

Steps taken for quick disposal of death references

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Justice Hasan Foez Siddique has taken an initiative to quickly dispose of the death references. Around 800 such cases are pending with the High Court.

He constituted 11 separate (two judges) HC benches for hearing and disposing of the death references and their relevant appeals.

The benches will hold the hearing from March 20 to 31, according to a notification issued by the CJ yesterday.

If a lower court sentences any person to death in a case, its judgment is examined by the HC through hearing arguments for confirmation of the death sentence.

The case documents and judgment reach the HC as death reference from the lower court after the latter delivers the verdict as per relevant provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC).

HC sources said 811 death references were pending with the court till December 10, 2020.

Fresh Tissue launches breast cancer screening



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Fresh Tissue, a brand of Meghna Group of Industries (MGI), has initiated a nationwide breast cancer awareness campaign titled "Fresh Bangladesh", said a press release.

Considering International Women's Day 2022, Fresh Tissue will conduct a free breast screening activity along with a doctor and a sonologist in different districts from a mobile clinic.

The launching ceremony was held on March 6 at a hotel in Gulshan, Dhaka.

Shampa Reza, a media personality and social activist, was present as the adviser of the campaign.

Dr Sharmin Akter Sumi, a breast cancer survivor and a specialist doctor, attended as a special guest. Md Yeasin Mollah, senior DGM (sales), Meghna Pulp & Paper Mills Limited; Shafiur Rahman, adviser (MGI); and Kazi Md Mohiuddin, senior general manager (brand), MGI, were also present.



With precision, 60-year-old Khulna resident Jahanara Begum dusts off excess flour from the "papad" she bought from a local wholesale market. She purchases each kilo of the raw black gram bean dough for Tk 90. For the last 10 years, Jahanara has been earning a living by selling fried papads for Tk 3 a piece at different local fairs. This photo was taken recently from Khalishpur area.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

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Speaking at a rally, he said most people now cannot give their children the necessary amount of nutritious food items like

meat, fish eggs as in the past due to an unusual price hike of all commodities.

"They (govt) won't be able to lower the prices of essentials as they're

benefited from it. Their leaders have created syndicates and get a share from them," he said.

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arranged the rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club protesting the soaring prices of daily essentials and the utility services.

Initial probe finds

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committee told this respondent that they have talked to both the victim and accused.

"In our primary investigation, the incident of harassment has been confirmed. We have recommended the university authorities to take action against the teacher."

The probe report was submitted to the VC on January 9, as per DU sources.

Meanwhile, the department has suspended the accused faculty member for a year-worth of courses over moral degradation.

However, according to university rules, any individual accused of such charges have to be released of all academic duties until the investigation is completed.

The victim's family has expressed deep concern over the matter and demanded proper punishment.

However, the accused teacher -- Muhammad Sazzad Hossain Siddiqui --

has denied the allegation.

"This is a conspiracy. Besides, the probe committee has not informed me of finding proof in favour of the allegations as well," he told this correspondent yesterday.

Mentionable, on February 23, the university syndicate reformed its anti-sexual harassment cell. The cell is looking into the allegation as per the VC's direction.

Prof Zeenat Huda of Sociology and provost of Ruqayyah Hall is heading the cell. A meeting has been called in this regard on March 13.

Prof Zeenat Huda could not be contacted for comments.

Meanwhile, some students have urged the university authorities to take proper action against the teacher.

On March 3, they submitted a letter to the VC in this regard.

Contacted, VC Akhtaruzzaman said, "We have directed the anti-sexual harassment cell to look into the issue."

Same trend

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worries how he can survive the two-month ban.

"Every year government aid comes in late and on top of that, we're left to survive on just 40 kg of rice for two months," Mintu Mistry said.

Not only in Bhola, but also in Barishal's Babuganj upazila, Patuakhali's Kalapara and Kuakata -- families are yet to receive any assistance, confirmed local fishermen.

According to the Barishal Divisional Fisheries Office, the ban was introduced in 2005. At present, apart from three districts of Barishal division, the ban will be implemented in Chandpur, Shariatpur and Laxmipur rivers.

Contacted, Anisur Rahman Talukder, the divisional director of the fisheries department (Barishal), said, "At present, rice aid is being provided to more than 1,64,000 families in Barishal division. For violation of the ban, 211 people have been jailed."

"A campaign has already been launched to enforce the ban this time. Hopefully the ban will succeed," he added.

Israel Pandit, president of the Barishal District Khudra Matsyajibi Samiti, said, 40kg of rice for each family is insufficient and it needs to be increased to 150kg.

First lamp post set up on main part of Padma Bridge

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

The work of installing lamp posts has started from pillar number 40 near Jajira end of Shariatpur of Padma Bridge. This is the first time that a lamp post is being installed on the main part of the bridge. The lamp post installation began around 2:00pm yesterday.

Three lamp posts so far were installed till 4:30pm. Nine more lamp posts will be installed as per the target, said Saddam Hossain, assistant engineer (electrical) of Padma Bridge.

On November 25, last year, installation of the first lamp post started on the viaduct of Padma Bridge on the Mawa side of Munshiganj.

A total of 415 lamp posts will be installed on the entire bridge. Of these, 328 are on the main bridge and 87 on the viaducts at both sides.

The lamp posts in the Padma Bridge project have come from China, Saddam Hossain said, adding that testing has been completed on them.

The work to set up lights on the lamp posts is also in progress, he added.



PHOTO: STAR

Pandemic has

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Chakraborty from Abosar Prakashani are among some of the many books influenced by the pandemic in this year's fair.

Besides, books by economists and doctors on public health, socio-economic and political implications of the pandemic can be seen in the fair as well. The most prominent one in this category is "Coronakaler Arthoniti" by Bangladesh Bank's former governor Dr Atiur Rahman from Bhorer

Kagoj.

The general readers' interest in the topic is noticeable as well. Morshedul Hasan, who came to the fair from Gopibagh, said, "I have survived Covid-19 on a couple of occasions. I know that the journey is not easy, and that's what interests me in such books."

Meanwhile, the cover of "Wireless to Cashless" -- written by Rezaul Hossain, CEO of Upay, UCB's mobile finance service -- has been unveiled at the fair.

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NOTICE OF THE 23RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Notice is hereby given that the 23rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Limited will be held on Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 11:00 am (Bangladesh Time). Pursuant to the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission's Order No. SEC/SRMIC/94-231/91 dated 31 March 2021, the AGM will be held virtually by using digital platform through the following link <https://tinyurl.com/rakagm2022> to transact the following businesses:
AGENDA
1. To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2021, together with the reports of the Auditor and the Directors.
2. To declare dividend for the year ended 31 December 2021.
3. To elect/re-elect Director(s) of the Company.
4. To re-appoint the Managing Director of the Company.
5. To appoint Independent Director of the Company.
6. To appoint the Statutory Auditors of the Company for the year 2022 and fix their remuneration.
7. To appoint the Chartered Secretary in Practice (Compliance Auditors) of the Company for the year 2022 for compliance certification on corporate governance and fix their remuneration.
8. To approve of entering into contract for sale or purchase of goods and materials with Mohammed Trading amounting to 10% (ten percent) or above of the revenue for the immediate preceding financial year.

Dhaka, Bangladesh
Date: March 09, 2022
Notes:
1. The shareholders whose name appeared in the Share/Depository Register as on the 'Record Date' (i.e. February 24, 2022), are eligible to participate in the 23rd AGM and receive the dividend.
2. The Board unanimously recommended dividend @ 12.50% in cash of the paid up capital of the Company for the year 2021.
3. In order to comply with the BSEC notification No. BSEC/CMRRCD/2009-193/10/Admin/118 dated March 22, 2021; the Board of Directors has recommended to enter into contract for sale or purchase of goods and materials with Mohammed Trading (Owner is Managing Director of RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Limited) amounting to 10% (ten percent) or above of the revenue for the immediate preceding financial year subject to approval of the shareholders.
4. A shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the AGM may appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his/her behalf (such a proxy shall be a shareholder of the Company). The Proxy Form, duly filled, signed and stamped of BDT 20 must be sent through email to the Company at sharedepartment.bgd@rakceramics.com not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the meeting.
5. Shareholders are requested to submit through mail to the Company at sharedepartment.bgd@rakceramics.com on or before March 24, 2022, their written option to receive dividend in the form available in Company's website www.rakceramics.com/bangladesh If the shareholder fails to submit such option within the stipulated time, the dividend will be paid off as deemed appropriate by the Company.
6. The concern stock broker, merchant banker and portfolio manager are requested to submit through mail to the Company at sharedepartment.bgd@rakceramics.com on or before March 24, 2022; the statement along with detail of their margin client or customer who has debit balance or margin loan, who are entitled to receive cash dividend of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2021. The statement should include shareholder's name, BO ID number, client-wise shareholding position, gross dividend receivable, applicable tax rate, net dividend receivable etc. along with the Consolidated Customers' Bank Account number, routing number and contact person.
7. The shareholders will be able to submit their questions/comments and vote electronically 24 hours before commencement of the AGM and during the AGM. For logging in to the system, the shareholders need to put their 16 digit Beneficial Owner (BO) ID number and other credential as proof of their identity by visiting the link <https://tinyurl.com/rakagm2022>
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9. Detail log in process has been sent through email to respective shareholder's mail ID available in their BO Account maintained with the Depository. The detailed procedures to participate in the virtual meeting along with link are also available in the Company's website www.rakceramics.com/bangladesh