

# Implement HC directives

**MJF demands for preventing sexual abuse of children**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 19 boys were raped and another was sexually assaulted in the last three months in different parts of the country, said a report of a non-government organisation. Of them, two were murdered after rape, it added.

The report was prepared by Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF), based on news published in eight national dailies from May to July, said the organisation in a statement yesterday.

Of the victims, 15 were students of religious schools, two school students and two were residents of rehabilitation centres, it mentioned.

MJF expressed deep concern over the rise in such incidents at residential religious educational institutions by their top officials and teachers. The organisation demanded fair investigation into the incidents and said the perpetrators should be given exemplary punishment.

It also demanded forming anti-sexual harassment committees at the institutions as per the High Court directives and ensuring strict monitoring of such immoral activities of the teachers.

It demanded background and reference check before appointment of teachers in these institutions.

MJF Executive Director Shaheen Anam, in the statement, said a male student of a religious residential educational institution has recently been murdered after sexual abuse.

"News of sexual abuse of a section of female students at those institutions are being published almost every day, which is shameful," she said.

She said the law enforcement agencies deserve to be praised for their recent attempts to arrest top officials of such institutions involved with the incidents.

"The education ministry and Bangladesh Madrasa Education Board cannot avoid their responsibilities in these incidents," she added.

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Modhupur Sal Forest: Its Demise, Demographic Changes & Customary Land Rights  
Organiser: Society for Environment & Human Development  
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International Tiger Day 2019  
Venue: EMK Center  
Time: 4:30pm

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Post Delivery Family Planning  
Organiser: Naripakha

Venue: KIB, Farmgate  
Time: 9:30am

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Marking one year anniversary of road safety movement  
Organiser: Mission Bangladesh  
Venue: Bishwa Sahitya Kendra  
Time: 4:30pm

### SEMINAR

Marking World Hepatitis Day  
Organiser: National Liver Foundation of Bangladesh  
Venue: Hotel Purnabi  
International Ltd  
Time: 4pm

## HC asks why govt should not repair 1,085 level crossings

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule asking the government to explain in four weeks why it should not be directed to repair 1,085 unauthorised level crossings and to deploy gatekeepers and ensure safety at level crossings across the country.

In the rule, the court also asked the authorities concerned in government to show cause why it should not be directed to refrain from constructing level crossings without permission from Bangladesh Railway.

Secretaries to the ministries of railway and local government and rural development (LGRD), director general of Bangladesh Railway and chief engineer of Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) have been made respondents to the rule.

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Passengers got off a train after one of its compartments derailed, **inset**, on Dhaka-Narayanganj route near Gendaria around 8am yesterday. Train services resumed around 11am. No casualty was reported.

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