

## Relieve us of this nightmare

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year. She got out on bail after 70 days behind bars.

Like Ruma, five others arrested under the DSA and later released from jail, shared their harrowing experiences.

After hearing about Ruma's ordeal, Post and Telecommunications Minister Mustafa Jabbar apologised to her.

Speaking at the event as chief guest, the minister said he worked many years for formulating the law. "The law was drafted under my supervision. I apologise to those who suffered due to the misuse of the law."

He said the DSA has been misused like the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act.

"It seems to me that the main reason for such misuse is political.

There should have been a safeguard against the misuse of this law. No law is formulated forever. We can amend the country's constitution. So, we will be able to amend this law."

Criticising the law enforcement agencies, Jabbar said "the agencies and the law ministry" sent the people of the minority communities to jail in the name of providing security.

"Will you turn the entire country into a prison to provide security to the minority community members living everywhere in Bangladesh?" the minister asked.

Hridoy Chandra Mandal, a teacher from Munshiganj sued under DSA, said, "I have been in teaching profession for 21 years. Now, I feel afraid of teaching science at school.

Unscientific topics are dominating textbooks. A country cannot march forward in such a way."

Sankar Debnath, another teacher from Cumilla, said he along with his wife had been running a school at his home for 22 years.

"The house was set alight over a comment made by me and I was sued under the Digital Security Act. The case has ruined my reputation," said a distraught Sankar.

Jhuman Das of Sunamganj said, "I was put behind bars for writing against Mamunul Haque [Hefazat-e Islam leader] and praising Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. I received death threats in jail. I've become broke for fighting the legal battle. I want respite."

Two other accused

in DSA cases; Rasaraj Das, a fisherman from Brahmanbaria, and Joydev Sheel, a student from Patuakhali; also spoke at the discussion.

Former Supreme Court judge Justice Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik said Rasaraj studied up to class-IV and he does not know how to operate Facebook.

"How will he post a Facebook status? Like him, every other victim of the Digital Security Act is subjected to conspiracies in one way or the other. Now, policemen have become bigoted," he told the event.

He said the law has been misused more against the people from the Hindu community. "On the other hand, Islamic clerics like Enayet Ullah Abbasi and Charmonai Pir are making anti-state and anti-religion

remarks in violation of section 295 of the Penal Code and section 28 of the DSA. But no case was filed against them."

Aroma Dutta, an Awami League lawmaker, said those who were trying to strengthen their positions were being arrested under the DSA, which is not good for the country. "This is not acceptable at all. There should not be any misuse of the law. The law should be reviewed so that innocent people don't suffer."

Presiding over the programme, Ekattorer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee President Shahriar Kabir said handcuffing teachers and sending them to jail were disgraceful.

"Our demand is that the cases against them be withdrawn."

## Some just can't

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to the people, and party leaders and activists giving them directives.

She recalled that the then caretaker government was compelled to free her due to the movement and pressure from her party.

"It was only possible because of the Awami League, and no one else could do it. This is Awami League and people are our strength."As the BNP is talking about democracy, she questioned whether the party was born through

the practice of democratic system.

Recalling her days in jail, Hasina said she noted down how the country would be governed and how the party would be run.

"I noted down how we will develop the country. As a result, every house is under power coverage now."

She said defying international obstacles the government has constructed the Padma Bridge with its own resources.

## Bolivian ex-president sentenced to 10 years

AFP, La Paz

Bolivian ex-president Jeanine Anez was sentenced Friday to 10 years in prison.

Anez, 54, has been held in pre-trial detention since March 2021, and has consistently denounced what she said was "political persecution".

## DU holds 'Gha' unit

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on ranking. We want to improve the quality of education, expand the field of basic research and the parameters of ranking in

the international arena like research, foreign students, foreign teachers, the overall learning environment, the quality of life of students and we need to address it

soon." At least 59 students are competing for every seat of social science faculty as 78,045 students have applied for 1,337 seats in "Gha" unit.

## A trifecta of Disaster

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Transport Authority (BRTA) in Savar, told this newspaper.

In Barishal, 12 people were killed and 25 injured, after a bus of Jamuna Line Transport crashed into a tree in Ujirpur on May 29.

Citing the probe report, prepared by a three-member team, Ziaur Rahman, deputy director (Barishal divisional office) of BRTA, said the bus started operating only a month ago.

"So, the bus had all necessary clearances, but the driver started driving recklessly... The vehicle's speed was apparently around 120 km per hour," Ziaur told this correspondent on June 6.

"The reckless driving continued, even though several passengers asked the driver to slow down," he said.

A case has been filed against the driver, registration of the bus has been suspended, and the probe committee recommended filing a case against the owner too, he added.

In Gopalganj, three couples and three others lost their lives in a crash in Kashiani upazila on May 14.

After the accident, Abu Nayeem Md Mofazzal Haque, officer-in-charge of Bhatiapara Police Station, said they earlier recommended that authorities set up a "central reservation" on this particular section of the highway, as accidents are common there. But to no avail.

On June 1, six people, including five of a family, were killed and three injured in a crash on Rajbari-Kushtia highway.

The accident occurred when a truck collided with a easy-bike and then a car.

On May 26, five people were killed and five injured in a collision between a human haulier and truck on Hatikumrul-Bonpara

highway in Sirajganj.

This all happened despite the fact that operation of three-wheelers is banned on highways.

'MICRO SLEEP' OF DRIVERS

Prof Hadiuzzaman, director of Buet's Accident Research Institute, pointed out several reasons behind the deadly crashes in recent times.

He said bus owners hire drivers and staffers on a trip basis, which keeps them uncertain about their income. They try to maximise earnings by working more hours, which ultimately leads to reckless behaviour.

"Due to the long working hours, drivers sometimes go into 'micro-sleep' for one to two seconds, which ultimately causes accidents," he told this correspondent yesterday.

He said media reports had cited that the driver of the offending bus in the Savar crash had dozed off.

He said after several incidents, it came out that many vehicles operate without updated papers.

This indicates that these vehicles operate by dodging or influencing law enforcement agencies.

Currently, BRTA provides fitness clearance by manually checking vehicles, which leaves scope for manipulating the vehicles' condition, he mentioned.

Lack of public transport and the boom of risky three-wheelers and motorbikes are other contributors, he said.

Replying to another question, he said due to the Covid lockdown, operation of public transport remained suspended for months. So, as everything becomes normal, the operation of public transport is increasing and so are accidents.

WHAT AUTHORITIES SAY

Contacted, BRTA Chairman Nur Mohammad Mazumder said they are worried about road accidents and are continuously working on this issue.

"But it is not possible to curb road accidents unless all stakeholders discharge their respective duties," he told The Daily Star yesterday.

Both transport owners and workers ignore safety issues to maximise income, which ultimately causes these incidents, he said.

Authorities will hold a stakeholder meeting on June 13 and a workshop on road safety on June 18, aiming to curb road crashes, he added.

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## The bus had no route

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then sat in a tea shop next to the scene and tried to understand the situation. His helper called him and informed that a policeman riding a motorcycle was crushed and his condition was critical. Zakir then informed the bus owners and the officials of Welcome Paribahan. They advised driver Zakir to go into

hiding," said Commander Khandaker Al Moin.

Zakir then moved to a relative's house in Chittagong, from where he went to Brahmanbaria. Later, a Rab 2 team arrested him in Brahmanbaria.

The bus owner Khoka also went into hiding.

The helper of the bus is still on the run.

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**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**Consulting Services (Firm), Selection (Open; National)**

Country : Bangladesh

Name of project : Recovery and Advancement of Informal Sector Employment (RAISE); Reintegration of Returning Migrants (P174085).

Credit No. : IDA-6841 BD.

Assignment title : Selection of Counseling and Migrant Workers Welfare Services (Firm), (1 Nos.)

Reference No. : SF-02

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Recovery and Advancement of Informal Sector Employment (RAISE); Reintegration of Returning Migrants (P174085) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The scope of the work for the selected firm is as follows:

- Preparatory Activities to Identify Available Services and Develop Training Curricula and Counseling Guidelines-
  - Service mapping;
  - Develop training curricula and guidelines for counseling.
- Establishment of Migrant Workers Welfare Centers (MWWC)
- Provision of Services to Returning Migrant Beneficiaries-
- Outreach;
- Beneficiary registration and screening;
- Provision of reintegration support and referral services;
- Community advocacy and mobilization;
- Management of Grievance Redress Mechanism;
- Data management, monitoring and reporting;
- Knowledge and operations transfer.

The firm must meet the following eligibility and conditions-

- At least 06 years of experience in similar activities, with a preference for delivering services to migrant workers or returnee migrant workers;
- Prior experience in implementing projects with development partner fund will be preferred;
- Last 03 years (2018, 2019 & 2020) company/organization audit report must be submitted;
- Sufficient administrative capacity to mobilize and manage field staff across 30 districts;
- Demonstrate understanding of and prior experience in:
  - Various outreach, communication, and counseling models and tools;
  - Delivering counseling services and/or case management, including the development of curricula, counseling guidelines, training plans, and program materials/teaching aides;
  - Training and capacity building services;
  - Implementing community-level advocacy campaigns and social mobilization;
  - Establishing new program/project implementation facilities.

Project office located at different locations all over Bangladesh.

The total duration of the contract will be until March 2024 and the indicative commencement date is September, 2022.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found in the website: [www.wewb.gov.bd](http://www.wewb.gov.bd)

Recovery and Advancement of Informal Sector Employment (RAISE); Reintegration of Returning Migrants' Project under the Wage Earners' Welfare Board (WEWB) invites eligible "Consulting Firm" to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested consulting firm should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

Consulting firm are requested to submit, but not limited to, the following supporting documents in support of the above-mentioned criteria:

(i) The Firm's Incorporation/Trade/registration documents from the country of the firm (ii) Firm's brochures; and (iii) description of similar consultancy contracts, including the scope, contract amount, name of Client, period of the contract (date of contract signing to date of completion), location/country of the services, etc.

A Consultancy Firm will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

The Procurement Regulations can be viewed at the World Bank's external website: <https://thedocs.worldbank.org/en/doc/178331533065871195-0290022020/original/ProcurementRegulations.pdf>

The attention of interested Consultants being drawn particular to:

1. Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the Procurement Regulations setting forth the World Bank's policy on Conflict of Interest, and

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The client will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by the firm(s) in connection with the preparation or delivery of the EOI.

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