

Retired public officials don't need govt approval for jobs at other orgs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Retired public officials will no longer require government permission to take up jobs at other organisations, change profession or go abroad.

The public administration ministry yesterday issued a circular highlighting a provision of the Public Service Act, 2018 on the post-retirement employment of former government employees.

In the circular it was said that even after retirement or commencement of the post-retirement leave, some employees apply to the department concerned for taking up jobs in international or private organisations or projects, changing profession or conducting business, and renewing passport or traveling abroad.

According to the provisions of Section 52 of the Public Service Act, 2018, after retirement, the former employee concerned is out of government's jurisdiction, so there is a waste of labour and time in processing such applications, the circular said.

The circular also said, "Section 52 of the act states that after retiring from service, except for those engaged in government services on contract basis, a person does not require to obtain permission from the government or authorities to take up any job in a foreign or private firm or in a project, take up any other profession, conduct business and travel abroad."

However, under Section 52 of the Public Service Act, 2018, the government or the appointing authorities hold the power to ask retiring bureaucrats to seek approval of the authorities to pursue a different job or business only in some special cases.



The Padma Bridge stands at the verge of completion. Before its formal inauguration, authorities are beautifying the area around it, with a particular aim to uphold local traditions. For example, this foot over bridge at Dholaipar area is being made to look like a local boat. This photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Mother, toddler killed in road accident

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A woman and her 3-year-old son were killed and five injured as a bus hit a battery-run auto-rickshaw on Lalmonirhat-Burimari road in Kaliganj upazila of Lalmonirhat yesterday.

The accident took place in Chowdhury intersection area around noon, said police.

Deceased Manjila Begum (33) was wife of auto-rickshaw driver Badiuzzaman of Char Sholmari village.

Manjila and her son Sajedul Islam died on the spot when a bus coming from the opposite direction hit their auto-rickshaw, said Kaliganj Police Station Officer-in-Charge Arju Mohammad Sajjad Hossain.

Police and locals said Badiuzzaman along with his wife, son and some other passengers was on the way to Kaliganj upazila headquarters from his Sholmari residence.

The injured were taken to Kaliganj Upazila Health Complex. Two of them have been referred to Rangpur Medical College Hospital as their condition was critical at the time of filing this report.

Grassroots

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A number of girls from different areas of the country also shared how they were able to prevent being married off by availing the help of the grassroots organisations and local union parishad.

According to a telephone survey conducted in MJF's working areas, from April to September, 37,912 women faced domestic violence; of them, 16, 485 faced violence for the first time in their life.

The survey also found around 935 girls became the victims of child marriage. However, the partner organisations of MJF were able to stop 713 child marriages in their areas.

MJF executive director Shaheen Anam moderated the event. She said while there is rise in gender-based violence across the country, there are also social movements along with civil society and government response at the grassroots to prevent it.

"We need a concerted effort, coordination and collaboration among all different stakeholders to stop violence against women and girls. Concerned institutions in healthcare, policing and judiciary etc have to perform their responsibilities with honesty and accountability," she said.

"Most importantly a change in attitude is necessary both at the family and societal levels. Women and girls' contributions must be recognised,

and finally, the state has to take special measures to enact laws that will enable the prevention of gender-based violence," she added.

Judith Herbertson, development director, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) Bangladesh, British High Commission said, "We recognise violence against women and girls as another sort of global pandemic, rooted in unequal power dynamics between women and men; and reinforced by harmful social norms and inequality under the law."

National Human Rights Commission Chairperson Nasima Begum in her speech as chief guest said service provider organisations should come forward to prevent the increasing incidents of violence against women and girls.

Sahely Ferdous, assistant inspector general of police and Dr Abul Hossain, project director, Multi-Sectoral programme for Violence against Women, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs also spoke at the webinar.

The webinar also recommended that quick measures should be taken so that "virtual court ordinances" can function in emergencies without any hindrance and there must be massive awareness campaigns to stop rape, child marriage and domestic violence.

3 'Ansar al Islam' men arrested

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Rapid Action Battalion claimed to have arrested three suspected members of banned militant outfit Ansar al Islam from Dhaka's Dhanmondi and Savar on Wednesday.

The arrestees are Nahid Mina (27) of Gopalganj, Salam Hawlader (25) of Jhalkathi and a 17-year-old hailing from Gazipur.

Based on information provided by two arrested members of the outfit, a team of Rab-4 conducted drives around 9:30pm and arrested them, said Ziaur Rahman Chowdhury, assistant director of Rab-4.

Nahid is a driver by profession who has been an "active member" of the outfit since last three years. He was involved in motivating others.

Salam is a former employee of a private company who collected money for the outfit while the 17-year-old college student used to share "extremist write-ups" and videos online, Rab claimed in a press statement.

Graft in

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They said as TIB is adamant to be impartial while conducting its institutional activities, people involved in the institution are also adamant to maintain political impartiality both in personal and professional surroundings.

Some 44 TIB members with different professional identities, who have been involved in the institution on the basis of voluntary services in social movement against graft, participated in the meeting.

Moderated by TIB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman, the conference was chaired by Kazi Mohammad Mortuza Ali, representative of members at the TIB general assembly.

After the meeting, attending TIB members in a declaration paper voiced concern over increase in violence against women in Bangladesh and other parts of the globe amid the pandemic. Besides, they expressed deep concern for increase in rape incidents like an epidemic due to lack of justice.

They called for ensuring proper punishment to culprits to stop violence against children and women and rape.

The TIB members said crisis in the country's already corrupt health sector deepened further amid the pandemic.

They said misuse of the Digital Security Act (DSA) turned out to be a matter of concern nationally and globally.

Media has been forced to maintain "self-censorship" due to pressure created in the name of DSA and other related laws, which contradicts the spirit of the independent Bangladesh, the TIB members said.

3 held with heroin in Rajshahi

UNB, Rajshahi

Police in a drive arrested three alleged drug traders with 1.1kg heroin from Gopalpur in Rajshahi's Godagari upazila on Wednesday. The arrestees are Jamila (30), Babu Sheikh (21) and Selanur (35).

Acting on a tip-off that some people were heading towards Rajshahi with huge amounts of heroin, a police team intercepted an auto-rickshaw at Gopalpur and seized the drugs worth over Tk 1 crore from the three.

Later, police arrested them for possessing heroin, said Kamruzzaman Mia, in-charge of Godagari Premtoli police camp.

Drive against 8 iconic

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the organisation, if there is lack of coordination and harmony, he further said.

The recent dismissal of local AL presidents and general secretaries in two districts was a message from the party chief to the grassroots, he continued.

Quader said the party's internal discipline is being considered seriously now.

He said activities of those performing duties as public representatives at different levels are also being closely monitored.

Quader called upon leaders and workers of AL and its allied organisations at all levels to abide by the organisational discipline and follow the ideals of Bangabandhu.

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"There is cooperation between the two countries in many sectors," she said.

The Saudi envoy expressed the hope that the existing friendly relationship between the two countries would deepen further under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

He said the bilateral cooperation in the fields of economy, security and manpower between Saudi Arabia and Bangladesh will continue.

Al-Duhailan mentioned that over 1.5 million Bangladeshis are working in different sectors in their country. "They're very hard-working and making immense contributions to Saudi economy," he added.

Referring to the existing investment-friendly atmosphere in Bangladesh, the ambassador said Saudi entrepreneurs are keen to come to Bangladesh for investment.

He said their government also welcomes Bangladeshi entrepreneurs in Saudi Arabia

to promote trade and business between the two brotherly countries.

"There is a huge potential of investment in Saudi Arabia and we'll extend full support to the Bangladeshi entrepreneurs in this regard," the ambassador said.

Expressing satisfaction over the existing excellent ties between the two countries, Al-Duhailan told the premier that it will be his responsibility to take forward the relationship during his tenure.

The prime minister and the ambassador also discussed the coronavirus issue, Ihsanul Karim said.

At the outset of the meeting, the premier welcomed the new Saudi ambassador and assured him of extending full support during his stay in Bangladesh.

Prime Minister's Office Secretary Md Tofazzel Hossain Mian was present at the meeting.

Later, Bhutanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Rinchen Kuentsyl paid a courtesy call on the prime minister, the press secretary said.



Winter is here at Barishal, with yesterday's temperature dipping below 20 degrees Celsius, a trend that is expected to continue from hereon. Customers are flocking to stores and malls for winter garbs, like this scene from the city's Fazlul Haque Avenue. A hub for cheaper articles, the makeshift stores of the area have seen a sharp rise in business. This photo was taken yesterday.

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A one-stop

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In his speech, Ahmed Munirur Saleheen, secretary of the Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Ministry, said giving potential migrants the opportunity of getting the correct and accurate information is part of a collective responsibility to ensure safe and orderly migration.

He said the ministry has been trying in different ways to disseminate information.

"Unfortunately, people are not well informed to the extent that we expect them to be informed," he added.

Plot Sale

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