazlul Huq, Huseyn Shaheed Suhrawardy, Dhirendranath Datta, Ataur Rahman Khan, not to mention Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Tajuddin Ahmad, Syed Nazrul Islam, M Mansur Ali and many others. As a son of a parliamentarian, I remember vividly the pride with which my father, Abul Mansur Ahmad, spoke about his being a member of this august body which was located in Karachi of what was then West Pakistan. I have vague memories of the weeks and months of preparation he would subject himself to before a session would start and the speeches and the bills he would submit or support or oppose in any particular session. In
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TOP! QUOTE
"We are now living in such a country and society where punishment is awarded to the victims, not to the perpetrators."
FAHMIDUL HAQ
DU TEACHER, DURING A RALLY IN THE CAPITAL PROTESTING THE HUMILIATION OF A HEADMASTER IN NARAYANGANJ.



PUTTING LIFE ON THE LINE

People walk on railway lines at Nakhalpara of Tejgaon in the capital whilst talking on the phone. On Tuesday, a student of Jagannath University was doing the same and he was crushed to death by a train in the same area. In February, a student of Buet had the same fate. Experts say talking on the phone while driving or walking reduces people's spatial awareness that often result in fatal accidents. Story on page 3.



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NEWS ANALYSIS

Err-dogan!

Turkish president's Nizami reaction only exposes his double standard

SHAKHAWAT LITON
Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan did not like Europe's stance on the execution of Jamaat-e-Islami chief Motiur Rahman Nizami for committing crimes against humanity in 1971.
The reason is simple. The European countries did not denounce Bangladesh government for the execution of Nizami like Erdogan did and is continuing to do so.
On Sunday in a televised address, he blasted Europe for their "silence" and said: "If you are against political executions, why did you remain silent to the execution of Motiur Rahman Nizami."
"Have you heard anything from Europe? ... No. Isn't it called double standards?" Erdogan said.
The question we would like to ask is: who is doing politics of double standard?
These examples should give an answer.
Saudi Arabia in early January this year executed 47 convicts, including a prominent shia cleric.
The execution sparked international outrage. Iraq, Iran and Bahrain strongly denounced the execution.
Western governments issued a blunt rebuke to the Saudi authorities over the execution. Both USA and the European Union said the death sentence was a violation of free speech and due process.
What did Erdogan do? He refused to condemn Saudi Arabia, saying it was an "internal legal matter" of the kingdom.
"The executions in Saudi Arabia are an internal legal matter. Whether you approve of the decision or not is a separate issue," Erdogan said in a televised speech.
The Turkish president in previous month of the execution visited Riyadh for talks with King Salman and the political elite, in a new sign of Ankara's warm ties with the kingdom.
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