

## IMPOSING TRAVEL BAN Authorities must take court approval

SC observes in full text verdict

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Authorities concerned must take approval from the appropriate court in three working days of imposing a restriction on a citizen from leaving the country, the Supreme Court observed in the full text of a verdict explaining Article 36 of the constitution regarding citizens' freedom of movement.

"Restriction may be imposed on travel in order to prevent exit from the country by persons who leave quickly to avoid due process of law. However, this would be subject to confirmation by the appropriate court within a period of three working days," the Appellate Division of the SC said in the 18 page-verdict released on Wednesday.

Earlier on September 27, the apex court delivered a short verdict modifying, with some observations and directions, the High Court ruling that said Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has to take court permission to impose embargo on corruption suspects or accused from leaving the country.

A four-member bench of the Appellate Division, headed by Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain, delivered the verdict on the appeals moved by ACC lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan, challenging the HC judgements and orders on this issue.

The apex court said, "The fundamental right guaranteed under Article 36 of the constitution of Bangladesh is non-absolute. The right to leave one's country has therefore never been considered an absolute right. The right may be restricted in certain circumstances."

## Trapped

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rice, most farmers continue to grow rice due to lack of a supportive agricultural policy from the state," commented Maria.

Sixty percent rural women of working age remain engaged in unpaid agricultural activities. Their earning potential remain largely untapped because of this very reason, the study also found.

The researchers recommended three steps to increase income of rural households, namely diversification and modernisation of agriculture by focusing more on higher value-added crops, livestock and fishing products; engagement of women to skilled and paid works; and development of small cities and towns so that more men and women can engage in non-agricultural and paid activities.

## ZIRABO-BISHMAIL ROAD IN SAVAR

# Is it ever going to be repaired?

AKLAKUR RAHMAN AKASH, Savar

The pothole ridden Zirabo-Bishmail road in Ashulia, Savar is in an extremely poor shape, causing immense suffering to the commuters.

The road connects two major highways -- Dhaka-Aricha and Tongi-Ashulia DEPZ. Besides, around 100 RMG factories and more than 500 small and big businesses are established on both sides of the road. Thousands of heavy vehicles go over the road all day and night.

Due to lack of repairs in last two years, the road's state has dilapidated. This correspondent recently visited the road and talked to pedestrians, drivers, and businessmen who use the road and they shared their sufferings.

Rafiqul Amin, a private car driver, who commutes on the road regularly, said although the road is unsuitable for private cars, owing to his employer's job at a garments factory next to the road, he has to use it.

"I have to wait long hours while passing from Zirabo to Amtola area due to tailback created for the road's horrible conditions," said Amin.

Shamsul Haque, a furniture trader



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The dilapidated Bishmail-Zirabo Road in Savar's Ashulia is in such a poor state that suffering has become inevitable during every day commute.

at Kuturia, said, "If the road isn't repaired as soon as possible, we'll face major losses in our businesses as this affects the shipment costs."

Arzina Akter, a garment worker in a nearby factory, said, "I have to go to factory on foot, as rickshaws and small vehicles don't take this road due to its bad condition. It's extremely perilous

for me as I live almost one kilometre away from the factory."

Contacted, Saleh Hasan Pramanik, engineer of Savar's Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), said they've already selected a construction firm via tender and the repairs for the 3,600-metre road will soon start.

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Ranajit Gharai

PHOTO: TITU DAS

towards the source of the sound. After arrival, they noticed the bomb had exploded in Chitta's hands. As he collapsed to the ground, with his only able hand, he wrote 'Joy Bangla' on the ground with his own blood, passing away several minutes later.

"Our first operation at Hawlia village in Morelganj was to attack the police station in July. Lutfar Rahman was in-charge of the police station at that time. There were 22 rifles at the police station, out of which we took six and broke the pins of the remaining 16. Then we camped at Gulishakhali in the same upazila," he recalled.

"As we were running out of funds, Major Ziauddin, sub-sector commander of sector 9, the ninth sector, captured the Pirojpur district treasury and brought the money to our camp," he added.

"On December 4, a battle took place at Sharankhola that lasted from dusk till dawn. Seeing that our cohort Alauddin could not operate the mortar, the Razakars opened fire and killed five of our members. As a last resort, we informed Major Ziauddin, who came in a speed boat from the Sundarban camp area and participated in the fight," said Ranajit.

After the war, Ranajit joined the Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) admin cadre in 1984 as a deputy magistrate at Keshabpur Upazila of Jessore district. He later retired from the Ministry of Public Administration in 1994 as deputy secretary.

"When I was working as ADC in Pirojpur, I started an agricultural farm, 'Basanti Matso o Krishi Khamar' after my wife's name. Our yearly income from the farm is over 10 lakh taka," he said.

Ranajit Gharai said he lived alone but happily in the village. His son Mondip Gharai currently works as a UNO in Shariatpur and his daughter is a deputy civil surgeon in Jessore.

Subal Das, one of Gharai's followers, said, "Dada showed us the path of success. In our village, there's barely anyone unemployed or struggling."

## An undernourished

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GDP and around nine percent of the national budget, only two percent of the nutrition expenditure was on direct interventions.

Of the two percent, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) spent only four percent of its nutrition budget while the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs (MoWCA) spent seven percent of its nutrition budget. These were the two major ministries working on direct interventions through 13 operational plans.

Contrary to that, the vast majority of expenditure (around 98 percent) was in addressing wide-ranging underlying causes of malnutrition, such as water and sanitation, the status of women, social protection, agriculture, education, environment and climate change etc.

Dhaka University nutrition and food science professor Dr Nazma Shaheen said, "In order to achieve our SDG and nutrition targets, it's imperative we scale up the most important and effective interventions and strengthen them by expanding coverage to include a larger number of beneficiaries."

### CURRENT INTERVENTIONS INADEQUATE

When The Daily Star visited a number of centres of Sima's upazila recently, it was seen that there is a supply shortage of prenatal vitamins for pregnant mothers.

According to the pharmacist of Rima's centre, they receive only 2,000 pieces of iron and folic acid supplements, 500 pieces of calcium carbonate and 1,000 pieces of vitamin B complexes, which are far less than the actual demand of an average of 250 pregnant women in each union.

## 40 arrested over drug peddling, use

BSS, DHAKA

Detective Branch (DB) of police arrested 40 people on charges of selling and consuming drugs in the city in the last 24 hours till 6am yesterday.

The drives were simultaneously carried out starting at 6:00am on December 2, a police statement said yesterday.

In separate anti-drug operations, police arrested drug peddlers and abusers and seized banned and illegal drugs from the capital's different areas.

Thirty-two cases were filed in these connections with police stations concerned under the Narcotics Control Act.

## ROOPPUR POWER PLANT Construction vehicle kills foreign worker

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A construction vehicle hit Kazakhstan national Barjahan (35) at the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant construction site yesterday morning, leaving him dead on the spot.

Barjahan was a worker of Nikimth, a construction firm of the power plant.

Ishwardi Police Station Inspector Md Hadiul Islam said the accident took place around 9:30am while the victim was standing behind the vehicle. The vehicle hit him while it was reversing.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Pabna general hospital morgue for autopsy.

## Architects no longer

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community," said the architect.

Azam was recently featured by American news magazine Time for his climate resilient solutions for "the historic southern-half of Dhaka city to adapt to a warmer, wetter future."

"Recently, Time published an issue dedicated to the COP26. As Bangladesh is well known for its vulnerability to climate change, a lot of people have shifted their focus towards us," Azam said.

"During the Time interview, I mostly presented the Old Dhaka Rasulbagh park project. They got very excited," he said.

"From their perspective, they felt that a solution exists." Rafiq Azam is widely considered as one of those local architects who have managed to combine western theories with local knowledge passed down through generations, and melding one with the other.

"I had an exhibition in New York city in 1998, when I realised I had only received foreign knowledge at Buet. I didn't learn anything about our own heritage."

"I thought the organisers were pitying me; it was as if they were saying 'you are just copying us.'"

Since then, he started contemplating how to apply local knowledge and elements in his work.

"My drawings were in the European and/or American style," he reminisced.

"But then I adopted localised knowledge and elements to create a certain amount of fusion, and also devise new concepts."

Azam has received the highest number of international accolades among Bangladeshi architects.

His work has been included in many famed European and American university curriculums.

A book titled "Rafiq Azam: Architecture for Green Living" was published through a joint venture between Italian publication Skira and Bengal Foundation.

Translated by Mohammed Ishtiaque Khan

## Rape accused held in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, M'singh

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-14) in Mymensingh arrested a rape accused from Gazipur yesterday.

The arrestee was identified as Md Abu Taleb alias Pinu Mia (35), of Bilkherua village in Ishwarganj upazila of Mymensingh.

According to Rab sources, the accused raped an RMG worker early November 14.

A case was lodged with Ishwarganj Police Station accusing four persons in this regard.

Abu Taleb was named prime accused on November 21, said Abdul Kader Miah, officer-in-charge of Ishwarganj Police Station.

Rab said Abu Taleb developed an affair over phone calls with the victim and proposed to her for marriage.

He later asked her to visit him at his house in Ishwarganj. During the visit, Abu Taleb raped her.

During primary investigation, Taleb confessed to committing rape and was handed over to Ishwarganj Police Station yesterday afternoon, said the OC.

## Disabilities not a burden

Says social welfare minister

BSS, DHAKA

Social Welfare Minister Nuruzzaman Ahmed yesterday said persons with disabilities are not burdens, as proper care can turn them into valuable members of society.

"Proper care can transform people with physical disabilities into resources of the country," he said.

The minister made this comment virtually at a programme marking the 30th International Disability Day and 23rd National Disability Day held at National Disability Foundation at the capital's Mirpur.

"We must have to successfully implement the programmes which already have been taken by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for promoting the quality livelihood of the persons with disabilities," he told the programme arranged by the social welfare ministry.

"If we provide appropriate training and cooperation to them the disabled persons could be transformed into resources and would be able to contribute to the development of the country," the minister said.

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