

## 'Action will be taken against corrupt judges'

Says chief justice

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Chief Justice Hasan Foez Siddique yesterday warned of taking



prompt action against judges if they are involved with corruption.

"I think any kind of corruption is like cancer. If a finger is infected with cancer, it is best to cut it off," he said.

"If any judge makes any compromise about ensuring justice, legal actions will be taken against them instantly," added the chief justice.

He was speaking as chief guest at an event organised by Chapainawabganj District Bar Association at its premises, marking its centenary.

Referring to recent incidents of boycotting courts, Foez said people will lose trust in the judiciary if such incidents continue to happen.

"With great sorrow, I have to say that lawyers in different parts of the country are boycotting courts and attacking judges personally, centring trivial matters. But I want to believe that these are isolated incidents. If such incidents recur continuously, confusion will arise among the people," he said.

Justice M Enayetur Rahim of the Appellate Division and Law Commission Member Justice ATM Fazle Kabir were present as special guests, while Chapainawabganj District and Session Judge Md Adeb Ali spoke as a guest of honour.

The event was chaired by Chapainawabganj Bar Association President Advocate Md Zobdul Hoque.

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Shomman Foundation recognised four individuals for their outstanding philanthropic work with the "Shomman Kindness Award". On behalf of National Prof Brig (retd) Abdul Malik, his daughter Prof Fazila-Tun-Nesa Malik received his "Shomman Lifetime Kindness Award" at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday.

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# One for empathy and kindness

Shomman Foundation recognises four persons with "Kindness Award"

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four distinguished individuals, including an Indian national, were recognised with the "Shomman Kindness Award" yesterday for their philanthropic acts that helped bring changes to countless lives.

Shomman Foundation, a philanthropic organisation, recognised the individuals during a ceremony at The Daily Star Centre in the capital, attended by eminent personalities from different professional backgrounds. The ceremony started with a couple of performances by a group of differently-abled children.

At the ceremony, National Prof Brig (retd) Abdul Malik was awarded the "Shomman Lifetime Kindness Award".

Prof Malik is the founding chairman of National Heart Foundation of Bangladesh. He is known as the architect of modern cardiac healthcare in Bangladesh.

Prof Malik, who is in his 90s now, could not attend the ceremony due to health-related

issues. On his behalf, his daughter Prof Fazila-Tun-Nesa Malik received the award.

Prof Fazila-Tun-Nesa said her father's motto while establishing the heart foundation in the 1970s was "service to humanity is service to God".

"You can achieve greatness and goodness through kindness and that is what he [Prof Malik] has done throughout his life," she added.

The foundation also recognised Indian national Subash Mani Singh with "Shomman Kindness Award (2020-2022)".

Subash is a social reformer in India's Darjeeling and Kalimpong, where he has been working for the distressed in the hills.

The organisers also recognised late development activist Zahin Ahmed and late physician Jogesh Chandra Ray with "Shomman Kindness Award (2018-2020)".

Zahin passed away in November 2018, after suffering from cancer and Jogesh died in November 2020 after being infected with Covid-19.

Rubaiul Murshed, founding chair of Shomman Foundation, said there was a time when people would only talk about the gross domestic product and forgot the concept of "gross happiness".

"Now, we have started to realise that GDP is not everything. We need happiness as well, which is directly linked to kindness," he added.

Quoting from a Dalai Lama verse, Valerie Ann Taylor, a globally-known philanthropist and founder of Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP), said, "Once you have a genuine sense of concern for others, there's no room for cheating, bullying or exploitation. Instead, you can be honest, truthful and transparent in your conduct."

Valerie said at CRP, one of their core values is compassion as Dalai Lama's teachings always ask people to be compassionate.

She hoped in addition to their specialities of treatment and rehabilitation such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, and

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## 'Identify the culprit, ensure punishment'

Fifty-two eminent citizens denounce attack on Syeda Rizwana Hasan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Fifty-two eminent citizens yesterday denounced the recent attack on Syeda Rizwana Hasan, chief executive of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela), and urged the government to ensure justice.

In a joint statement, they called upon the government to identify and nab those behind the attacks.

"Such heinous attacks on the rights organisation is concerning and we denounce it," the citizens said in the statement.

They also placed a three-point demand, including the arrest and punishment of the perpetrators and their patrons through an impartial and fair investigation, and effective measures so that any hill and land-grabbers, and river encroachers no more dare to make such attacks.

On Thursday noon, a team from Bela was attacked, allegedly by Chattogram city ward-9 councillor Jahurul Alam Jashim and his aides, during a field visit in Chattogram's Lake City residential area, where hills were razed for a housing project, according to the statement.

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## A recollection of dedication and integrity

Matiul Islam launches his second memoir



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"A hero of history - every page of his life is like that of a novel, full of stories," said actor and director Afzal Hossain, while introducing the first finance secretary of Bangladesh Md Matiul Islam.

A veteran of the Civil Service of Pakistan, the private sector of Pakistan, the government of Bangladesh, the World Bank, UNIDO, and Bangladesh's private sector, Md Matiul Islam, who is 92 years old now, launched his second memoir at a city hotel yesterday.

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