

Monitor septic tank

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explosion if a flame or a spark causes the ignition," said the official.

He suggested opening the windows and turning on electric fans can help avoid such explosions.

Iqbal Habib, joint secretary of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon, said a vent is a must for a safety tank from where the gas goes out.

"When we construct buildings haphazardly, many building owners shut the vent to get rid of the bad odour. In the process, they activate a ticking time bomb," he said.

Habib also suggested keeping gas cylinders in a place where air can pass properly and ensuring their monthly monitoring.

"A practice of providing occupancy certificates after yearly inspection of all the buildings of Dhaka will have to be introduced under the councillors or mayors, involving Wasa, Desa, Rajuk, and the fire service. This team will check whether kitchens are

being constructed properly, the gas connection of the kitchen and the condition of the septic tank is alright, elevators are functioning and electric lines are in a good state," he said.

Adil Mohammad Khan, former general secretary of Bangladesh Institute of Planners, said the lack of maintenance works in buildings, especially high-rises, is one of the main causes of such accidents.

"In Dhaka, organisations like Wasa, Desa, Rajuk and city corporations are only doing their paper works, without ensuring proper monitoring. For example, Rajuk approves the construction of a building but doesn't provide occupancy certificates after checking whether the buildings were constructed complying with the approved plans," said Adil.

However, contacted, Wasa Wasa Director (technical) AKM Shahid Uddin said they carry out their maintenance work in sewerage lines every year.

Global leaders express

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Congressional Gold Medal, a group that includes Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King Jr, Mother Theresa, and Elie Wiesel.

He founded Grameen Bank in 1976 grew it to a world-renowned poverty-fighting institution of 9 million borrowers, 97 percent of them women, that has lifted millions out of poverty and been a model for other microcredit programs around the world.

The letter also said Yunus has not benefited financially from his involvement in Grameen Telecom or GrameenPhone. Rather, he has devoted himself to the poverty-fighting missions of the many organisations he has established and lives modestly in Dhaka.

"We believe one of the most important roles of government is to create an environment where traditional and social entrepreneurs can flourish. We hope that Bangladesh will return to its role as a model for other developing nations of how a vibrant civil society can be nurtured to ensure sustainable progress. A good first step would be to recognise Professor Yunus' achievements and allow him to focus his energy on doing more good for your country and for the world, rather than on defending himself," said the global leaders.

Quader on many occasions admitted his failure to bring discipline on roads.

At least three road safety platforms in early January published their reports, saying that the numbers of road crashes and deaths went up last year compared to 2021.

But Road Transport and Highways Division Secretary ABM Amin Ullah Nuri on January 15 blasted the road safety campaigners for publishing "fabricated" reports.

BRTA and Jati Kalyan Samity published reports on Tuesday, while Road Safety Foundation did so yesterday.

A year too late

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took the exam again in 1975. But this time, he was expelled from the university for locking into altercations with the authorities.

Hossain filed a case with the First Munshif Court (District Munshif Court is the court of the lowest order handling matters pertaining to civil matters) in Mymensingh on April 22, 1975, seeking redress. He claimed to have passed the exams, but blamed the authorities for incorrectly calculating the marks.

The court on September 29, 1975, gave a verdict declaring the academic council's decision illegal.

Then the university filed an appeal with the judge court against the verdict.

The judge court on January 31, 1976 declared the university's action to expel him illegal. Then the university authorities filed an appeal with the

HC, challenging the judge-court verdict.

On August 24, 1976, the HC sent the case to the same First Munshif Court for retrial.

The university authorities then submitted an appeal to the judge-court concerned against the Munshif court verdict. The judge court dismissed the appeal. The authorities then filed another appeal with the HC.

The HC on January 16, 1983, upheld the lower court verdict.

On December 28, 1986, BAU accepted an application from Hossain and gave him a certificate.

At that time, he was 47 years old and was way over the age limit of getting any government jobs.

Hossain, on October 18, 2000, filed a compensation suit with the subordinate court, saying that it took the university authorities 14 years and nine months

Signatories to the letter are:

Bono, musician and activist; Sir Richard Branson, founder, Virgin Group; Lord Mark Malloch Brown, president, Open Society Foundations;

Hillary Rodham Clinton, former US Secretary of State; Sam Daley-Harris, founder, RESULTS and Civic Courage; Lt Gen (retd) Romeo Dallaire, founder, Dallaire Institute for Children, Peace and Security; Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president emerita, Children's Defense Fund; Vicente Fox, former president of Mexico; Peter Gabriel, musician; Ron Garan, former NASA astronaut, and Kul Gautam, former deputy executive director of Unicef and assistant secretary general of the UN.

Pamela Gillies, former vice chancellor and professor emerita, Glasgow Caledonian University; Peter C Goldmark, Jr, former CEO, Rockefeller Foundation and Int'l Herald Tribune; Jane Goodall, primatologist and activist; Al Gore, former vice president of the US; John Hewko, CEO, Rotary International; Mo Ibrahim, entrepreneur and philanthropist; Baroness Helena Kennedy, KC Member of the House of Lords UK; Kerry Kennedy, president, Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights;

Ted Kennedy Jr; Vinod Khosla, venture capitalist, and Ban Ki-moon, 8th secretary general of the UN.

Annie Lennox, singer, songwriter, and activist; Arthur Levitt, former chair of the US Securities and Exchange Commission;

Gene Ludwig, founder and CEO, Springharbor Holdings & Former US Comptroller of the Currency; Paul Maritz, former CEO of VMWare; Michael H Moskow, former president and CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; Narayana Murthy, founder, Infosys; Sir Robin Niblett, former chief executive, Chatham House; Jan Piercy, advisor, Southern Bancorporation, former US board director, World Bank; Robert Post, sterling professor of Law, Yale Law School; Donald Riegel, former US Senator from Michigan, former chairman, Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Development, and Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland.

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