

‘What you did was a crime’

HC again blasts Cox’s Bazar judge for tampering bail order of nine accused

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday again rebuked Cox’s Bazar District and Sessions Judge Mohammad Ismail for tampering his own order over granting bail to nine accused of a criminal case.

He has not only made a mistake but also committed a crime by doing so, the HC said, referring to his crossing out of words from his earlier order after the HC issued a summons order against him.

“You have done another injustice by covering up an injustice and you did not hesitate to do it,” the HC bench of Justice Md Habibul Gani and Justice Ahmed Sohel told Ismail while hearing a criminal revision petition.

The HC on Wednesday accused the judge of “creating anarchy in the judiciary” by granting bail to the accused without maintaining relevant procedures.

According to the criminal revision petition filed by Khodesta Begum Rina, chairman of Dakkhin Mithachhori union in Cox’s Bazar, Ismail granted bail to the accused on May 21, the same day the chief judicial magistrate’s (CJM) court of Cox’s Bazar rejected their bail petition.

The bail order was issued violating several laws, the petition added.

Moreover, the petitioner’s lawyer ABM Altaf Hossain told The Daily Star that Judge Ismail has crossed out the words “Dirghosomoy Hajotbas (longtime in custody)” from his bail order after the HC on June 21 issued the

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at a meeting with UAE Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology Dr Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber at her official residence Gono Bhaban in the capital yesterday. At the meeting, the UAE minister said his country is interested in investing in the energy sector of Bangladesh, particularly renewable energy.

PHOTO: PTI

UAE keen to invest in renewable energy

Visiting minister tells PM

UNB, Dhaka

The United Arab Emirates is interested in investing in the energy sector of Bangladesh, particularly renewable energy, said a visiting minister of the Gulf country yesterday.

UAE Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology Dr Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber said this during a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her official residence Gono Bhaban.

PM’s Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim briefed reporters afterwards.

Dr Ahmed, also the chairman of “Masdar” (an energy company) and Managing Director of Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC), said they will send two teams to Bangladesh from UAE -- one to discuss renewable

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‘Envoys behaving like political parties’

Says info minister

UNB, Dhaka

The statement made by foreign missions in Dhaka over the attack on a candidate of Dhaka-17 by-election is a clear violation of the Vienna Convention, said Information and Broadcasting Minister Hasan Mahmud yesterday.

He said this while replying to questions from journalists after unveiling the cover of a book on Bangabandhu published by the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) at the secretariat.

“Ambassadors are behaving like political parties. I would ask them to abide by the Vienna Convention. At the same time, it is clear from [BNP Secretary General] Mirza Fakhrul’s statement that they want to do politics of violence, which they have already started. However, the government will prevent them with a strong hand,” said Hasan.

“When there is violence

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PRAYER TIMING
JULY 21

Fazr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-15	12-30	5-00	6-55	8-17
JAMAT 4-50	1-15	5-15	7-00	8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

NATIONALISATION Teachers continue their sit-in

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government cancelled the two-week long summer vacation for secondary schools and colleges across the country to spoil their movement for nationalising secondary private educational institutions, alleged a group of teachers yesterday.

Teachers of privately-run secondary educational institutions have been staging sit-in in front of Jatiya Press Club since July 11, demanding the nationalisation of their institutions.

Mentionable, the education ministry on Wednesday declared to cancel the vacation saying the decision was

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Result delay puts JU students in a fix

SHEIKH TAJUL ISLAM TAJ

Every year, a tale of shattered dreams and missed opportunities unfolds in Jahangirnagar University. Let’s take the case of Mahadi Hasan, a master’s student from the Bangla department. Despite completing his written exam on December 19, 2022, he failed to apply at Bangladesh Police, National Security Intelligence, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), and other government bodies thanks to the delay in publishing results.

Mahadi and his peers had to wait for almost six long months till June 7, 2023, to finally see their results, although the relevant departments are bound by the university laws -- Section 26 (iii) of Exam Regulations 2003 -- to publish results within 75 days of the honours final exam.

“I missed those circulars and many more as my result was not published by then. Some of my friends also missed the first two circulars of the posts of assistant teacher at a government primary school,” said Mahadi.

The situation in at least 34 out of 36 departments of the university is more or less the same, this correspondent verified based on last year’s results.

Like Mahadi, two more students from the mathematics department of the same batch (2016-17 session) shared a similar experience with The Daily Star.

This year, they completed their written and practical exams in January and February respectively. However, their results were released on June 12, 2023.

The Department of English is one of the worst examples of publishing delayed results. Students from the 2016-17 session of this department finished their honours final written exam on June 30, 2022, but their result was published on December 22, almost six months after the exam.

For the first, second, and third years, the situation is even worse. Students from session 2018-19, completed their third-year written exam on March 27 this year, but their results are yet to be published.

Contacted, Sabera Sultana, chairman of the English department, claimed that one of the teachers is yet to submit the answer scripts, leading to the delay.

Meanwhile, senior teachers of the university held

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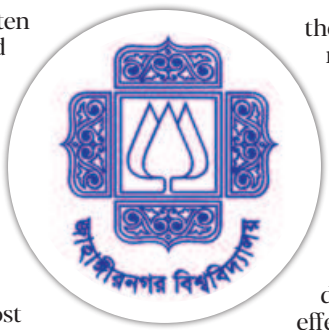
Mahadi Hasan Master’s student

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Prof Anu Muhammad

I Delay in publishing results should not be the trend. The stipulated 75 days are enough to publish results. Exam controllers and dean offices have important roles to play in monitoring the situation.

Prof Md Mustafa Feeroz, Pro-VC (education)



the exam controller office responsible for not monitoring the issue sincerely.

The office should strictly monitor whether the teachers are collecting the papers, providing grades, and returning those on time, they said seeking anonymity.

However, renowned academician and economist Prof Anu Muhammad held the teachers accountable for the delay and advocated for launching an effective monitoring system to address the students’ sufferings.

“Teachers are bound to submit tutorial marks before the final exam. Weekend courses or private universities should not be the first priority of Jahangirnagar University teachers,” Prof Muhammad added.

Contacted, Prof M Salahuddin, JU exam controller, also blamed teachers for the delay.

“We don’t make any delay after getting results

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YUNUS PETITION

HC adjourns hearing till July 23

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday adjourned till July 23 the hearing of a petition filed by Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus challenging a labour court order that framed charges against him and three other top officials of Grameen Telecom in a case lodged on charge of labour law violation.

The bench of Justice Md Ruhul Quddus and Justice Ashish Ranjan Das passed the order after Attorney General AM Amin Uddin sought time for taking preparation to place arguments on behalf of the state.

The attorney general, however, told the court that this petition [of Prof Yunus] cannot run as the HC has earlier rejected a similar petition filed by him challenging the case proceedings, and then the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court upheld the HC verdict.

Meanwhile, Barrister Abdullah Al Mamun, the lawyer for Yunus, told the HC that there is no legal bar to run his client’s petition.

Yunus has filed this petition after the cause of action regarding this case has changed.

The HC had rejected his client’s previous petition which challenged the lower court order for taking cognizance of the case.

The current petition was filed (on June 19) against the trial court’s charge framing order, the lawyer argued.

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4 sentenced to death for war crimes

BSS, Dhaka

The International Crimes Tribunal yesterday sentenced six people in Pirojpur to death for their crimes against humanity during the Liberation War.

They are -- Abdul Mannan Howlader, Ashraf Ali alias Asrab Ali Howlader, Md Moharaj Howlader alias Hatkata Moharaj and Md Nurul Amin Howlader.

Amin Howlader was tried in absentia.

The three judges of the ICT-1 read out the summary of the 228-page judgement while tribunal chairman Justice Md Shahinur Islam read out the sentence.

Convict Nurul Amin Howlader’s death sentence will be executed after his arrest or when he surrenders.

Five held over kidney trade

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In 2019, Anisur Rahman went to India on fake documents for treatment and sold one of his kidneys in exchange for money.

Lured by the demand for kidney transplants, he later got involved in the illegal business after returning to the country.

Anisur, 29, formed a racket with the help of a kidney buying syndicate in India.

“Anisur is one of the kingpins of the illegal kidney trading racket in the country,” Lt Col Mostaque Ahmed, commanding officer of Rab 1, told a press briefing at Rab Media Centre in Karwan Bazar yesterday, after arresting five people, including Anisur, in this connection on Wednesday.

The other arrestees are Ariful Islam alias Rajib,

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No alternative to research: president

BSS, Dhaka

President Mohammed Shahabuddin has urged the university authorities to increase extra-curricular activities in the educational institutions.

He made the suggestion when Pabna University of Science and Technology Vice-Chancellor Prof Hafiza Khatun paid a courtesy call on him at Bangabhaban yesterday.

The president, also chancellor of the university, stressed on the research activities in the university.

“There is no alternative to research to ensure the quality higher education,” he said.

The president directed the university authorities to introduce a time-befitting curriculum so that every student can sustain in the competitive world.

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Ex-Sonali Bank MD jailed for 17 yrs

STAR REPORT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced eight people, including six former officials of Sonali Bank Limited, to 17 years in jail in a case filed over embezzling Tk 2.16 crore.

The convicts are the bank’s former managing director Humayun Kabir, deputy managing director Mainul Haque, general manager Noni Gopal Nath, deputy general manager Sofiz Uddin Ahmed, and assistant general managers Saiful Hasan and Kamrul Hossain Khan.

Two other convicts are Saiful Islam Raza, managing director of Paragon Knit Composite Ltd, a sister concern of Hallmark Group, and one

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PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Teachers of privately-run secondary educational institutions continue their protest in front of Jatiya Press Club for the 10th consecutive day yesterday, demanding nationalisation of their schools.

ট্রিবিউনাল হোমস লিমিটেড এর প্রতিষ্ঠাতা পরিচালক এবং বর্তমান চেয়ারম্যান ডাঃ মোঃ রেজাকর হকিম এর অধধর্মিতা ডাঃ মাহুজিদা আক্তার গত ১২ জুলাই ২০২৩ তারিখের একটি হামদাগানে ইংরেজি করেন। ইম্মা নিম্নোক্ত আদালত ইম্মা ইম্মাইই রাষ্ট্রিক। তাঁর মুহুর্তে আমরা গভীরভাবে শোকাহত।

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