

No smoking areas at hotels, restaurants

Demand speakers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Designated smoking areas at restaurants and hotels should be prohibited by changing provisions of Smoking and Tobacco Products Usage (Control) (Amendment) Act, 2013, said speakers at a discussion yesterday.

At the event arranged at a city hotel, findings of a study in this regard was disclosed, said a press release.

According to the study, designated smoking areas in the capital's restaurants are being kept using loopholes in the law.

Voices for Interactive Choice and Empowerment (Voice), a research and advocacy organisation, with support of Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids (CTFK), conducted the study in August and September of 2021.

Addressing the discussion, Awami League lawmaker Ashim Kumar Ukil said the provision of keeping designated spaces for smoking in restaurants should be repealed in the existing law.



Hours after the fire was doused at port city's Agrabad SRB Colony, slum dwellers were seen running around the place, trying to salvage whatever was left of their belongings. Meanwhile, it took eight firefighting units to douse the blaze at Bangla Motor, inset.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN, PALASH KHAN

3 injured in fire at Bangla Motors

5 shanties gutted in Ctg slum

STAR REPORT

At least three people were injured in a fire at RK Tower in Dhaka's Bangla Motors area yesterday afternoon.

The injured -- Mamun Sheikh (32), Manik Fakir (20), and Tafsir Mia (26) -- were admitted to Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery with 34, two and seven percent burns, respectively.

The three were working on the sixth floor of the 10-storey building when the fire broke out around 12:15pm.

The floor houses a godown of Rabeya Enterprise, which sells products online.

Eight firefighting units doused the fire around 4:15pm, said Debashis Bardhan, deputy director (operations and maintenance) of Fire Service and Civil Defence.

Debashis said there was no permission to run a godown on the floor. Besides, minimum fire safety arrangements were absent there.

Abu Saied, account officer of Rabeya Enterprise, said they suspected that the fire originated from an electric short-circuit.

Meanwhile, in Chattogram city, a fire broke out in a slum at Agrabad SRB Colony around 4:20am.

A total of five shanties in the slum were gutted in the incident, said police and fire service officials.

On information, six firefighting vehicles rushed to the spot and managed to douse the blaze around 6:00am, said Farid Ahmed, sub-assistant director of Fire Service and Civil Defence, Chattogram.

Primary investigation to ascertain the source of the fire is ongoing.

Officials, however, suspected that a short-circuit caused the fire.

After the fire broke out, Abdul Jalil (70), who lived next to the slum, died of cardiac arrest, possibly due to seeing the fire, said Sakhawat Hossain, officer-in-charge of Sadarghat Police Station.

No justice, no compensation

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to various ministries and offices. But while justice remained a far cry, she could not even obtain a minimum sum of compensation.

Her story sheds light on how not just families of regular commuters, but even those of transport workers suffer from the chaotic state of the country's roads.

Jannatul Mawa lost her mother in a road accident years ago. After the accident, her father, a covered-van driver, was the only one taking care of her, until he too passed away in a fatal road crash.

Now a 10th-grader at a city school, Mawa said, "Nobody is by our side. No one

will understand how it feels losing a loved one in a road crash."

Like Shiuly and Mawa, family members of numerous others, who lost their beloved ones on the road, were present at the session.

Speaking there, Nirapad Sarak Chai chairperson Ilias Kanchan said, "It has been 28 years since I got involved with this movement for safer roads, but we're yet to get it."

Speaking as the chief guest, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal said, "We have become a nation of law-breakers. I agree with the demand for safe roads and want to work together [with such movements]."

Road safety, our right

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Speaking as a teachers' representative, Prof Anu Muhammad of Jahangirnagar University said the government needs to play a more pro-active role in making the roads safer.

He said while it's great that the government has given instructions

regarding the demand for half fare for public transport, it needs to follow through on the promise and ensure implementation.

Mozammel Haque Chowdhury, secretary general of Jatri Kalyan Samity, said as long as a gazette notification is not issued over half fare, transport workers and owners will become more reckless again.



Uprooted by heavy downpours and thunderstorms around a month ago, this tree has been an obstacle for pedestrians near the DSCC Nagar Bhaban area ever since. Recently, the city corporation auctioned it off to local timber traders, whose staffers were at work cutting the tree yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Govt not interfering in the judiciary

Says Quader

BSS, Dhaka

The government is not interfering in the judiciary at all rather judiciary is working independently, said Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday.

The minister said this at a press conference held at his residence in Dhaka.

He said the independence of the judiciary to BNP means that its verdict has to go in their (BNP's) favour.

This dual policy of BNP is now clear to the people, said Quader, also general secretary of Awami League.

Responding to a statement of BNP leaders that there is no freedom of media, Quader said the media is enjoying freedom and working without any interference.

"BNP is vilifying the government day and night. Even the government is being criticised in newspapers and talk shows every day," he said.

"If the media is not independent, then, why no action has been taken against any media or them?" Quader asked.

All over again?

Dismantling work of vessel that ran aground on Parki beach 4yrs ago starts; experts voice concern



PHOTO: STAR

MANJOY KUMAR BARUA, Ctg

Dismantling work of Crystal Gold, the ship that has remained stranded on Chattogram's Parki Beach since 2017, started on the beach yesterday.

This comes after the company was imposed a Tk 2 crore fine for commencing ship-breaking works on the beach without permission from the Department of Environment (DoE), Chattogram, in 2019.

Talking to this newspaper yesterday, Amjad Hossain, director of the ship's owning company -- Four Star Enterprise -- said, "We have started dismantling the 192-metre ship. We have also paid the Tk 2 crore fine to the DoE."

Contacted, Mofidul Alam, director of DoE, Chattogram, said they have received the fine and allowed the company to start the works on the beach. "But we have

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Consequence of rights violations

Says Fakhrul about US sanctions on Rab, 7 top officials

UNB, Dhaka

BNP yesterday described the US sanctions on Rab and its seven current and former top officials as an inevitable consequence of serious violations of human rights.

"As per news published today (Saturday), sanctions have been imposed on Benazir Ahmed (current IGP) and the Rab chief. I don't think it's a surprise..." said BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir.

He said those who violate human rights and kill people have to face such a consequence. The BNP leader said their party now wants to see whether the government takes action against those who are accused of violating human rights.

Fakhrul said the US sanctions have proved right what BNP has long been talking about violations of human rights and killing and torturing of people by using the state machinery.

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Doctors Association of Bangladesh formed a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club yesterday, demanding BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's better treatment abroad.

Virtual exhibition on Rohingya culture

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 21-day virtual exhibition on Rohingya art and culture opened on Friday, representing key aspects of Rohingya memories, experiences, and aspirations.

IOM and Bangladesh Embassy in the Netherlands organised the exhibition through the Rohingya Cultural Memory Centre (RCMC), IOM said in a press release yesterday. Supported by the Netherlands Foreign Office, the exhibition can be accessed at <https://artspaces.kunstmatrix.com> until December 31.

CU's 45th batch reunion held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The first reunion event of Chittagong University's 45th batch was held on the campus on Friday. Around 250 former students took part in the day-long programme.

The day featured students of 2009-2010 session bringing out a colourful rally from CU's Zero Point. Later, a cultural session was held at the Botanical ground of the campus.

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Applications are hereby invited from the experienced and bonafide suppliers for purchase of below mentioned items/services for InterContinental Dhaka. Prospective Bidder/Vendor must have experience on relevant service/supply for at least 4 years during last 5 years for any star hotel or Multinational organization or Super Store.

Group No.	Tender name	Tender publication date	Tender document last selling date	Tender document submit/closing date & time	Tender document opening date & time
1.	Sale of Hotel Garbage	12 December 2021	19 December 2021	20 December 2021 on or before 03:00pm	20 December 2021 at 03:10pm
2.	Imported Food Item	12 December 2021	19 December 2021	20 December 2021 on or before 03:00pm	20 December 2021 at 03:10pm
3.	Local Food Item: Groceries	12 December 2021	19 December 2021	20 December 2021 on or before 03:00pm	20 December 2021 at 03:10pm
4.	Local Food Item: Vegetable & Fruits	12 December 2021	19 December 2021	20 December 2021 on or before 03:00pm	20 December 2021 at 03:10pm
5.	Local Food Item: Fish	12 December 2021	19 December 2021	20 December 2021 on or before 03:00pm	20 December 2021 at 03:10pm
6.	Local Food Item: Meat & Egg	12 December 2021	19 December 2021	20 December 2021 on or before 03:00pm	20 December 2021 at 03:10pm

Interested bidder/vendors may purchase tender document at a cost of BDT 1,000.00 (non-refundable) in cash from Materials Department during office hour. Detail terms & conditions and quality standards have been delineated in the Tender Document. Authority of InterContinental Dhaka reserves the right to accept or reject any or all application/Tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Notice for New Enlistment & Renewal of Existing Suppliers

Applications are hereby invited from the experienced and bonafide suppliers for Enlistment with InterContinental Dhaka in the following categories for the year 2022 only.

Group-A: Engineering items- Electrical, kitchen & Laundry, Refrigeration, Hardware, Mechanical, Construction & Repairing.

Group-B: General items- Computer/printer/photocopy machine Accessories, Decoration works, Digital Marketing, Printing & Packaging & tailoring works.

Group-C: Food items: Vegetable, Fruit, Fish, & Meat vendor.

Interested suppliers are therefore, requested to submit their application on their company letterhead attaching the following documents:

- Photocopy of updated Trade License for the year 2021-2022, updated Income Tax Certificate, VAT registration and Bank Solvency certificate (original copy) from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh.
- Experience certificate original from any reputed organization on related field.

Application must reach to the Materials Manager Office of InterContinental Dhaka 1, Minto Road, Dhaka 1000 on or before 22nd December 2021 during office hour. After examining the above documents, if found suitable, a prescribed Application Form will be issued to the bonafide supplier(s) obtainable from the Material Manager's Office against Pay Order of Tk 5,000.00 (non-refundable) in favor of InterContinental Dhaka from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh and Tk 50,000.00 (refundable) only to be deposited as security money to our Accounts Department in the form of Pay Order in favor of InterContinental Dhaka from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh. Existing suppliers are also advised to renew their enlistment within 30th December 2021 with renewal fee of Tk 5,000/- (non-refundable) in the form of Pay Order in favor of InterContinental Dhaka from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh with related updated legal papers (Trade License, VAT, TIN etc.), otherwise enlistment may become dissolved. Authority of InterContinental Dhaka reserves the right to accept or reject any or all application without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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