

Media must be transparent

Experts tell national conference on mass communication, journalism

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Mass media must remain transparent and active to maintain objectivity and credibility in journalism to gain the people's trust, opined academics and journalists at a programme at Dhaka University (DU) yesterday.

Working as a national watchdog, media always protects the people's interest, they said, adding that the media should never compromise in revealing facts being self-censored.

The discussants, however, agreed that the media always undergoes newer challenges across the world and sometimes encounters the risk of losing its credibility.

They made these remarks at the inauguration of the two-day First National Conference on Mass Communication and Journalism with the theme "Mapping the Terrain of Mass Media Research in Bangladesh: Critical Perspective,"

being held by the mass communication and journalism department of DU at its Senate building.

DU Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique inaugurated it, urging the media organisations to ensure credibility when disseminating news.

Prof Shakhawat Ali Khan of the department said journalists need not necessarily be popular. Referring to the media's role in the recently concluded US presidential elections, he said the media's position cannot always be correct.

"Usually the government-backed media houses cannot be popular. There is need for reviewing the extent to which the relations between the government and media will be tolerable," Prof Khan mentioned.

The academic also lamented the lack of media research in the country.

Manjurul Ahsan Bulbul, president of a faction of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists, said

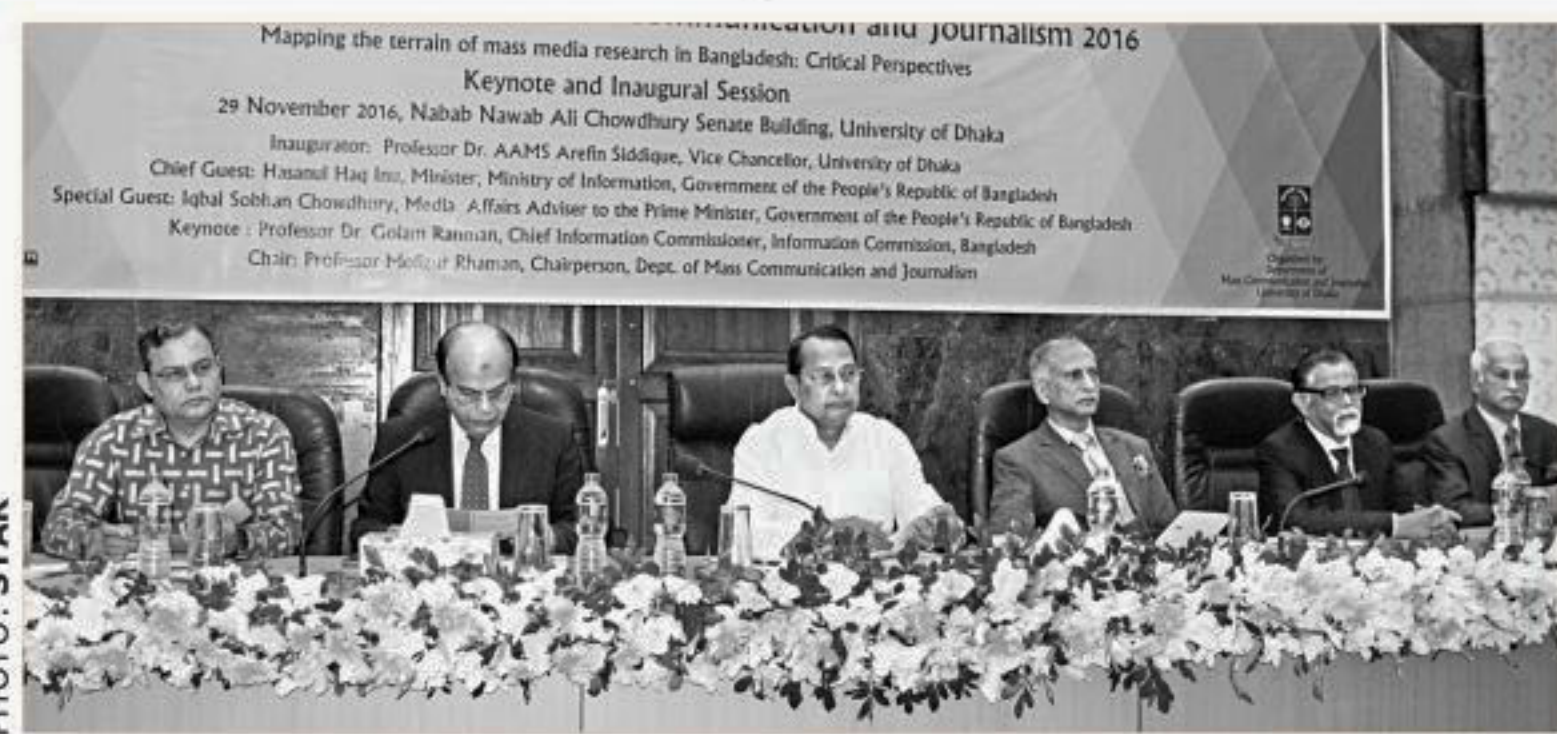


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Speakers at the conference on mass communication and journalism.

the universities should redesign pedagogy with gradual transformation in journalism.

About social media tools, he suggested that there be some regulations to avoid controversies in some cases.

Echoing Bulbul, Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, media affairs adviser to the prime minister, said media should not consider any issue as

agendum as it may raise questions about its credibility.

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu said they were working to formulate two laws on the social networking sites and portals.

Chief Information Commissioner Prof Golam Rahman gave a keynote presentation while the department's chair Prof Mofizur Rahman delivered his welcome speech.

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MOULVIBAZAR WAR CRIMES ICT wants charges against 3 on Feb 5

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The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday directed the prosecution to submit formal charges on February 5 next year in the case filed against three Moulvibazar men allegedly for committing crimes during the 1971 Liberation War.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Anwarul Haque fixed the date after Prosecutor Mukleshur Rahman Badal sought two months' time for preparing the charges.

The accused are Abdul Aziz alias Habul, 64, Abdul Mannan alias Monai, 64, and Abdul Matin, 63, of Barolekha upazila. Of them, Aziz and Mannan are in jail while Matin is on the run.

Tribunal's investigation agency on November 14 completed investigation against them and said to have found evidence over their involvement in abduction, torture, looting, arson, rape, killing and acts of genocide committed in Barolekha in 1971.

The agency handed over the probe report and other documents to the chief prosecutor's office on that day.

Aziz and Matin took training in India to take part in the Liberation War but surrendered to the Pakistani occupation army in Barolekha on their return and joined the Razakar Bahini, according to the agency. Aziz is currently involved with BNP and Matin with Jamaat, it said.

Mannan was involved with Jamaat's student wing Islami Chhatra Sangha in 1971 and first joined anti-liberation Peace Committee and later Razakar Bahini during the Liberation War, it said.

Why not compensate

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to the HC recently following a report published in the daily Prothom Alo headlined "Lasher Porichoy Meleni: Dui Shishu Grefar (deceased remains unidentified: two children arrested)".

In the rule, the HC also asked the authorities concerned of the government to explain as to why violation of the provisions of the children act in arresting the two children should not be declared illegal.

The HC also asked the deputy commissioner of police of Lalbagh zone and officer-in-charge of Kamrangirchar Police Station to submit a report explaining how the ages of the two boys were determined during their detention before this court by January 4 next year.

Petitioner's counsel Barrister Abdul Halim told The Daily Star that the two are less than nine as per their birth certificates.

Police cannot arrest any child, who is less than nine years old, as per the relevant provisions of the Children Act, 2013, he said, adding that the police have mentioned that the children are more than 12 years old in the case statement.

Barrister Halim said Alif Bhuiyan, son of an Uzzal Bhuiyan of Kamrangirchar, died on September 29 this year and his body was recovered on October 11 and the same day the police arrested the boys and tortured them in custody.

Home secretary, inspector general of police, commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, DC of police Lalbagh zone, OC of Kamrangirchar Police Station, director general of the social welfare department and its probation officer concerned and chief metropolitan magistrate of Dhaka have been made respondents to the rule, he added.

Don't show Mannan arrested sans warrant: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered the law-enforcers not to show MA Mannan, suspended mayor of the Gazipur City Corporation, arrested in any case without arrest warrant.

In response to a petition, the court also asked police not to arrest Mannan, a BNP leader, from jail gate without any arrest warrant in a case after his release from jail.

The HC issued a rule asking the government to explain as to why showing Mannan arrested in a new case after he gets bail in another one should not be declared illegal.

The bench of Justice Quamrul Islam

Siddique and Justice Sheikh Hassan Arif gave the order and rule following a petition filed by Mannan seeking the directives on the government. Petitioner's lawyer Khandker Mahub Hossain told The Daily Star that his client got bail in 26 cases from the High Court and Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

Police have showed him arrested in a new case after he got bail in another case, which was the violation of his fundamental rights, he said. Mannan was recently shown arrested in a case filed in 2014 after the Appellate Division upheld a High Court order of his bail in a corruption case, he added.

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Published on: 30 November 2016
Deadline for Application: 13 December 2016

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