

PROPOSAL FOR VIP LANE TIB terms it unconstitutional

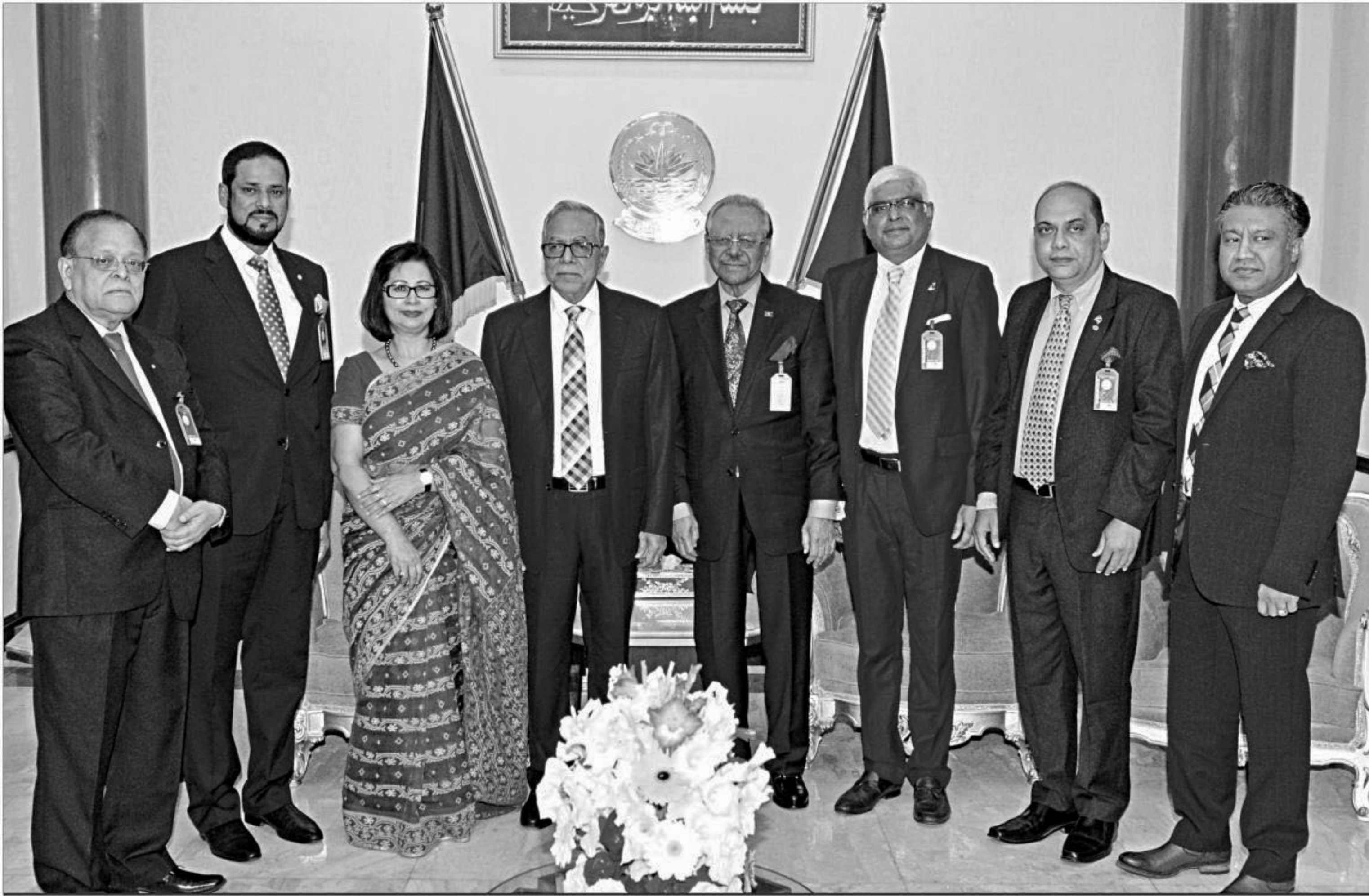
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Terming the cabinet division's proposal for a separate lane for the VIPs unconstitutional and discriminatory, the Transparency International Bangladesh yesterday urged the government to revoke it.

The cabinet division in December last year gave a proposal to the Road Transport and Highways Division for making a separate lane for important persons and emergency services and the proposal is now at Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority (DTCA) for its opinion.

Cabinet Secretary Mohammad Shafiqul Alam on Monday said, "A normal request was sent from the Cabinet Division for vetting."

In a press statement, TIB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman said they are worried over the proposal and such proposal by the cabinet division is a clear violation of the constitution as well as discriminatory and an ultimate abuse of power.



The executive committee members of Consular Corps in Bangladesh (CCB) after a meeting with President Abdul Hamid at Bangabhaban yesterday. The chief of CCB Kazi Shamsul Haque attended the meeting along with CCB's former president Asif A Chowdhury, Vice President Nasreen Fatema Awal, Secretary General Md Amiruzzaman, Treasurer Mohammed Mohsin, KM Mozibul Hoque and Mohammed Abdul Awwal.

PHOTO: CONSULAR CORPS IN BANGLADESH

CONCEALING INFORMATION ABOUT WEALTH Former BNP MP's jail term upheld

HC however declares he served his 3-yr term during stay in jail custody

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday upheld three years' jail sentence of former BNP lawmaker Hafiz Ibrahim for concealing information about his wealth. The trial court awarded him the punishment in 2008.

It also fined him Tk 50 lakh for the offence and ruled that in default, Hafiz would have to serve one year more in prison.

The HC said it would be considered that the three years' jail sentence of Hafiz was served out, as he had already been in jail for more than two years in the charge.

The court, however, acquitted Hafiz of another charge of amassing illegal wealth. The trial court had jailed him for 10 years for the offence. Both the charges were brought in a case filed with Gulshan Police Station on May 8, 2007.

The bench of Justice Md Ruhul Quddus and Justice Bhishmdev Chakraborty ordered the government and the Anti-Corruption Commission to confiscate the properties of Hafiz's wife Mafruz Sultana in line with the lower court verdict.

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9th wage board for journos starts functioning

BSS, Dhaka

The newly formed 9th wage board for journalists started functioning with its Chairman Justice Md Nizamul Haque holding separate meetings with Information Minister Hasanul Haque Inu and the ministry's State Minister Tarana Halim yesterday. Justice Nizamul first called on Information Minister Inu at the latter's office at the secretariat and discussed various aspects of the 9th wage board.

The wage board chairman's meeting with State Minister for Information Tarana Halim was held at her office at the ministry.

Cooperation needed to expand tourism

PM tells 10th Session of the Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers

UNB, Dhaka

Stressing the importance of expanding "Halal Tourism", Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said her government is taking initiatives to increase infrastructural and recreational facilities in the country for tourists.

"We're taking initiatives to expand infrastructural and recreational facilities for tourists. Besides, world-class facilities are also being made available in different parts of the country in the private sector," she said.

The prime minister said this while addressing the inaugural ceremony of the three-day 10th Session of the Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers (ICTM) of OIC at Sonargaon Hotel in the capital.

She said Islamic economy continues to grow and be operated by the Muslim com-

munity around the world due to the universal acceptability of Islamic products and services.

"It has huge potentials to develop faith-based Islamic products and services. These products and services have become popular even in non-Muslim communities," Sheikh Hasina said.

She said OIC member-states need enhanced cooperation and partnerships both in public and private sectors to develop halal foods, Islamic finance, halal pharmaceuticals and cosmetics and Halal Tourism as these are among the growing sectors of the Islamic economy.

The Prime Minister inaugurated the 10th ICTM, being held with the theme of 'Promoting Regional Integration through Tourism'.

Birth at health centres must for lowering

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So, we have to continue to build awareness among the people about risks of infant mortality," he said.

Ziaul Matin, a health manager at Unicef Bangladesh, said the rate of stillbirth is almost the same as that of infant mortality. "If we want to prevent it, the mothers need to be provided quality services during [child] deliveries," he said.

Speaking as the chief guest, Health and Family Welfare State Minister Zahid Maleque said child marriages need to be prevented and malnutrition eradicated as these are major reasons for low-weight births. "Our health coverage has increased.

Now we have to ensure quality."

Prof Abul Kalam Azad, director general of the Directorate General of Health Services, said to ensure quality service, health care providers like doctors and nurses have to be more cordial with patients.

Abdul Quayum, associate editor of Prothom Alo; Abdul Mannan, chairman of neonatology department of BSMMU; Maya Vandenberg, chief of health at Unicef Bangladesh; Khaleida Islam, a programme director of the health ministry; and Firoza Begum, general secretary of Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Bangladesh; also spoke.

Arrestee confesses to killing

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Quoting Mamun, the OC said, on the day of killing, Harunur was standing in front of Shahi Biryani House during the procession. At one point, Alamgir and Sarbat Alamgir approached to Harunur from the tail of the procession and started to beat him, he said.

"Alamgir punched Harunur while one Hridoy kicked the Jubo Dal leader knocking him down to the ground," said OC Nezam, adding, "Harunur had a gun and Alamgir took the gun during the scuffle and shot Harunur."

"Hridoy also shot Harunur from another gun while Sarbat Alamgir stabbed the Jubo Dal leader from behind," said the OC, adding that police were verifying whether Harunur had a gun or not.

Police sources said the people present on the spot during the killing included Mamun, Masud, Totla Jasim, Shawon, Sejan, Dulal, Kawsar, Liton, Sharif, Sony and Mehedi.

Police earlier arrested Totla Jasim on December 17 but he later walked out of jail securing bail.

Harunur's brother filed a case against unnamed persons but mentioned ten names in the case statement as suspects. According to the case statement, the ten suspects are Md Alamgir, 30; Md Kaisar, 25; Md Nur Nabi, 34; Md Hridoy, 28; Mosharrar Hossain Liton, 28; Md Sarif, 35; Md Jasim, 29; Tanvir Hossain Shaon, 30; Towkir Hossain Sejan, 30; and Hazi Md Salauddin, 40.

After the murder, family members, co-workers and business leaders alleged that the extortionists plotted the murder to take revenge and establish supremacy on transport business as Harunur, the owner of ST Transport, had taken a firm stance against the extortion of BCL men from the transport businessmen.

Verdict on four

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complications and was not indicted, said prosecutor Zahid Imam.

According to the first charge, the four were involved in the killing of at least 100 people of Sreepur and Sonapur villages on June 15.

Amir, Abul and Joyanal were involved in the abduction and killing of two people of Pashim Karimpur and Debipur villages on September 13, as per the second charge.

The third says Amir and Abul Kalam were involved in the abduction, torture and killing of at least nine people of Ramharitaluk, Debipur and Uttar Chakla villages on the same day.

The prosecution produced 15 witnesses including the investigation officer of the case and some documents to prove the charges. However, defence counsels declined to produce any witness in the case.

NEWSIN brief

Lt Col Akhtar honoured as Dhaka's best college principal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Lt Col Md Akhtar Iqbal, Bgdm, Psc, principal of Birshreshtha Munshi Abdur Rouf Public College, has been awarded the best principal of Dhaka city colleges.

He was accorded the award by "Education Week Celebration Committee-2018" for his performance and achievements in the education sector, says a release.

He received BGB Seba Padak from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in 2017 for his outstanding contribution to the sector.

Mehera Hoq passes away

CITY DESK

Mehera Hoq, mother-in-law of Bangladesh Bank Governor Fazle Kabir, passed away yesterday. She was 76.

She was suffering from old age complications, said a press release.

Mehera left behind three sons and five daughters and a host of relatives, friends and well-wishers to mourn her death, the press release added.

Where memories

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every year. So, I try to stack up on the books," she added. Similarly, publishing house "Anya Prokash" is visited by booklovers every day. The reason is simple -- to buy books written by Humayun Ahmed.

"Whenever I come to the fair, I have to buy Humayun Ahmed's books...", said Jobaida Jashim, a private university student. Books written by Prof Muhammed Zafar Iqbal and Ahsan Habib were also among the popular choice.

On the other hand, for enhancing their collection of world literature and revisiting the timeless classics, book enthusiasts still flock to the stall of Bishwo Shahitto Kendro. Rafee Shams, a student of Dhaka University, told this correspondent, "I'm a huge fan of the works of Manik Bandyopadhyay and Jibanananda Das. I get to buy their works in volumes at a discounted rate from the book fair."

Many of the readers were also buying everlasting collections of Rabindranath Tagore, Kazi Nazrul Islam, Akhteruzzaman Elias, Ahmed Sofa, Shamsur Rahman, Syed Shamsul Haq and many other brightest stars of Bangla literature.

Readers were also seen revisiting old classics at "Oboshor", "Agami", "Maula Brothers", "Kothaprokash", "Somoy Prokashon", "Student Ways", "Oitijhya Publication House" and "Tamralipi Publication" among others.

Many of the publishers said there would always be readers for good books. Readers buy the books out of nostalgia while many for passing it on to the next generations, they added. Yesterday, a book titled, "Ekta Golper Golpo", by Jamshed Nazim was launched. The book is available at the stall of Dhaka Reporters' Unity.

Indian citizen among

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Chan Sheikh on spot and injuring the other two seriously.

Milon died under treatment in Bhanga Upazila Health Complex and Rinque died on the way to Faridpur Medical College Hospital, he added.

Meanwhile, our Savar correspondent reports, a doctor died in a road accident yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Rubel Dewan, 35, a MBBS doctor and worked in a private hospital in the town, police said. The accident took place when a sand laden truck ran him over on Abdullapur-Baipali highway in Savar, said Sub-inspector (SI) Moniruzzaman of Ashulia Police Station.

The body has been sent for autopsy, he added.



Position Vacancy Announcement

Position: Human Resources Assistant, FSN-08

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Location: USAID/Bangladesh, Deadline for application submission: February 22, 2018.

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