

Edu minister snubs

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headway in this regard. In reply, Dipu Moni said the government has formulated a policy on MPO and there is no scope to go beyond the policy. She, however, said the MPO policy will be relaxed in case of educational institutions that are situated in char areas, hills and distant areas.

Dipu Moni also recalled that the previous government did mismatches by following favouritism instead of quality.

The education minister informed the House that the government will bring no more than 3,000 educational institutions under MPO this time.

Earlier in the afternoon, the 11th Jatiya Sangsad went into its first budget session with Speaker Shirin Sharmin in the chair at 5pm.

Prior to that, the business advisory committee of parliament sat in a meeting to decide the duration and businesses of the session.

According to the committee, the budget session will continue till July 11.

Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal will place the proposed national budget in the House on Thursday. The size of the budget for the upcoming 2019-20 fiscal year will cross Tk 5 lakh crore (5 trillion).

Immediately after the sitting, Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury nominated a five-member panel of chairmen for the session – comprising Maj (retd) Rafiqul Islam, AB Tajul Islam, Md Habibe Millat, Kazi Firoz Rashid and Meher Afroz.

They will conduct House proceedings in chronological order in absence of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker.

The House later unanimously adopted obituary references on a number of distinguished personalities, including a former minister, ex-lawmakers and cultural personalities.

Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury moved the obituary references separately on those who died after prorogation of last session of the 11th parliament.

The lawmakers also observed one-minute silence as a mark of respect to the departed souls. A munajat was offered seeking eternal peace of the departed souls.



A covered van driver was killed after the vehicle collided head-on with a truck carrying livestock on Asian Highway road in Narayanganj's Sonargaon upazila yesterday. Four people including the truck driver were injured in the accident.

Toxic medical waste

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The Department of Environment also issued letters to hospitals and clinics each on October 11 in 2018 to follow proper waste management system on their own.

When asked about action, DoE Director in Khulna Habibul Hoq Khan said, "We are not able to conduct drives against mismanagement at every sector due to a lack of manpower."

If any hospital or clinic does not have incinerator, its licence is supposed to be cancelled, said Dr Rasheda Sultana.

In this regard, the divisional health director of DGHS, said she does not acknowledge any action as she took over the charge over a month ago.

KCC Chief Executive Officer Palash Kanti Bala said, under an agreement between the city corporation and Prodipan, waste from all hospitals and clinics has to be disposed of by the NGO in exchange for fees.

The number of those not taking the service is very low, he claimed, mentioning money related issues as its reason. "When the situation gets worse, we fine them by conducting mobile courts," he said. "We are also trying to make them aware."

PUBLIC REACTION

Hospital authorities seem to be reluctant to follow waste management system, said Mintu Mia, a social worker from Rupsha area. "They [hospital and clinic owners] are only busy making money," said the 48-year-old. He emphasised strict action against them.

Ayesha Bibi, 63, from the same area, who went to a city clinic for treatment, did not see any garbage around it. "But there was malodor. I heard garbage kept inside are dumped on road and drain at night."

"Dogs are involved in a tug-of-war for amputated parts of human body near my house," said Debdul Saha from Tutpara.

"There is nobody to monitor the situation. To whom will we say?" he said.

Similar comments came from NGO worker Israt Jahan, 56, and college student Rabiu Alam.

WHAT RULE VIOLATORS SAY

Several medical service providers who neither have incinerators nor takes service from Prodipon tried to justify mismanagement when The Daily Star argued with them.

Jalal Mia, manager of Arifat Hospital on Shipyard intersection, said, "We sort out garbage and dump those properly in dustbin. We buried amputated parts of body in the ground." For now, waste disposal plant cannot be installed, he said, adding that they are trying to receive help from KCC.

Ismail Sheikh, one of four owners of Ampathy Clinic in Sonadanga, said, "We manage waste properly. We didn't set up the plant as we're going to move another place."

One of three owners of Abdulla Pathology on Shamsur Rahman Road, seeking anonymity, said, "We're willing but we're unable. We have no enough space to set up the plant. Less garbage is produced here. We dump those in a way so that it cannot pollute environment."

Similarly, an owner of Comfort Diagnostic and Consultant Centre in Goalkhali area said, "We sort out waste before dumping."

However, this correspondent found unsorted medical waste in a dustbin right in front of the centre.

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Executive Director

TIB demands exemplary

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investigation and trial as soon as possible. Transparency and accountability in ACC's internal operations, adopting a zero-tolerance policy against corruption, and reshuffling the workforce are calls of the time, he added.

"The organisation will not be responsible for the individual – such a stance from ACC has not only disappointed us but also made us anxious about the state of future anti-corruption campaigns in Bangladesh," said Dr Iftekharuzzaman.

He expressed his surprise over the inaction of police administration even after Mizan's admission of giving bribe.

"Both parties are equally liable in bribery. When a person gives bribe to get away from corruption allegation, the magnitude of his crime becomes more severe. But we learned from the media that police administration has not taken any steps yet," he said.

In order to restore people's faith in ACC and police, both organisations must be held liable for their officers' actions, said the press release.

Former MP's son

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But Akib left a bag in the bus and was going to the bus counter in the city's Kalyanpur area, riding his motorbike.

"A truck hit him on a side road of Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital. Akib died on the spot," said Sohel Reza.

Akib's body was taken to Daulatpur in the afternoon via a helicopter.

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The Speedy Trial Tribunal-2 in Dhaka on August 20, 2017 awarded death sentence to 10 leaders and activists of Harkat-ul-Jihad-al-Islami (Huji).

They are -- Wasim Akter alias Tarek, Rashed alias Abul Kalam, Yusuf Alias Moshab Morol, Sheikh Farid alias Maulana Shawkat Osman, Hafej Zahangir Alam Badar, Maulana Abu Bakar alias Hafej Selim Howlader, Hafej Maulana Yahia, Mufti Shafiqur Rahman, Mufti Abdul Hye and Maulana Abdur Rauf alias Abdur Razzaque.

Besides, Mehedi Hasan alias Abdur Wadud was sentenced to life and Anisul Islam alias Anis, Mohibullah alias Mofizur Rahman and Sarwar Hossain Mia were handed 14 years in prison.

Of the accused, 13 are in jail while 11 are on the run. The court acquitted 10 others, as charges brought against them were not proven.

Huji leader Mufti Hannan was found guilty but was acquitted as he was executed on April 12, 2017 at Kashimpur High-Security Prison for killing three people and injuring former British high commissioner to Bangladesh and a dozen others in Sylhet 15 years ago.

The Dhaka tribunal's verdict was based on confessional statements of Mufti Hannan and four other accused; circumstantial evidence; reports by bomb disposal experts and statements of 63 witnesses.

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