

There's no cell to punish opposition leaders

Says law minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday dismissed BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir's allegation that the government had formed a cell to punish opposition leaders.

"When I first became law minister in 2014, we formed a monitoring cell to reduce the backlog of cases. The cell is still working. If anybody misleads people by saying that the cell is being used for political purposes, I have nothing to do other than be sorry."

About the dialogue among the government and political parties, he said there are provisions in the law for holding dialogue, and no dialogue can take place unless those conditions are met.

Regarding BNP leaders' statements that the government will be accused if anything happens to BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, he said they can say whatever they like as democracy is being exercised in independent Bangladesh.

3 key roads in dire need of renovation



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OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

The heart of Narayanganj city is in Chashara where three important roads lead to east, west and south.

Dhaka-Narayanganj Old Road, Chashara Shimrail Road and Bangabandhu Road are linked with the capital, Dhaka-Chittogram Highway and Dhaka-Munshiganj Road. Fatullah, Siddhiganj and Sadar police stations are also connected by these three roads.

Despite holding such importance in regional connectivity, the roads are in a dilapidated state and in dire need of renovation.

The authorities sometimes carry out repairs by putting bricks and sand in the potholes, which hardly makes a difference, said locals.

Visiting the area recently, this correspondent saw asphalt surface got washed away, forming small and large potholes.

"In daylight, we can manage but after dusk you can't be sure where the potholes actually are. Last week, my associate and I got injured as the vehicle overturned. This happens often on Dhaka-Narayanganj Old Road," said Mohammad Ali, a pick-up van driver. Similar observations were made in the two other roads.

"In last 45 days, I had to change 3 pairs of bearings of my battery-run auto rickshaw, only for running on the damaged road," said Md Shahin, who carries passengers on Chashara Shimrail Road.

"Authorities must repair this road as soon as possible," urged Nazma Begum, 55, a resident of Fatullah area.

According to officials, the 8km Chashara Shimrail Road and 12km Dhaka-Narayanganj Old Road are under the supervision of Roads and Highway Department's Narayanganj and Dhaka divisions, while the

2km Bangabandhu Road is under Narayanganj City Corporation.

"A tender has been called for repairing 3km stretch of Chashara-Shimrail Road. The work will likely begin at the end of October," said Shahana Ferdous, executive engineer of RHD, Narayanganj

Another portion of the road is under NCC's supervision and they will take initiative, she added.

"We are aware that some roads need repairs. We took an initiative to renovate the roads after the end of the pandemic but could not due to fund crisis. We have taken on a project and will call for tenders soon," said Asgor Hossain, executive engineer of NCC.

"Renovation of Dhaka-Narayanganj Old Road will begin soon while a project to upgrade it from two lane to six is awaiting the planning ministry's clearance," said Ahad Ullah, executive engineer of RHD, Dhaka.

Man held with 3.21kg gold at Dhaka airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Members of the Armed Police Battalion (APBn) and National Security Intelligence (NSI) have arrested a passenger with 3.21kg gold worth Tk 3.20 crore from Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital.

The arrestee Sumon Hossain, 43, was apprehended in front of the airport's Concourse Hall around 5:00pm, said APBn's Additional Superintendent of Police Ziaul Haque yesterday.

He said Sumon arrived at the airport from Sharjah on an Air Arabia flight on Saturday. He was arrested on suspicion after he passed through the green channel at the customs checkpoint.

Sumon admitted to collaborating with a gold smuggling ring, said the police official.

He said two Sharjah expatriates had offered Sumon money to smuggle the gold into Bangladesh.

Hailing from Munshiganj, Sumon had regularly used his overseas travels to import goods through baggage facilities.

The police official said that a case was filed against Sumon under the Special Powers Act with the Airport Police Station.

DEROGATORY COMMENT HC summons BNP leader Habib

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday summoned BNP leader and former lawmaker Habibur Rahman Habib, directing him to appear before it on November 6 for making a derogatory comment about the judge who sentenced BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in two corruption cases.

The HC also issued a rule asking Habib, an adviser of the BNP chairperson, to explain why contempt of court proceedings should not be drawn against him for making the comment about Justice Md Akhteruzzaman.

The HC bench of Justice JBM Hassan and Justice Razik-Al Jalil issued the order and rule on a suo motu (voluntary) move after Chief Justice Obaidul Hassan sent the matter to this bench.

His statement surfaced in a YouTube video, the link of which was conveyed to the chief justice, Munul said.

Information technology the way forward'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Information technology is the only way forward to meet the challenges of globalisation, said speakers at a workshop in Khulna yesterday.

The workshop titled "U Reporting Orientation and Field Testing of Bangla Offline Mobile Application" was held at CSS AVA center Khulna.

Khulna District Information Office organised the programme in collaboration with Unicef.

Md Feroz Shah, additional divisional commissioner (general) of Khulna, was present as the chief guest.

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CEC's stance raises concern

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election -- have frustrated the countrymen as they reflect partisanship, said Iftekharuzzaman in the statement. If the constitutional body's head holds such a position, there is a reason to fear to what extent the expectations of a free, fair, and participatory

election will be met, said the statement.

"The CEC should not be unaware that creating a truly participatory election environment, ensuring equal competition, and fostering an environment conducive to people's participation in the elections is essential," it added.

TIB recommended that the EC engage in discussions with all political parties to create a conducive environment.

It also urged the administration and law enforcement agencies to play a neutral role without conflicts of interest during the election.

Honouring a stellar

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"Architecture", "Education", "Corporate", "Culture", "Sports" and "Agriculture" sectors have been awarded the recognition with the same fervour. In continuation of that spirit, in this event, Lutfunnahar Piki has been recognised as Stellar Woman in the "Writing Category".

Piki is the writer behind "Oppor" and four other contemporary books with many articles for Bichitra magazine and Iftefaq's "Torun Kontho".

After receiving the award, she said, "I would like to thank bti and The Daily Star for recognising me as a Stellar Woman. I understand the struggles of female writers and believe women should nurture

their respective talents to develop their own creative spaces no matter what anyone says."

Several senior officials of bti and The Daily Star were present on the occasion, including Imran Kadir, head of sales and marketing at The Daily Star; FR Khan, managing director at bti; and Nalaka Hettiarachchi, the CEO of bti.

BRT-3 not

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Asked whether all 25 stations will be ready by December to provide automatic ticketing service by December, he said not all would be ready.

"We are now developing a station at Gazipur's Targach as a model and it would be replicated on other stations if its service is found satisfactory," he added.

Asked whether they will be able to start operations in January next year, he said, "I can't say exactly."

Once in operation, the bus corridor is expected to allow people to reach Dhaka from Gazipur, a satellite town near Dhaka where the cost of living is much lower, in 35-40 minutes, a journey that now takes about 1.5 hours and can go up to four hours.

Prof Maksud

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Prof Kamal, elected dean of the earth and environmental sciences faculty in 2012, was elected president of Duta four consecutive times.

He was also the convenor of Blue Panel, an Awami League-backed teacher organisation, and a member of DU senate and syndicate, as well as the provost of Surja Sen Hall for two terms.

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