

**CHILD MARRIAGE RESTRAINT ACT**  
**Criticism on special provision 'unnecessary'**  
*Says law minister*  
**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday said the criticism on the special provision of the child marriage restraint law is "useless and unnecessary", as the main provision fixing 18 and 21 as minimum marriageable ages for women and men will remain in force.

The special provision has been included in the Child Marriage Restraint Act, 2017 to meet the urgent situation which is an exception, not the main provision, he said.

The minister was talking to reporters after attending a meeting as chief guest to inaugurate the 135th refresher course for the additional district and sessions judges and their equivalent judicial officials at Judicial Administration Training Institute in Dhaka.

He said under the act no female can marry before 18 and no male before 21.

The law minister said permission from parents and courts would be needed for any marriage under special circumstances.

Earlier in the day, Anisul Huq told the additional district judges that the government took steps to send judges abroad including Australia and India for special trainings in phases.

On April 10, the High Court questioned the legality of the provision that allows marriage of underage female and males under "special circumstances".

Following a writ petition, it issued a rule asking the government to explain why the special provision of the act should not be declared discriminatory and contrary to the constitution.



**Madaripur District Journalists' Samity in Dhaka forms a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club yesterday protesting torture on Shohidul Islam, former president of Kalkini Press Club and correspondent of the daily Jaijaidin.**

**First phase of 3-yr burn care training launched**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched a three-year programme to train plastic surgeons, anaesthesiologists, nurses and physiotherapists from burn and plastic surgery departments of different public hospitals across the country.

The ministry and Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery (SHNIBPS) is implementing the programme with sponsorship from Temasek Foundation International and technical support from Singapore Health Services (SingHealth).

Under the first phase of the programme, a five-day "training of trainers (TOT)" started on April 8 to train 32 plastic surgeons, 46 nurses and seven physiotherapists from burn and plastic surgery departments of different public hospitals all over the country.

A total of 17 plastic surgeons, anaesthesiologists, nurses and therapists from SingHealth are conducting training to the Bangladeshi trainees.

Around 300 plastic surgeons will be trained under this three-year-long project with the goal to introduce local experts with modern equipment so they are able to deliver world class burn care.

"This training will develop knowledge and capacity of our nurses, but it is important to keep these nurses at burn care. If they are transferred to other places, the training will go in vain," said Samanta Lal Sen, national coordinator for burn and plastic surgery project all over Bangladesh under SHNIBPS.

Chong Si Jack, leader of the trainer team and consultant plastic surgeon at SingHealth, said he did not witness such

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**Haor flood victims to get continued support**

**Assures relief and disaster management minister**

**UNB, Kishoreganj**

Relief and Disaster Management Minister Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya yesterday said the government will provide the flashflood victims in haor areas with relief assistance for as long as it requires.

"The government has adequate stocks of food grains," he said.

The assurance came while the minister was talking to the victims on Abdul Gani Bhuiyan High School ground after visiting flood-hit areas in Kishoreganj's Mithamoin upazila.

Maya urged the authorities concerned to send demand letters immediately to the ministry in which areas food grains are necessary to send.

He asked the district the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) to conduct a feasibility study to find out which crops are suitable in low-laying areas during this period.

The minister also distributed relief materials among the flood-affected people.

Voicing apprehension that more flood may hit the areas, he suggested local people to stockpile necessary cattle feed to face the

situation.

Later, Maya visited flood-hit areas in Itna upazila and joined a meeting at deputy commissioner's office.

The minister focused on disaster preparedness to check the losses of lives and property.

He asked the DC to keep ready all cyclone and flood-shelter centers, and sufficient food grains stock to tackle any sudden natural disaster.

According to the DAE, around 24,100 hectares of crop land were damaged by the floodwater at Itna, Astagram and Mithamoin upazilas in Kishoreganj.

It also said around 84350 metric tonnes paddy worth about Tk 34 crore were damaged by the flashflood.

Relief and Disaster Management Ministry has already allocated 250 metric tonnes rice and Tk 15 lakh for giving the victims necessary assistance.

Flashflood caused by the onrush of water from Indian hills, recently hit Sunamganj, Kishoreganj, Netrokona, Mymensingh and haor areas, damaging huge crops and croplands causing sufferings to people.

**SC also acquits Falu of graft charges**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld a High Court verdict that acquitted former BNP lawmaker Mosaddek Ali Falu in a relief tin scam case.

The SC dismissed an appeal filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission challenging the HC verdict.

ACC lawyer Advocate Khusrhid Alam Khan told The Daily Star that the apex court dismissed the appeal as it was filed more than 800 days after the HC verdict.

A special court in Dhaka, in June 2, 2008, sentenced Falu to five years' imprisonment in a relief tin scam case filed by Ashulia police during the period of the caretaker government in 2007.

Later on, the HC following an appeal filed by Falu acquitted him of the case, he added.

**Formulate guideline on cell tower**

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Commission of Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection, petitioner's lawyer Advocate Manzill Murshid told The Daily Star.

He said the health ministry yesterday informed the HC that it had communicated the three international organisations for collecting the assessment reports as per its earlier order and also sought three months' time from the HC to collect the reports.

The bench of Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed and Justice Md Salim allowed the health ministry's time prayer, Advocate Manzill added.

On March 22, the health ministry submitted an expert committee's report to the HC saying that radiation from a carrier's cell tower was found over the limit set by a WHO guideline.

According to the WHO, excessive radiation from cell towers harms public health and the environment.

Following the writ petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh, the HC on October, 2012, ordered the government to examine, by forming an expert committee, the radiation emitted from mobile phone towers and its impact on health and environment, and submit a report.

The court also issued a rule upon the officials concerned of the government to explain as to why they should not be directed to stop radiation from cell towers.

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Tender is hereby invited from Manufacturer, distributors and Importer of Tensil Canopy for SaFal Village Super Market of Solidaridad.

Project Name	Sustainable Agriculture, Food Security and Linkages (SaFaL)
Source of Fund	Embassy of Kingdom of Netherlands (EKN)
Tender Items	<b>Tensile Membrane overhead Canopy with Structure</b>
Reference No & Date	SNA-2017/04/002
Tender Name	Purchase of Tensil Canopy of required specification
Required Qualification	Interested suppliers should have minimum 3 years' experience in related fields and commenced 3 or more similar assignments, Quoted Fabric manufacturer should have minimum <b>10 (ten) years' experience</b> in concerned production
Tender Documents Available	Solidaridad Network Asia, Apartment # A1, Merry dale, 1st Floor, House # 32, Road # 10A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1209
Date & Time for Collecting Tender Documents	April 13, 2017 to April 27, 2017, 9.30 am. to 3.00 pm
Tender Dropping Place, Date & Time	Apartment # A1, Merry dale, 1st Floor, House # 32, Road # 10A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1209, From April 13, 2017 to April 27, 2017, 3.00 PM.
Tender Opening Place, Date & Time	Apartment # A1, Merry dale, 1st Floor, House # 32, Road # 10A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1209, April 27 at 03:30 PM.

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for one year in the case in which he was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment and fined Tk 10 lakh on September 15 the same year.

Soon after the pronouncement of the verdict in the war crimes case on October 1, 2013, Salauddin's wife and his family members showed journalists "a copy of the verdict", claiming that it was leaked before.

Later, the tribunal authorities said a portion of the draft verdict was leaked.

On October 4 that year, detectives filed a case against Fakhru, his assistant Mehedi Hasan, the then office assistant of the tribunal Faruk Hossain, peon Nayon Ali and several unnamed people under the Information and Communication Technology Act, 2006.

The Cyber Tribunal, however, acquitted Salauddin's wife Farhat Quader Chowdhury and son Hummam Quader Chowdhury.

**People's hope not**

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said, "Prime minister herself admitted that something has been achieved from her India visit. The PM also said I didn't return empty-handed. Power, which we will get from India, will have to be purchased in exchange of money."

"The present government is maintaining subservient policy in running the country's foreign policy. Therefore, it will not be able to realise any demand in favour of the country from India," Fakhru said, adding, "Late president Ziaur Rahman forced India to go to the United Nations regarding Farakkah barrage issue."

Lambasting the government for stopping operation of daily Amar Desh, Fakhru said democracy and AL cannot go hand in hand.

All have to make the movement to reopen Amar Desh newspaper successful, he said.

Meanwhile, BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia will hold a press conference today at her Gulshan office at 4:30pm, says a press release.

**ACC okays charges**

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out for 2003-2010. In 2005-06 fiscal, some officials of the ministry were sent abroad.

Misusing his power Mosharrif pressurised the DGHS to buy the air tickets from his son's travel agency -- Sajan Travels International.

Without following proper way, DGHS awarded tender to the agency and thus they misappropriated the money.

Mosharrif and his son are on bail while Mahbubur is on the run.

Meanwhile, ACC arrested Deputy Controller General of Accounts Dulal Uddin at his Seedstore Bazar home in Bhaluka of Mymensingh yesterday, in a case filed for amassing wealth allegedly beyond the known source of income worth Tk 1.47 crore, said ACC Assistant Director AKM Bazlur Rashid.

The case was filed on January 31, 2016 with Kotwali Police Station in Mymensingh.

**Dhaka South City Corporation**  
 Office of the Executive Engineer  
 Zone-02 (Khilgaon), Dhaka

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Sl No.	Tender ID, Ref No. & Package No.	Name of works	Last selling date and time	Tender closing date & time
01	Tender ID-95448 Ref. No. 46.207.014.24.02.134.2017 Package No. egpdsccZ02RTC01	Emergency repairing and maintenance work of road and traffic infrastructures under Zone 02 DSCC	24 Apr 2017 18:00	25 Apr 2017 14:00
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