

SATKHIRA CHILD ELECTROCUTION HC issues rule over compensation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule asking authorities concerned to explain in a week why they should not be directed to compensate child Raqibuzzaman, who lost his right hand and right leg after being electrocuted by a cable in Sathkira.

Energy and resources secretary, chairperson of Rural Electricity Development Board, general manager of Bangladesh Palli Bidyut Samity (Rural Electricity Association), zonal manager of Sathkira Palli Bidyut Samity, its project director, deputy commissioner and chief electricity inspector of Sathkira have been made respondents to the rule.

At the same time, the court asked Dr Samanta Lal Sen, director of Sheikh Hasina burn institute, to inform the court about what treatment is needed for Raqibuzzaman at home and abroad.

The bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Md Mostafizur Rahman issued the rule and order, following a writ petition filed by Raqibuzzaman's father Abdur Razzak Dhali, seeking its order on the respondents to give the child Tk 100 crore as compensation.

Writ petitioner's lawyer Mohammad Tariqul Islam told reporters that an electricity line was illegally set up over the two-storey house of the petitioner on March 20, although petitioner earlier requested the office concerned not to do that. Raqibuzzaman was electrocuted in May, due to the illegal connection at Protapnagar, he added.

Those doing

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country, Tazul said it is the duty of everyone, including engineers, to monitor whether work is being done by maintaining quality and in a timely manner.

He said it is not true that the government will not be able to take action against contractors, if they neglect their work. Those involved in constructions have to ensure that no renovation work will be needed within five years after constructing a road, he said.



PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN, SHEKH NASIR

With winter's arrival imminent, vendors are out onto the streets selling blankets all across the country. *Inset*, alongside retailers and street vendors, artisans have also started parading through neighbourhoods to craft new blankets or repair old ones. These photos were taken yesterday from the capital's Dhaka-Chattogram Road and Sylhet city's Tilagarh area.



1,137 homes for homeless

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Almost 1,137 homeless families will get shelter in different areas of Sylhet division from a social-service-oriented organisation, called "Latifi Hands", according to its organisers.

"The organisation hands over these houses to those in need," said ATM Farhad Chowdhury, UNO of Kulaura, who was the chief guest of a programme organised to hand over houses to the homeless in Baramchal tea garden in Moulvibazar on Friday.

Fuad Ahmed Taief, regional programme officer of the organisation, said they have handed over 210 rickshaws, 22 boats, 172 fishing nets, 205 push carts, 1,220 sewing machines and 39 shops.

Besides, they have helped in providing finance of 1,000 weddings, 3,000 tube wells, educational support to 2,119 students, and livelihood support for 1,951 widows, he said.

Tiger found

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being brought to the range office. "The tiger might have died due to its age," he said, adding that the reason would be known after getting the forensic report.

Lost

I lost my BSc certificate in Economics from North South University (ID: 123 0355 020). I filed a General Diary under the Cantonment Thana on 16/10/2021. (GD tracking number-120605). Adila Karim



Deemed unfit to deal with dust in the port city, these sweeping trucks are lying unused at CCC dumping ground at the city's Sagarika.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

Gathering dust instead

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The CCC first bought one of the trucks during the 2010-2011 fiscal year. In 2013, they received two more from the Department of Environment, while the LGD sent over another three in 2019.

Md Sanaul Rabbi, associate professor at the mechanical engineering department of Chittagong University of Engineering Technology, said the vehicles are not compatible with the country's dust level.

"The street sweeper can clean the dust that gathers naturally. But in our country, we see digging all year round, along with mishandling of waste management, which leaves our streets gathering thick layers of dust."

"When these vehicles sweep the street, they have the reverse effect on people's sufferings, increasing it rather than reducing it," he told The Daily Star.

On condition of anonymity, a driver of one of the trucks confirmed this, telling The Daily Star, "People used to get angered when we operated the vehicles."

Contacted, Morshedul Alam Chowdhury, deputy chief conservancy

officer of CCC, said, "They are designed for developed countries where streets are as clean as pure water."

"But in a city like Chattogram, roads are covered with thick layer of dust. When we operate the vehicles, they create nuisance for the public," he said.

However, CCC's own mechanical department, which proposed sourcing the vehicles, think otherwise.

Sudip Basak, supervising engineer of the department, told The Daily Star, "While it's true that we can't use the vehicles up to a hundred percent, if we can utilise even 60 or 70 percent of their efficacy, that would be enough for us."

He further explained, "The ones left abandoned were made for smaller alleys. But the proposed ones are made for wider streets."

He also claimed that CCC has already done their feasibility study and consulted with experts.

He, however, did not provide specific information on who did the feasibility study or identify the experts who were consulted.

Fazilatunnessa's death anniv

CITY DESK

Today is the 6th death anniversary of Fazilatunnessa.

She was wife of late Lt AM

Ataul Haque, a freedom fighter of Bangladesh Navy who played an important role in building the Naval Force after the Liberation War in 1971.

Fazilatunnessa, a mother of 10 children, died on November 9, 2015 at the age of 80.

A doa mahfil will be held to mark the day, said a press release.

Youth stabbed to death in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Miscrants stabbed a youth to death and injured another in port city's Khulshi area yesterday.

The deceased is Md Hanif (19), a mason by profession, said Shah Alam, assistant commissioner (Khulshi Zone) of CMP.

The injured Anik (24) was admitted to CMCH.

"Hanif was stabbed by some men over previous enmity," said the AC.

"Police are conducting drives to arrest the killers," AC Shah Alam said.

Man held with 38 gold bars at Sylhet airport

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Customs at Sylhet Osmani International Airport detained a Dubai-returnee passenger and recovered 6.148kg gold from his luggage yesterday morning.

The detainee hid the gold inside a juicer machine, said Mohammad Al Amin, deputy commissioner of Customs, Excise and VAT Commissionerate.

The gold (38 bars and a bracelet) is worth Tk 3.5 crore.

The detainee is Parendranath Das of Moulvibazar's Sadar upazila.

Filing of a case in underway, he added.

Lying unused for 28 years!

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in the open, while the others are under a shed. The furnace is located on the first floor of the building on the premises. In its absence, the pyres take care of all the cremations. Inside a room stands the electric furnace in its huge frame. There's a spot right beside it, marked for another furnace that was never set up. An adjacent room houses all the electrical wires and equipment needed for the furnace.

But all of it is covered by a thread of dust today, this correspondent found during a recent visit. The equipment have caught rust, while the room basically functions as a storehouse.

WHAT WENT WRONG

Of the officials who worked at the shamshan back in 1993, only Bharat Lal Dome still serves there. He said in the first three months, the furnace had

cremated around 35 bodies.

Talking to this newspaper, caretaker of the shamshan Amaresh Mandal said even after the furnace was transformed into a gas-based one, it never took off due to the lack of a gas connection.

"Installing an electric furnace wasn't the right call. Because although the machine can cremate a body within 40-45 minutes, it took around four hours just to get it heated up. In addition, since there was no generator connections back then, there were no alternatives in case of a power outage," he said.

Contacted yesterday, Dhaka City South Corporation (DSCC) Social Welfare and Slum Development Officer Akand Muhammad Faisal Uddin said the city corporation has taken up a project to renovate various roads and establishments.

The Postogola Maha Shamshan is one such establishment under the plan.

DSCC Executive Engineer (Zone-5) Saiful Islam Joy confirmed plans for the shamshan's renovation. He said, "The furnace will now have options for both gas and electricity."

However, he brought up a separate issue. "This shamshan cremates only around two bodies per day, so the furnace might be a bit too costly to operate, especially as electricity bills will rack up due to its three hour heating-up time. As a result, cremation bills might multiply 15-20 times from current costs, but we're still looking to keep the option alive."

Curiously, Shamsul Alam, assistant social welfare official at DSCC, said, "I don't have any information regarding its renovation," which puts the other two officials' accounts under doubt.

Two automatic train washing

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With the new plants, it would take only 10 minutes to clean the outer body of a 14-carriage train. It also would save 70 percent of the water usually used during manual washing.

This would save 1 lakh litres of water daily, and 70 percent of the water can be

recycled.

However, railway staffers still have to clean the inside of the train and check the equipment manually, said railway sources.

Besides, the automatic plant will not be useful for trains with broken glasses, they said, adding that AC carriages are most likely to be washed there.

Over 70pc teenagers

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teenage girls are less aware than boys about the risks of cyberbullying, stalking, harassment, sexual abuse, production and consumption of illegal and non-consensual materials.

Last year, Police Headquarters initiated a helpline through email, Facebook page, and a hotline number for providing support to women regarding cybercrimes.

According to Cyber Support for Women data, since November 2020, 12,641 complaints were filed till October 2021 related to fake IDs, ID hacking, blackmailing, obscene contents etc.

14 percent of the complaints came from teenagers, said Meer Abu Touhid, additional inspector general of Lawful Interception Cell of PHQ.

Contacted, Dr Md Omar Faruk, professor of Criminology and Police Science at Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University said that they too conducted a study among girls about cyber harassment earlier in 2019.

"We found that 65 percent of girls faced bullying and sexual harassment in cyberspace," he said.

"There should be academic involvement to bring awareness among the students through seminar symposium or including co-curriculum activities about what would be harmful to them on the internet," added Dr Faruk.

Three teens die as bike

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bike hit a tree, leaving them dead on the spot, said Ezaharul Islam, chairman of Dhalapara Union Parishad.

The bodies were handed over to the families, said Azharul Islam, officer-in-charge of Ghatail Police Station.

1 DEAD, 2 HURT IN DINAJPUR ROAD CRASH

In Dinaipur, a tenth grader was killed and two more were injured after a pickup van hit their motorbike in Chirirbandar upazila

on Sunday night, reports our Dinaipur correspondent.

The deceased was Sourab Islam (17), son of Asadul Islam of Bholanathpur village.

Police said Sourab, Nahid and his mother Lyzu were returning home on a motorbike. The bike had a collision with a pickup van in Karenterhat area around 10pm, leaving Sourab dead on the spot.

Nahid and Lyzu have been referred to M Abdur Rahim Medical College Hospital.

DBL Pharmaceuticals: A New Stratum in Development

DBL Group has started their journey in the pharmaceutical industry with the budget of BDT 700-crore, factory located in Gazipur has been inaugurated by the Honorable Health Minister, MP Zahid Maleque. Honorable Minister welcomed this investment in the pharmaceutical industry and assured all sorts of support from the govt. Managing Director of DBL Pharmaceutical Ltd., M. A. Jabbar also added in his welcome speech that DBL Group believes in sustainable development and sound technology to develop a better future for the country.

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