

Pass law for private edu institutions within a year: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to formulate within the next one year a law titled "Bangladesh Education Code" with specifications to operate private educational institutions.

The secretaries of education, law, finance and public administration ministries have been asked to take steps for formulating the law in order to solve the existing problems in those educational institutions and to submit a report to the HC after complying with the directive.

The bench of Justice Salma Masud Chowdhury and Justice AKM Zabihul Hoque issued the order following a writ petition filed by veteran Supreme Court lawyer ABM Nurul Islam.

Advocate ABM Nurul Islam submitted the writ petition in 2012 seeking directives of the SC for smooth functioning of private educational institutions including kindergartens and private universities.

Advocate Nurul Islam also argued before the court saying that there is no specific code containing basic system of management and administration of different educational institutions.

He prayed to the court to direct the respondents to prepare an educational code which will be known as Bangladesh Education Code.

Advocate ABM Nurul Islam, who was a legal adviser of

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Agitating students of Brac University continue demonstration for the third consecutive day yesterday.

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REMARKS ABOUT CJ law minister to say sorry

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) yesterday demanded that the law minister say sorry for his "disregard" to the chief justice and the Supreme Court over issuance of a gazette notification on the rules of discipline for lower court judges.

The association also urged the law ministry to take steps to issue the notification and requested ministers to be open respectful to the apex court.

SCBA President Zainul Abedin put forward the demand and request through a press conference at its auditorium.

SCBA, which is dominated by pro-BNP lawyers, organised the conference over the reactions made by "quarterly quarters" on the

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JU crisis deepens

Juta backtracks on mediation effort; students continued sit-in for the third consecutive day; syndicate hell-bent on paying no heed

JU CORRESPONDENT

Jahangirnagar University (JU) enters a new phase of uncertainty as JU Teachers' Association (Juta) yesterday backtracked on its mediation effort failing to get any response to its proposal for an amicable solution to the ongoing stalemate.

The administration never asked for any mediation effort; rather, we did it spontaneously. Students stopped their hunger strike on July 17 keeping faith on us. They cooperated with us, but the administration did not," said Prof Farid Ahmed, general secretary of Juta.

Meanwhile, agitating students continued their sit-in for the third consecutive day yesterday in front of the administration building, demanding withdrawal of a vandalism case filed against 56 students on May 26.

In a new meeting, JU syndicate decided to ask the agitating students "one last time" to withdraw their blockade of the administrative building, a syndicate member confirmed this to The Daily Star yesterday. Vice Chancellor Prof Farzana Islam chaired the meeting that took place around 3:30pm.

The students had also been asked not to be involved in any activities that could hamper academic and administrative activities of the university, the syndicate member said.

In response to the syndicate decision, Imran Nadin, president of Bangladesh Student Union of JU unit, said, "Our movement will continue until the case is withdrawn."

Meanwhile, at a press conference on the campus at 3:00pm, a section of teachers under the banner of "Teachers

against Suppression and Terrorism" came down hard on the proctor and the teachers loyal to the proctor for "opposing" the negotiation initiative by Juta.

Prof Mirza Taslima Sultana read out a written statement on behalf of the platform, while Prof Nasim Akhter Hossain, Prof Sayeed Ferdous, Prof Anwarullah Bhuiyan, Prof Shamima Sultana and Associate Professor Raihan Rayne were present.

Prof Naseem Akhter alleged, "The proctor is publicly opposing the mediation effort taken by the teachers' association (Juta)."

"We criticize such heinous attitude of the proctor..." she said.

Expressing solidarity with the student's blockade, Prof Nassem also said they would take to the street soon, if needed.

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Brac University suspends classes amid tensions

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Brac University authorities suspended all classes of yesterday and today amid escalating student protests on the campus over alleged assault on a teacher.

A press release posted on the official website of the university yesterday read, "All exams will, however, continue as per schedule."

The announcement came at a time when students of the university continued their agitation for the third consecutive day (yesterday) on the campus, demanding reinstatement of the teacher, Farhan Uddin Ahmed, who was terminated on Sunday.

Around 3:00pm yesterday, the students blockaded entrances of Building-1 and Building-2 of the university and demanded removal of Registrar Sahool Afzal, who along with two other administrative officials allegedly assaulted the law department teacher.

After a delegation of teachers informed the agitators that the authorities were not interested to negotiate with them, they refused to allow anyone except students out of the buildings.

The students earlier rejected the inquiry committee announced by the vice chancellor

and had been pressing for inclusion of teachers of their preference in the committee, several of the students told this correspondent.

A large number of students including former ones were seen chanting slogans in the afternoon braving torrential rain.

Many of them said they would continue their protest until their demands are met.

Farhan, who joined the university as a lecturer in July last year on a contract for a year, filed a complaint with Banani Police Station, accusing three university officials - Registrar Sahool Afzal, Assistant Registrar Mahi Uddin and senior officer at the office of co-curricular activities labeled Rasel - of assaulting him.

Talking to The Daily Star on Tuesday, he said, "The university authorities issued a letter extending my contract till August 31 instead of regularising my job."

For this reason, he wrote an application to the authorities, expressing grievance about the decision.

The teacher alleged that he was asked to appear before the office on Sunday and was given a termination letter instead.

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Sohel sent to jail after 6-day remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Neo-JMB leader Sohel Mahfuz, bomb supplier for the last year's Gulshan café attack, was sent to jail yesterday on completion of his six-day remand in a case filed over the Kalyanpur raid.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Lutfur Rahman Shisir passed the order after MD Jahangir Alam, an inspector of Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC), and the investigation officer (IO), produced Sohel before it.

In the yesterday's forwarding report, the IO said Sohel gave important information about the construction work of the Kalyanpur raid and they were verifying the lead.

Sohel was arrested in the bordering Shibganj upazila of Chapainawabganj on July 8 and was shown arrested

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Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Mahila Dal forms a human chain in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday demanding punishment for the rapist and torturers of a Bogra college girl and her mother. Now suspended Srantik League leader Tufan Sarkar allegedly raped the girl while his wife and sister-in-law, with the help of their associates, brutally tortured the two last month.

Two including college teacher sent to jail over gang rape

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A Rajshahi court on Tuesday sent two people including a college teacher to jail for allegedly raping a woman at Rajshahi rest house on Monday.

Shamsul Alam Badsha, 45, a teacher of Mochmail College in Bamara upazila, and his associate Abu Foyez Nahid, 26, were arrested from their residence in the city city yesterday, said Zillur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Shah Makhdom Police Station.

During police interrogation they confessed to raping the woman, said the OC.

Chapainawabganj went to the police station and filed a case against Badsha and Nahid.

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METRO RAIL PROJECT

Construction of elevated tracks, stations begins

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday inaugurated construction of the first part of the elevated railway (viaduct) and nine stations of the country's much talked-about maiden metro rail in the capital.

The 12km track of the first part stretches from north Uttara to Agargaon.

This is the visible beginning of physical construction of the elevated rail tracks and stations, said Sarwar Uddin Khan, a deputy general manager of the metro rail project.

Other components of the project include procuring coaches, locomotives, depot construction, and electrical and mechanical works.

Among the nine metro stations, three are in Uttara, two in Mirpur, and one each in Pallabi, Kazipara, Shewrapara, and Agargaon.

In May this year, the metro rail project authorities signed two contracts with Italian Thai Development Public Company Ltd for construction of the elevated railway and

stations from north Uttara to Pallabi and from Pallabi to Agargaon.

The authorities gave the work order to the contractors on Tuesday.

Despite delays in the project implementation process, the authorities hope that the first part of the metro rail (Uttara to Agargaon) would be operational in 2019.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina formally inaugurated the construction work of the metro rail, also known as Mass Rapid Transit Line-6, in June last year.

The 20km metro rail from Uttara to Motijheel will have 16 stations through Uttara, Mirpur, Boleya Sarani, Khamarbari, Farmgate, Sonargaon hotel, Shahbagh, Doel Chatter and Topkhana road. The project's estimated cost is Tk 22,000 crore.

According to Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica), 14 trains would operate every three minutes and carry 60,000 passengers every hour in both directions.

The estimated time to travel the 20km distance, from north end of Uttara to Motijheel, is 35 minutes. The trains would have six cars each, all air conditioned.

Bangladesh embassy starts renewal of MRPs in KSA

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh embassy in Saudi Arabia has begun reissuing Machine Readable Passports (MRP) to the expatriate Bangladeshis in the Kingdom through Saudi government post department.

It began on August 1, and the embassy has asked all the expatriate Bangladeshis to submit application forms and other necessary documents to designated offices of Saudi Post and subsequently collect fresh passports from the same offices.

The collection of passports from the Saudi Post offices will be greatly helpful for the expatriates as it will reduce time and travel costs," according to a press release of Bangladesh embassy in Riyadh yesterday.

The deadline for submission of MRP application forms is September 30.

Under previous system, the Bangladeshis expatriates required to visit embassy or consulate to submit MRP application forms. It was a time-consuming process and expatriates needed to take leave from their employers.

But now the expatriates can get passports by paying only 40 to 80 Saudi Riyal in addition to their passport fees fixed by the embassy.

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