

GAZETTE FOR 9TH WAGE BOARD Govt to take legal steps: info minister

Information Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud yesterday said the government would take all legal steps for implementation of the gazette notification on the ninth wage board award. He made the assurance while talking to journalists after addressing an event of Asian University for Women (AUW) on its Mehidibag campus.

"I cannot elaborate on this, and can only hope for the best as the matter is sub-judice," the minister said.

He added that all preparations for the gazette notification on the ninth wage board award have been finalised, and the cabinet committee has also approved it, now awaiting the nod of the cabinet.

"The court has stayed for two months the publication of the gazette notification following a writ petition filed by Newspapers Owners Association of Bangladesh," the minister said.

He hoped that the court would consider fair rights of journalists and employees of newspapers.

Earlier, in his speech at the closing ceremony of the AUW event, the minister said the university is not only providing quality education to women and but also contributing to women empowerment.

He said the government has always extended help to the development of women education, and the dream of AUW for shifting its own campus will come true soon.

The minister asked students to reach their desired destinations successfully showing their zeal for fighting.

Lawmakwer Washaka Aysha Khan; Ismail Chowdhury, a representative of Chevron Bangladesh; Prof AKM Moniruzzaman Mollah; Prof Dr Celia Shahbaz and Dr Dave Donald, registrar of AUW, spoke on the occasion.



A police official collects fine from a motorbiker on the spot using "e-traffic prosecution and fine payment system" for violating traffic rules in Barishal's Sadar Road yesterday. This system has been introduced recently to bring transparency and discipline in the process. PHOTO: TITU DAS

Cattle trader killed in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Muggers killed a cattle trader on a running truck in Rajshahi on Wednesday night and snatched Tk 2.50 lakh from him.

Police recovered the body of Jorip Ali, 36, from Kukhandi area in the city at 11pm, where miscreants had dumped his body, said Zillur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Katakhal police station.

Jorip, a cattle trader of Singra upazila in Natore went to Rajshahi City Haat to buy cattle. His father Alal Mridha and uncle Rashedul Islam were accompanying him, the OC said, quoting his relatives.

Without buying any cattle, they were returning home in a truck.

Departing the market at 7pm, the truck stopped at Nawdapara and took four other persons on board, before heading towards Natore.

Shortly after, the four unknown persons equipped with sticks and iron rods asked them to give up their belongings.

They searched Alal and Rashedul and found nothing with them. They then tied the two up with ropes.

Jorip denied to hand them the money, and they beat him dead with a rod.

After the murder, the truck wandered around Rajshahi for more than two hours and later left them at Kukhandi area.

Jorip's father Alal Mridha filed a case with Katakhal police station accusing the four unknown persons, and the truck's unidentified driver and his helpers.

Physician dies from electrocution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A physician died from electrocution during rain on the capital's Green Road yesterday.

Palash Dey, 24, was a doctor at the intensive care unit of Green Life Hospital, said police.

The incident happened after he came out of the hospital around 4:30pm, said Asaduzzaman, inspector of Kalabagan Police Station.

He was electrocuted when he touched a shop's iron pillar, believed to be electrified, to keep his balance as portions of the area were submerged, he said. Locals took him to the hospital where the doctors declared him dead, he said.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy. An unnatural death case was filed with the police station, he added.

The hospital authorities said Palash went to withdraw money from a nearby ATM booth.

ACC files cases against

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where Mannan was involved like First Leasing International, Sunman Industrial Corporation, Banglalion Communications, Sunman Pharmaceuticals, Deep Sea Trawling Company, Tower Builder, Sunman Spinning Mills Ltd and Sirina Garments Textiles.

"It appears that Mannan was the main beneficiary of the money withdrawn through forgery," it said.

BIFC issued two loan sanction letters to Click to Design in 2010 and 2011. The limit of the loan was Tk 4 crore. But some Tk 15.46 crore was given to Click to Design. The business has so far repaid Tk 15.82 lakh.

Meanwhile, ACC has issued a letter to former district and session judge Rezaul Karim Khan to submit his wealth statement within 21 work days. The letter was issued on August 7.

Adopt year-round plan

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statements and "blame game" with dengue. Speakers placed a set of recommendations including massive awareness campaign, discouraging dengue patients to travel, and setting up dengue treatment cell in all

upazila level health complexes. Presided over by Poba Chairperson Abu Naser Khan, the discussion was addressed by its general secretary Abdus Sobhan, researcher Pavel Partho, and lawyer Mahbulul Al Tahin, among others.

Ctg Wasa mulls

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told The Daily Star that CWasa could not provide them a satisfactory answer to how they assessed the production cost of water. "They raised the tariff in March... this is in no way acceptable," he said, adding that

they have urged CWasa to reduce the system loss, "ghostly bills" and NRW (non-revenue water), so that consumers can be spared from the tariff hike. "They did not pay heed to our call. They always seek solution by increasing the tariff, which is absurd," he said.

The mosquito

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PRIDE OVER MONEY
Although he gets no additional payment for this incredibly specific skill-set, Chunnun takes pride in his work, as sometimes experts come to him for assistance.

"I get a call once a month on average to supply mosquitoes; sometimes from city corporation, sometimes from IEDCR (Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research) and sometimes from Krishibid Institution," said Chunnun.

Liakat Hossain, store and purchase officer of DSCC, had high praise for Chunnun.

"Whenever we need mosquitoes, we can always turn to Chunnun Mia. He has been doing it for years for us," he said.

Chunnun has two sons, and a daughter who recently got married. Chunnun sometimes takes his son-in-law to help him with his work.

A PARTING TRICK

Near the end of the conversation, this correspondent asked whether he could distinguish male mosquitoes from female. "I learned that a long time ago from a doctor. Come, let me show you," said an enthused Chunnun, drawing attention to a mosquito cage.

He then proceeded to show a simple feature to distinguish between the two -- one that can be done with the naked eye.

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Grameen Bank chairman Mozammel Haque dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chairman of Grameen Bank, Khandaker Mozammel Haque passed away at Square Hospital early yesterday. He was 74.

He was born in 1944 at Kesharparh village under Senbagh upazila of Noakhali district, according to a statement of the bank.

He was appointed chairman of the bank in 2011, and served it till his last day.

Haque left behind his wife, a daughter and a son. Abul Hossain, general manager of Grameen Bank, said Haque was suffering from kidney and old-age complications.

His first Namaz-e-Janaza was held at Dhanmondi Taqwa Mosque after Zuhr prayers and second janaza on the premises of Grameen Bank after Asr prayers.

Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus, founder of the bank, took part in the second janaza.

Haque will be buried at his family graveyard in Kesharparh village after Juma prayers today.



WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK Supporting mothers at workplace



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To mark World Breastfeeding Week 2019 (August 1-7), the International Labour Organization (ILO) has reiterated its commitment to supporting and promoting breastfeeding in workplace.

The occasion also provided an opportunity to look at how garment factories in Bangladesh are making a difference in the lives of nursing mothers at work, supported by the Mothers@Work initiative.

The first of its kind in Bangladesh, Mothers@Work is a partnership between Unicef and ILO's flagship "Better Work Bangladesh" (BWB) programme -- jointly managed by the International Finance Corporation (IFC), according to a press release.

Mothers@Work was launched in 2017 to help safeguard the wellbeing of mothers and ensure that their children receive the early nutrition they deserve. The initiative has been rolled out in 80 BWB partner factories.

Tania Akhter is one of around 80 breastfeeding mothers employed at Sparrow Apparels Ltd in Gazipur. The

28-year-old quality inspector is a mother of two and has been bringing her nine-month-old son to the on-site childcare centre and breastfeeding room since her return from maternity leave. The breastfeeding corner offers Tania and her child a private, clean and well-equipped space.

The childcare centre also has three nurses and two doctors. The breastfeeding mothers get two additional breaks (30 minutes each) before and after lunch hour to spend time with their little ones.

In addition to a supportive work environment, Mothers@Work focuses on paid maternity leave, health protection, cash and medical benefits, child care and employment protection and non-discrimination at workplace.

"Workplace facilities, such as the breastfeeding room, has helped our factory retain staff and skills in an industry with a high staff turnover rate," said Fatama Akter, compliance officer at Sparrow Apparels Ltd.

For more information on Better Work Bangladesh, one can visit: <https://betterwork.org/where-we-work/bangladesh>

Golam Sarwar new secretary of law division

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Md Golam Sarwar, senior joint secretary to law and justice division of the law ministry, has been given responsibility of secretary of the division till further order.

The tenure of contractual appointment of ASSM Zahirul Haque Dulal as secretary to the division expired on Wednesday.

The law ministry issued a gazette notification the same day to this effect, to be effective immediately.

On August 7, 2017, Zahirul Haque was reappointed secretary to the division for two years.

DNCC fines

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says the press release.

In Karwan Bazar, a mobile court led by Executive Magistrate Mir Nahid Ahsan fined Saatbari Constructions Tk 50,000 after finding Aedes larvae at its construction sites. DNCC will continue mobile court drives in the city, the release added.

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Police were never

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transport was taken on requisition," he claimed.

Saying that police officials who were found involved in unlawful activities faced just punishment, he said they not only took departmental but also legal action in many cases.

"We have tried to bring about change; we are not saying we are one hundred percent successful," said the outgoing DMP chief.

Asaduzzaman said that he has taken many initiatives like introducing citizen information database service, beat policing [assigning an official for each area] in every police station to take the service door-to-door, printed general diary form and electronic traffic prosecution system so that people can pay the penalty fee digitally.

"We have had tremendous success in combating militancy and ensuring security at national and international events," said Asaduzzaman.

The DMP boss, however, said they have not been able to fully provide people-oriented service at police stations. "We have brought changes but there is still a lot of work to do in that regard."

Asaduzzaman further said that he has another failure: traffic management.

"I was not able to free Dhaka of severe traffic congestion. But I alone am not accountable for this failure, as many other organisations are involved."

Another major reason behind it is the culture of violating law, he said. Driving on the wrong side and ignoring traffic signals are common examples, he added.

DMP additional commissioners Monirul Islam, Mir Rezaul Alam, Krishno Pada Roy, Abdul Baten and other high officials were present at the programme.

48 boys sent

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Shishumela, Rayerbazar and Mohammadpur areas on Wednesday, Rab Executive Magistrate Sarwoer Alam told The Daily Star.

He said the boys were involved in stalking, extortion, mugging and drugs-related crimes.

Rab-2 Assistant Director ASP Shahidul Islam said the boys were able to escape arrest due to their age, though they had been involved with crimes for last few years.

"But this time, we have taken action and hope that they will return to normal life soon," he added.

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