

Set up breastfeeding corners at workplaces

Says HC in full verdict

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday released the full text of a verdict underscoring the need for setting up “infant feeding centres” at all relevant establishments and public places, including RMG factories, within a reasonable period of time.

Every garment factory, having a strength of more than 40 female workers, should set up breastfeeding corners, the HC observed.

“A child needs to be breastfed for two years. Needless to observe that many of such lactating mothers are engaged in services or businesses, either in government or in the private sectors. Therefore, it is of paramount importance that necessary arrangements should be made at all such relevant establishments and public places including shopping malls, bus terminals, train stations, steamers, or launch ghats to enable the mothers to feed their children as and when necessary without going through hassle or agony”, the HC said in the full text of verdict.

The HC delivered the verdict on this issue on April 2 this year, following a writ petition filed by Advocate Ishrat

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NAT'L UNIV MAIN CAMPUS

UGC suspends undergraduate admissions

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The University Grants Commission has suspended the admission process for undergraduate (honours) programmes for the 2022-2023 academic year at the National University's main campus.

An office order issued by UGC yesterday directed NU authority to halt all activities, including on-campus student admissions, for the undergraduate programmes.

Furthermore, UGC has asked NU authority to explain their decision to admit students to the on-campus undergraduate programme within five working days.

The commission made this decision on Monday, as mentioned in the office order, after finding that NU authorities were violating the National University Act of 1992.

On July 20, NU authorities published a circular on their website for student admissions to the undergraduate programmes in LLB, BBA, Tourism and Hospitality Management, and Nutrition and Food Science at its main campus in Gazipur.

Citing the 1992 act, the order stated that the university

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Three Idols vandalised in Faridpur temple

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Unidentified miscreants vandalised three idols of Hindu gods and goddesses, constructed for the upcoming Durga Puja at Tambulkhana Durga temple under Sadar upazila in Faridpur, early yesterday.

Mithu Nag, president of Kaijuri Union Pooja Celebration Committee, said the incident took place around 1:00am.

On information, Md Salauddin, superintendent of police (Sadar circle), Liton Dhali, Faridpur Sadar UNO, and MA Jalil, officer in-charge of Faridpur Kotwali Police Station visited the temple.

Liton Dhali told The Daily Star that the temple was unguarded and there were no grilles.

They have advised the temple committee to install CCTV cameras and grilles. The upazila administration will help in this regard, he assured.

OC Jalil said they are looking into the incident and trying to identify the perpetrators.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Oikya Parishad in a statement yesterday demanded immediate arrest and punishment of the perpetrators.


Its leaders also threatened to wage a tough movement if miscreants are not arrested immediately.

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AZAN 4:40	12:45	4:30	6:05	7:30
JAMAAAT 5:15	1:15	4:45	6:10	8:00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION





Vehicles ply a pothole-ridden road clogged with rainwater in Baliadangi, Rajbari. Such a situation has been prevailing for three years. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: STAR

BALIAKANDI IN RAJBARI

People suffer for roadwork delay

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

For the past three years, thousands of commuters in Rajbari's Baliakandi upazila have been enduring significant hardships due to prolonged delays in the reconstruction of two critical roads.

The repair of the 12.3km Baliakandi-Mrigi road commenced under Rural Connectivity Development Project (RCIP) of the Local Government Engineering Department on September 30, 2020. Initially slated for completion by April 30, 2022, the project had an allocation of approximately Tk 15.55 crore.

Despite securing the contract for the Baliakandi-Mrigi road development, contractor Mir Habibul Alam, hailing from Uttar Bargacha in Natore, has failed to meet the stipulated time frame.

In a similar vein, reconstruction of the 4.535km Baliakandi-Magchami road, extending from Talpatti of Baliakandi upazila headquarters through Meghchami to Madhukhali, also started under the same project on

September 30, 2020, was slated to be completed by April 30, 2022.

Contractor Mir Habibul Alam was responsible for this road as well, but had failed to finish the works.

The reconstruction timelines for both roads have been extended multiple times, further exacerbating the situation.

With no alternative roads to reach the upazila and district headquarters, and markets, we face immense difficulties due to the road's current condition.

RASHIDA BEGUM
Resident of Narua village

During a recent visit, this correspondent saw both roads in a deteriorated state, rendering safe vehicular movement nearly impossible. The road surfaces were riddled with potholes, as the brick layer had been stripped away. Moreover, rainwater was seen accumulating on the roads.

“The Baliakandi-Magchami road is vital for locals. Unfortunately, due to reconstruction delays, we have endured substantial inconvenience over the past three years. During the dry season, dust plagues us, and in the monsoon, the road becomes waterlogged and muddied,” said Liton Sheikh of Amtola area in the upazila.

Rashida Begum, a resident of Narua

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Three boys, holding kites made from used polythene bags, race against the wind as the country welcomes autumn. The photo was taken yesterday in Sylhet Sadar's Umairgaon area.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

Media resorts to self-censorship because of govt

Alleges Fakhrul

UNB, Dhaka

B N P
Secretary
General
Mirza



Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday alleged that because of the current government's fascist attitude, journalists feel impelled to resort to self-censorship.

He voiced his concerns over the state of democracy and freedom of the press in Bangladesh, saying, “It's a shame, and it hurts to see some media personalities and owners speaking in favour of this terrible government.”

He was addressing the golden jubilee celebration organised by a faction of

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TORTURE OF 2 BCL MEN

DMP probe body gets 3 more days to submit report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The three-member probe body formed to investigate torture of two BCL men at Shahbagh Police Station allegedly by ADC Harun-or-Rashid and other law enforcers has been given three more days to complete their inquiry.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (Media and Public Relation) KN Roy Niyati of Dhaka Metropolitan Police confirmed the development yesterday.

Earlier in the day, the probe body sought seven days from the DMP Commissioner, said joint commissioner (operations) Biplob Kumar Sarker.

It would be the probe body's second deadline extension. The committee, led by Deputy Commissioner for Operations Abu Yusuf, was initially given a two-day deadline. It was later extended by five days after they failed to complete the report on time.

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Stop entry of illegal arms through CHT

Says JS body

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on CHT Affairs Ministry yesterday recommended that the law enforcement agencies take strong measures to ensure that no illegal weapons enter the country through the three hill districts ahead of the national election.

The parliamentary watchdog came up with the suggestion in its 15th meeting with its chairman Md Dabirul Islam in the chair at the national parliament.

The committee also held a discussion on the law and order situation and post-flood rehabilitation activities in Bandarban, Rangamati and Khagrachhari.



It stressed the need for maintaining law and order in the CHT through coordination with the local public representatives, superintendents of police and deputy commissioners of the three districts.

“We must put an end to the use of illegal weapons in order to hold a free and fair election,” Md Dabirul Islam, chief of the parliamentary watchdog, told The Daily Star.

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1	874945	MPI/Rev/23-24/PG-01	Supply of Civil Modern Equipments Construction and Testing Lab (4112304)	21-09-2023 9:00	05-10-2023 14:00	05-10-2023 14:00
2	874967	MPI/Rev/23-24/PG-02	Supply of Civil Modern Equipments Geotechnical lab (4112304)			
3	874972	MPI/Rev/23-24/PG-03	Supply of Civil Modern Equipments Materials testing lab (4112304)			
4	874973	MPI/Rev/23-24/PG-04	Supply of Computer Modern Equipments Soft ware Lab (4112304)			
5	874974	MPI/Rev/23-24/PG-05	Supply of Computer Modern Equipments (IOT Lab) (4112304)	21-09-2023 9:00	05-10-2023 16:00	05-10-2023 16:00
6	874975	MPI/Rev/23-24/PG-06	Supply of Electrical Modern Equipments (Electrical Machine Lab) (4112304)			
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10	874979	MPI/Rev/23-24/PG-10	Supply of Electrical Modern Equipments Lab-2 (4112304)			
11	874980	MPI/Rev/23-24/PG-11	Supply of Electronics Modern Equipments Lab-3 (4112304)			
12	874982	MPI/Rev/23-24/PG-12	Supply of Mechanical Modern Equipments (Machine shop-1) (4112304)			
13	874983	MPI/Rev/23-24/PG-13	Supply of Mechanical Modern Equipments (Machine shop-2) (4112304)			
14	874984	MPI/Rev/23-24/PG-14	Supply of Mechanical Modern Equipments (Lathe Machine shop) (4112304)			
15	874985	MPI/Rev/23-24/PG-15	Supply of Mechanical Modern Equipments (CNC Machine shop) (4112304)			
16	874986	MPI/Rev/23-24/PG-16	Supply of Refrigeration and Air conditioning Modern Equipments Lab-1 (4112304)			
17	874987	MPI/Rev/23-24/PG-17	Supply of Refrigeration and Air conditioning Modern Equipments Lab-2 (4112304)			
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19	874989	MPI/Rev/23-24/PG-19	Supply of Refrigeration and Air conditioning Modern Equipments Lab-4 (4112304)			
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22	874992	MPI/Rev/23-24/PG-22	Supply of Cleanliness Materials (3211102)			
23	874993	MPI/Rev/23-24/PG-23	Supply of Chemical (3256102)			
24	874994	MPI/Rev/23-24/PG-24	Supply of Raw materials (3256105)			
25	874995	MPI/Rev/23-24/PG-25	Supply of Playing and Goods (3256107)			
26	874996	MPI/Rev/23-24/PG-26	Supply of Office Equipments (4112310)			
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