

BB RECRUITMENT TEST SC clears way for exam on Oct 28

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The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday cleared the way for Bangladesh Bank to hold examination on October 28 to recruit 225 assistant directors.

Chamber judge of the Appellate Division Justice M Enayetur Rahim stayed a High Court order that halted the process for holding the exam on that day.

The apex court chamber judge passed the order following a petition filed by BB, seeking a stay on the HC order.

Attorney General AM Amin Uddin and lawyer Khan Mohammad Shameem Aziz appeared for the state and BB, while lawyer Aneek R Haque argued for the writ petition filed with the HC.

Following a writ petition, the HC on October 23 stayed, for a month, the process for holding examination on October 28.

The HC also issued a rule asking BB authorities and the government to explain why they should not amend a BB circular issued for the appointment, in line with an instruction of the public administration ministry.

Advocate Md Rashidul Haque, who appeared for petitioner Mirza Rokibul Hasan, said BB issued a circular on May 10 for recruiting 225 assistant directors.

Meanwhile, public administration ministry issued a notification on September 22, giving a 39-month relaxation for age limit of government job aspirants.

But the notification issued for the BB post was not re-issued after relaxation. Due to this, many job aspirants are being deprived, he said.

Two-third

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in July 2018 to eliminate waterlogging in the city. The project cost was Tk 823 crore. Works of the project's first phase began in October 2020.

over 50 drains to curb waterlogging problem of Khulna. Citizens will be relieved from waterlogging once the project is completed," said Aminul Islam Munna, panel mayor-1 of KCC.

No bar to resume trial

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worth over Tk 7 crore, beyond known sources of income, and concealing information about his wealth, ACC's lawyer Khushid Alam Khan told The Daily Star.

trial proceedings, he said, adding that now there is no legal bar to resume the proceedings.

Hope for a healthy

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"The child will be able to live a healthy and regular life after undergoing gene therapy," she said.

SMA patients visit NINS outreach. Most people in Bangladesh remain unaware of this disease," she added.

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Karnali hydropower project.

Bhandari also expressed his country's interest in using Banglabandha Land Port for trading, as it is nearer than Burimari port.

He appreciated Bangladesh's cooperation towards Nepal, saying that many Nepalese students study in Bangladesh.

Hasina congratulated Bhandari and assured him of cooperation.

She recalled Nepal's support to Bangladesh during the Liberation War by providing arms and ammunition to freedom fighters, which she said was crucial for the country.

The PM emphasised Bangladesh's connectivity with Nepal, Bhutan and India.

In a separate meeting with the PM at Gono Bhaban, Iranian Ambassador to Bangladesh Mansour Chavoshi

yesterday said his country will support Bangladesh for safe and dignified repatriation of Rohingyas -- the forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals -- to their homeland.

Ihsanul Karim briefed reporters after the meeting. The ambassador appreciated Bangladesh for sheltering Rohingyas on humanitarian grounds during the meeting, in which issues related to bilateral relations and trade were also discussed.

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A gift to society

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About Jahan, Sobhan said her works have done wonders for society, he said, adding that she played a vital role for women's empowerment.

Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, said from being a village resident, Jahan got into Harvard and also taught there. This is a great example of women's rise to the top. She is an inspiration for many.

And Akbar Ali Khan exemplified a bureaucrat, who had such sharp intellect and

was administratively so competent, he said.

Anam suggested creating a culture of honouring such distinguished personalities.

Shamsul Alam, state minister for planning; Salehuddin Ahmed and Atiur Rahman, two former governors of Bangladesh Bank; and Hossain Zillur Rahman, executive chairman at Power and Participation Research Centre, also spoke.

Bonik Barta Editor Dewan Hanif Mahmud moderated the event.

750 new dengue cases

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stops to destroy all breeding sources, so that Aedes mosquitoes cannot breed and spread further. He also suggested involving people in the process of raising awareness.

Tahmina Shirin, director of Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR), last week emphasised on the need for awareness campaigns involving councillors or locally influential

persons to control Aedes mosquitoes in areas.

Talking to The Daily Star, she also suggested that people with fever, a major symptom of dengue, take sufficient fluids like oral saline, fruit juice, sorbet, and coconut water.

Patients should be hospitalised when they experience nausea, stomach pain, breathing problems or bleeding from any parts of the body, she advised.

Qatar emir likely

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bilateral engagements between Bangladesh and Qatar in various sectors, including politics, economics, defence, workforce and trade.

He thanked Qatar for hosting the Second Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) in Doha last month, which discussed many pertinent issues including recruitment of workers and enhancing the current

"quota of supply" of liquefied natural gas (LNG).

Momen said Qatar can explore the opportunities to invest in various sectors, including LNG and power, as Bangladesh has 100 special economic zones.

The Qatari envoy conveyed his eagerness to work more closely with Bangladesh in the coming days and handed over a replica of the Fifa world cup to the minister.

Yet to decide on

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"If the inflation situation continues to worsen like this, it will be impossible for common people to meet their basic needs. We demand that the government provides daily necessities to people at a fair price apart from paying allowances," he added.

In response to a question about JP's intra-party conflict, the chairman said, "We are not placing much

importance on things other people are saying about the party. I don't think it would be wise to comment on this."

JP Secretary General Mujibul Haque Chunnua, senior leaders Anisul Islam Mahmud, Shameem Haider Patwari, Adulur Rahman Adel, and Rangpur City Corporation Mayor Mostafizur Rahman were present at that time among others.

An evident disparity

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for establishing the rights of the gender diverse population, ending all forms of discrimination towards them, and reforming the definition of rape in the penal code, which only caters to women and children.

Ivan Ahmed Katha, president of Shachetan Shamjasheba Hijra Sangha, said doctors should treat patients regardless of their gender identity.

SNS President Joya Shikder said hijras are not born as hijras, and during puberty, most of them are abandoned by their families and society.

"Since they are kicked out, they face sexual harassment everywhere and take the shelter of their gurus. They are deprived of their basic human rights. If there is a dedicated shelter for them, they too can flourish and do better in life," said Joya.

Rany Chowdhury, general secretary of Sheman Welfare Association, said, "The plight of the gender-diverse population is not prioritised in emergencies. Many members of the hijra and transgender communities were not allowed to get a Covid test done and were not considered for relief or financial aid during the pandemic."

"Moreover, law enforcers

are more than often reluctant to file their complaints of sexual violence and rape," she claimed. Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST) Junior Advocacy Officer Shova Sarker said there is a knowledge gap regarding where members of these communities can go when they face harassment.

"For example, although there are some services for the gender-diverse population in the one-stop crisis centre or National Legal Aid Services Organisation, in reality, most of them do not know about it," she said.

Transwoman S Srabonti said although the gender-diverse population is approximately 1,50,000 in Bangladesh, the recent population and housing census of 2022 included transgender people as a separate gender and found only 12,629 members belonging to these communities.

"An overwhelming majority of them were left out from the calculation. This would not be the case if there were at least one representative from the gender diverse communities in every district," she said.

In his keynote presentation, Supreme Court lawyer Md Tazul Islam recommended that

all the laws and policies contradictory to the rights of this population be identified and reformed.

He also urged to incorporate the needs of transgender adolescents and the community in general in operational plans of both Directorate General of Family Planning and Directorate General of Health Services.

At the same time, there must be sensitisation training for the judiciary officials and law enforcers on the issues of the gender-diverse population.

Md Shah Jahan, deputy director of the social-services department, said this population could be rehabilitated to shelters, from which they can engage in activities that generate income.

Dr Md Moktar Hossain, director of the social services department, and Brac Director Shamim Ara Shammi also spoke at the event, moderated by SNS General Secretary Md Rafiqul Islam.

Celebrations

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if it was only for three hours. "Around 8,000 to 10,000 people gathered on both sides of the barbed wire fence," he said. "The border guards were vigilant during the event, which ended at 3:00pm."

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