

Death anniversary

BSS, Dhaka

Today is the 32nd death anniversary of journalist Amin Ahmed Chowdhury. Amin was the former assistant editor of the now defunct The Bangladesh Times. He also worked as the correspondent of Voice of America (VoA) and prestigious British daily The Guardian. His wife journalist Rasheda Amin said the family would distribute food among the destitute.



SC gives time

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Surenra Kumar Sinha at present, passed the order following a time petition moved by Attorney General Mahubey Alam.

In the petition, the attorney general prayed to the SC to adjourn the hearing on the case for four weeks.

During the proceedings, Justice Wahhab Miah told the attorney general that they [judges] want to discuss with the government over the problem in issuing the gazette notification on the disciplinary rules for the judges of subordinate courts. A gazette notification needs to be issued on the disciplinary rules, he added.

Earlier on August 20, the SC adjourned the hearing on the Masdar Hossain case till yesterday.

On that day, the government for the 24th time in two years sought time from the Supreme Court to issue the gazette notification on the disciplinary rules for lower court judges.



The steel angles sticking out from the back of this truck (not in picture) could cause a fatal accident if the vehicle makes a hard break. Also, these metal objects, more than twice the length of the truck bed, hide the truck's tail lights, which may cause the vehicles behind to misjudge the length of the sharp objects in the dark. The photo was taken in Chittagong's Muradpur area yesterday.

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80pc working children engaged

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with an expenditure of Tk 68.64 crore. The long-term objective of this project was to eradicate child labour in risky works while the short-time objective was withdrawing child labour from various risky sectors across the country.

The survey found out that the project has created mass awareness against child labour and against various risky works although majority of the fund allocated against the campaign component of the project was not spent.

The study shows that the fathers of most of the working children are small businessmen, day-labourers, rickshaw-pullers while most of their mothers are housewives.

The average family income of a child worker is Tk 8,607 while most of the child workers come from poor, lower class and in some cases from middle-class families. The average education level of the child workers is class five.

According to the survey findings, the major barriers to eradicating child labour include poverty, poor salaries and easy conditions in engaging children in jobs, lack of accountability and awareness of the owners, and lack of children-friendly works.

The survey recommends changing the values of people from all strata in eradicating child labour from society, conducting massive campaign against child labour, and making a list of the

working poor children and including their guardians in various social safety net programmes.

According to the National Child Labour Survey released in 2015, there are some 3.96 crore children in the country aged between 5 to 17 of which 17 lakh are engaged in various works including 12.10 lakh in various risky works like in welding and motor workshop, helpers in vehicles, in plastic and chemical factories, bidi (cigarette) factories, in brick kilns, crushing stones, automobile station, battery recharging station, removal of waste, leather, biscuit and matchbox factories, as well as in various hotels and restaurants.

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DEMOLISHING ILLEGAL BUILDING
BGMEA has six more months

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) will have six more months to demolish its 15-storey building, constructed illegally in the capital's Begunbari canal and Hatirjheel Lake.

In the order, the court gave seven months' time to the BGMEA to be counted from September 12, which means that six months and four days are left for the relocation starting from yesterday, Barrister Intiaz Moinul Islam, a lawyer for the BGMEA, told The Daily Star.

After hearing a petition filed by the BGMEA seeking one year time for relocating its building, a five-member bench of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court headed by Justice Md Abdul Wahhab -- who is discharging the duties of Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha, now on leave -- passed the order yesterday.

The apex court also said it would not extend the deadline for demolishing the building after expiry of the seven months. Following the time petition filed by the BGMEA on August 23, the apex court chamber judge on September 11 extended till October 5 its earlier order that gave six months' time to BGMEA to relocate its office building. The SC chamber judge also sent the time petition to its full bench for its hearing.

In the petition, the BGMEA requested the apex court to postpone demolition of its office building for a year as they were not fully prepared to flatten such a big building. BGMEA President Siddiqur Rahman in the petition then said the Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk) had already allocated a land in the capital's Uttara for constructing the new office complex for BGMEA; therefore, BGMEA needs one-year time to relocate its office.

Earlier, on March 12, the SC gave the BGMEA six months to demolish its 15-storey office complex. The period expired on September 12.

On March 5, the SC dismissed a petition filed by the BGMEA seeking a review of its judgement upholding a High Court order delivered in 2011 for demolishing the structure. Advocate Kamrul Haque Siddiqui argued for BGMEA whereas Attorney General Mahubey Alam represented the state.

Mahbulul Hoque Shakil

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Shakil died of cardiac arrest on December 6 last year. He was 47. A forefront leader of anti-autocracy students' movement in the 1980s, he was a former senior vice-president and organising secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra League. He was published thrice as a poet in book forms -- "Kherokhatar Pata Theke", "Mon Kharaper Gari", and "Jole Khuji Dhatob Mudra" -- to his credit.

Non-taxable income group to get free govt legal aid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The National Legal Aid Services Organization (NLASO) from now on will provide free legal services to the people whose yearly earning is lower than tax-free income ceiling.

The service will follow the income ceiling, even if it is updated by the government, said a press release of the law ministry yesterday.

For instance, if the yearly income of a person is lower than Tk 2,75,000 according to the current minimum taxable limit, he or she will get the free service. The service was previously provided for the limit of Tk 1,00,000-1,50,000.

The decision was taken yesterday at the 35th meeting of the governing body of NLASO at the ministry. Law Minister Anisul Huq chaired the programme, where NLASO Director Zafrul Hasan was also present, said the release.

During the meeting, the ministry also decided to increase the monthly "duty allowance" of the legal aid officers from Tk 1,000 to Tk 1,500, it said.

People will resist

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mainly benefiting a section of people who get commission from these projects.

The leaders warned that the people would go for movement if power or gas prices are hiked as people are suffering a lot for the price hike of essential commodities.

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