

'Demand to reopen edu instts absurd'

Dipu Moni tells JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Education Minister Dipu Moni yesterday told parliament that the demand to open educational institutions during high transmission period of Covid-19 pandemic is absurd.

Responding to motion proposals by opposition MPs during passage of the proposed budget for 2021-22 fiscal, she said a decision would be taken on SSC and HSC exams soon.

Earlier, MPs of Jatiya Party, BNP and Gonoforum demanded that the government reopen all educational institutions. Two Jatiya Party lawmakers, however, opposed it.

The education minister said it would not be right to reopen educational institutions until the infection rate drops to 5 percent or lower.

Evict businesses on Hatirjheel-Begunbari project in 60 days: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Observing that the Hatirjheel-Begunbari project is the "lung of Dhaka city", and its protection is indispensable, the High Court yesterday declared the project a "public trust".

Issuing several directives, the HC also declared all business establishments, including hotels, restaurants and shops, built within Hatirjheel-Begunbari project illegal and ordered the government to evict them in 60 days.

Delivering verdict on a writ petition, the court advised authorities concerned of the government to name the project after noted scientist Jagadish Chandra Bose.

The HC prohibited construction of any business establishment in the project and ruled that a separate committee will be constituted to protect, develop and operate the project under supervision of the prime minister.

The court ordered authorities to appoint the engineering department of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) and 24th brigade of the army as permanent consultants for the project.

It directed authorities to set up washrooms in the underground of the project for people, arrange for drinking water at the area and make separate paths for pedestrians, bicyclists and people with disabilities.

The authorities have been directed to build a sanctuary at the project area.

The HC bench of Justice Md Ashraf Kamal and Justice Razik-Al-Jalil came up with the directives, following a writ petition filed by lawyer Ripan Barai on behalf of Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB) on September 9, 2018, challenging the legality of construction-work at Hatirjheel-Begunbari project.

Two killed, seven hurt over land dispute in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Two persons were killed and seven injured in Rajshahi city's Daspur area yesterday when two feuding groups of clashed with local sharp weapons.

The deceased were identified as Shafiqul Islam (50), a former organising secretary of the city BNP; and Joyal Abedin (40), nephew of Kamal Hossain, a ward councillor of Rajshahi City Corporation, said Majharul Islam, officer-in-charge of Rajpara Police Station.

Both were found in a pool of blood on the spot and were declared dead at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital. The seven injured belonging to both the groups were admitted to the same hospital.

Police and locals said Shafiqul and his brother Abdus Salam, both belonged to BNP, were leading one of the feuding groups.

On the other hand, Joyal belonged to the group of his uncles Kamal and Mahtab Hossain, who is president of local ward unit of Awami League.

There has been a dispute between the two groups for a year over occupying a government land in the area, said OC Majharul Islam.

As sequel to their previous enmity, they equipped with sticks, rods and machetes attacked each other ensuing a fierce clash at around 2pm.

Police rushed to the spot and took the situation under control.

But the groups also clashed on the RMCH premises when they took their injured persons to the hospital.

Police arrested the seven injured at the hospital.

Perishable

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Shamsul Islam, an employee at a private firm in Paltan, lives in the capital's Mirpur area. Talking to this correspondent at Mirpur-II kitchen market, he said it has been unbearable for him to maintain expenses of the family with the increase in food prices.

"The company cut 20 percent of my salary, which is yet to be normalised. Now, prices of food and transport have been increasing regularly," he said in frustration.

RUSH OUT OF THE CAPITAL

Many people, mostly from low-income groups, made desperate bids to leave the capital yesterday, a day before the nationwide 'complete lockdown'.

They boarded trucks, pick-ups, three-wheelers, human hauliers and rode motorbikes to go back to their village homes, disregarding health safety rules.

Most home-goers feared that they would lose their livelihoods in the city and face starvation if the lockdown continues till Eid-ul-Azha.

MOGHBAZAR EXPLOSION

Death toll rises to 9 as another succumbs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Another man, who sustained severe burn injuries in Sunday's explosion at Dhaka's Moghbazar, died at hospital yesterday morning, raising the death toll to nine.

Imran Hossain (25), breathed his last around 6:30am while being treated at the intensive care unit of Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery, Dr Samanta Lal Sen, chief coordinator of the institute, told The Daily Star.

He sustained 90 percent burns in the fire caused due to the explosion, said Dr Samanta.

Imran was a salesman of Bengal Meat store which was damaged in the explosion. He used to live in Shantinagar with his wife, said his sister Irin Begum.

Four more injured are being treated at the burn institute. The condition of two of them -- Nur Nabi and Rasel -- are critical, doctors said.

Earlier, six persons were killed after the blast on Sunday while a man died at a Panthapath hospital the next morning. On Tuesday, fire fighters recovered body of the caretaker of the building from the debris.

Accumulated gas was behind the massive explosion on the ground floor of the building, officials and experts said after primary investigation.

Monirul Islam, officer-in-charge of Ramna Police Station, said they are analysing evidence to find out those who were negligent in the incident.

"After that we will go for arrest," he said.

Yesterday, fares of cars and motorbikes were higher than any other day.

Mainul Hasan, a restaurant staffer in Bashundhara Residential area, was waiting at Amin Bazar with his wife and two children to catch a vehicle for Nagorpur in Tangail.

"A car asked for Tk 6,000 for a reserved trip. I don't have that much money... Now, we are going by a human haulier till Nabinagar area at Tk 300 per person," he said.

Defying ban, motorbikes were picking up two pillion for Tk 700 each, upto Paturia ghat.

Meanwhile, hundreds of home-goers, including women and children, waited for hours at Shimulia and Paturia ferry terminals to cross the Padma. They took detours and changed vehicles multiple times to go home. Many others walked long distances to reach their destinations.

The rush out of the city began on Saturday after the announcement of 'complete lockdown' amid a surge in Covid deaths and infections across the country.

Two-day

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participation of dignitaries engaged in noble works in different countries for the establishment of peace, as well as public and private officials concerned, educationists, journalists and intellectuals, she mentioned.

To make the conference a success, Sheikh Hasina said a 42-member convening committee was formed with Speaker of Jatiya Sangsad Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury as president, and Chairperson of National Advisory Committee on Autism, Saima Wazed as the convener.

Rotary to set up 500 comfort zones for girls at schools

CITY DESK

Rotary Bangladesh will set up comfort zones for female students in 500 educational institutions across the country at a cost of Tk 42cr.

Barrister Mutasim Billah Farooqui, governor of Rotary International District-3281 Bangladesh, announced this while presenting the annual programme of the organisation's 2021-22 session at a press conference at Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

He said Rotary will implement a more comprehensive programme to deal with disasters including the coronavirus. He added that, Rotary has so far spent the equivalent of Tk 18,000 crore worldwide on polio eradication alone, said a press release.

It will also implement education, health, environment sanitation, and climate projects and plant 10 lakh trees across the country, said the press release.

Former governor Shawkat Hossain, governor (Elect) MA Wahab, governor (Nominee) Nurul Kabir, and Rotary PR Committee chair Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury also spoke at the programme.

Dhaka University

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Once implemented, the central library will be expanded, modernised and digitised.

Attempts have been made to foster research relationships and to establish academic exchange programmes with universities of high repute.

The pivotal roles that the university played in the freedom of thoughts, and 1971 Liberation War are historic, unprecedented and exemplary.

The greatest Bangalee of all time, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman has in large parts imbibed the spirit of the university to give momentum to the 1971 Liberation War and the movement for independence.

At the same time, the university continues to give shapes to the dreams of the nation and to make contributions to its gradual development. It has always been in the vanguard of all the movements against the undemocratic, cultural aggressions, prejudices, and military dictatorships.

During the long 100 years of its journey, the university recorded 33 lakh students graduate degrees, 1,808 researchers PhDs, and 1,770 students MPhil degrees.

Over the century, the university has witnessed a considerable horizontal development, but it is now time to seriously think about its vertical improvement or its education standard, because the number of high-quality universities in a country is seen to be an indispensable touchstone of its comprehensive development and progress.

We hope that the university will in the near future reach new heights in the maps of world education by implementing its masterplan. Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been offering relentless cooperation to the university in this regard.

The university will make more creative contributions to the development of the nation by underscoring the scientific and technological education as well as humanities.

This is my fervent and deepest wish on the centenary birth anniversary of the University of Dhaka.

The writer is Pro-Vice Chancellor and Professor of the Department of Disaster Science and Management at Dhaka University.

Militancy

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All this was possible due to CTTTC and law enforcement agencies' intelligence and vigilance. For this reason, CTTTC has been able to destroy militant networks across the country, and militant activities are now under control.

DS: How many operations has CTTTC conducted so far, and how many militants were arrested and killed during the operations? What is the current status of militant outfits in our country like Neo JMB, Hujjib and Ansar al-Islam?

Asaduzzaman: CTTTC has so far conducted around 20 high-risk operations since 2016, where militant dens were directly targeted. During drives, around 63 militants were killed and 535 arrested.

The militant outfits, which exist but are now banned -- have no visible activity. Due to continuous drives of CTTTC and other law enforcement agencies, the militancy situation is now under control, but it does not mean we are complacent. We are continuing our activities and are trying to find militants.

DS: Have you found any link between international militant outfits and militants of our country?

Asaduzzaman: Different narratives may do the rounds, but CTTTC has not yet found any international link with militant attacks, including the Holy Artisan one, and other militant activities.

DS: Militants seem to be quite active on social media and often use these platforms for recruitment, spreading propaganda and targeting the youth. What steps have you taken to address this?

Asaduzzaman: Militants have to choose online platforms because they have failed to conduct any activity openly in the wake of our vigilance. Such activities are now only present on the cyber space.

They are totally dependent on online platforms for recruiting new members, radicalising people and spreading extremist content. Militants are trying to benefit from using online means, as people are also depending on the internet for recreation, marketing and work due to the pandemic. However, we have been able to contain their activities online as well.

In this regard, we follow two policies. One is reducing the supply of radicalised content, so militant outfits cannot publish their content on online platforms; and the second is reducing the demand, so that the young generation do not get confused by misinterpretations presented by militants.

Militant outfits are mainly targeting youths. We have already taken initiatives like raising awareness and launching campaigns on social media, a process which includes educational institutes, and holding seminars and symposiums.

DS: Have you taken any steps to de-radicalise the youth or people, who are unknowingly indulging in militancy or such ideologies?

Asaduzzaman: CTTTC has already formed a de-radicalisation programme so people who have come out of jail do not get involved in militancy. Besides, we provide the people counselling, monitor their activities and create awareness among parents, so the youth do not get involved in militancy again.

DS: The type and method of crime are constantly changing. What kind of challenges do you think there will be in the future centring militancy?

Asaduzzaman: The pattern of militancy is changing every day. During the primary stage of militancy in our country, we witnessed that only madrasa students were getting involved with extremism, but that idea has changed, as school, college and university students were also found to be involved.

The idea that only low-income people get involved with militancy has also changed, as people from higher socioeconomic backgrounds were also found to be associated with such activities.

We are developing our intelligence surveillance and activities, as we analyse these changing patterns of militancy. We have involved the youth into our process, and as a result, the radicalisation rate is decreasing.

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০২। পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণেচ্ছু প্রার্থীদেরকে ১৫/০৭/২০২১ তারিখ হতে ৩১/০৭/২০২১ তারিখের মধ্যে উল্লিখিত ওয়েবসাইট হতে প্রবেশপত্র সংগ্রহের জন্য পরামর্শ দেয়া যাচ্ছে। যেসব প্রার্থীর আবেদনপত্র ক্রটিযুক্ত তাদের মোবাইলে এসএমএস (SMS) প্রেরণ করা হয়েছে। ক্রটিযুক্ত আবেদনকারীগণ ১০/০৭/২০২১ তারিখের মধ্যে ক্রটি সংশোধনপূর্বক উল্লিখিত সময়ের মধ্যে প্রবেশপত্র ডাউনলোড করতে পারবেন।

০৩। পরীক্ষার তারিখ, সময় এবং কেন্দ্রের নাম ও ঠিকানা পরবর্তীতে বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের ওয়েবসাইট এবং জাতীয় দৈনিক পত্রিকায় বিজ্ঞপ্তির মাধ্যমে জানিয়ে দেয়া হবে।

০৪। নির্ধারিত তারিখের পরে প্রবেশপত্র ডাউনলোডের কোনো সুযোগ থাকবে না।

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