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Close all restaurants, businesses in residential buildings

SC lawyer files petition with HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Supreme Court lawyer yesterday filed a writ petition with the High Court seeking its directive upon the government to close restaurants and business operations in all residential buildings in Dhaka.

Md Eunus Ali Akond submitted the petition as a public interest litigation to the HC, also appealing to the court to order authorities concerned of the government to form a judicial committee to probe Thursday night's devastating fire incident at Bailey Road that killed 46 people and injured several others.

The petitioner also sought the HC's order for arresting the persons responsible for the incident.

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The TCB truck selling essential commodities at subsidised rates comes to its designated spot every day at 11:00am. People from low-income groups start lining up an hour before. Though their parents are oblivious to the bright-red shimul tree nearby, children pick up the fallen flowers as they wait. The photo was taken in the Rayer Bazar Bodhyo Bhumi area yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

'Work sincerely to increase conviction rates'

IGP directs police officials on last day of police week

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Field-level police officials will receive rewards for promptly and effectively concluding investigations into cases involving the killing and injury of law enforcement officers, ensuring perpetrators are brought to justice, said Inspector General of Police Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun yesterday.

He said this at a meeting with top police officials yesterday at Rajarbagh police auditorium in the capital on the last day of police week 2024.

The IGP instructed the police officials to investigate the police assault cases with utmost sincerity, said an official present at the meeting.

The police chief also instructed the police officials to work sincerely to increase the rate of conviction in different cases.

According to Police Headquarters, the conviction rate of all cases filed across the country increased from 17 percent in 2022 to 28 percent in December 2023 due to efficiency and professionalism of the police.

The IGP directed senior police officers to take strict action against all forms of extortion, while also directing members of all police units to perform their duties with due diligence in stopping extortion.

He called upon police officers to discharge their duties

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BAILEY ROAD FIRE

Condolences from Japanese foreign minister

UNB, Dhaka

Japanese Foreign Minister Kamikawa Yoko voiced her profound shock over the deadly fire at a shopping mall on Dhaka's Bailey Road that claimed 46 lives.

The inferno erupted at Green Cozy Cottage shopping mall Thursday.

"I am deeply saddened by the devastation caused by the large-scale fire at a shopping mall in Dhaka," Kamikawa remarked in a condolence message to her Bangladeshi counterpart Hasan Mahmud.

"I would like to express my deepest sympathies to the people and the Government of Bangladesh," she also said.

Kamikawa Yoko offered condolences to the families mourning the loss of their loved ones.

Integrate women for sustainable solutions

Speakers tell event on renewable energy sector

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Although integrating women into the renewable energy sector can usher in empowerment, discrimination remains a major obstacle preventing them from attaining significant policymaking roles within the field, said speakers at an event yesterday.

They also highlighted that women's involvement in renewable energy projects can yield economic benefits, enhance resilience against climate change, promote gender equality, and advance sustainable energy solutions.

They made the remarks at the event titled "Workshop with Women Journalists on Women's Empowerment and Renewable Energy," jointly organised by Manusher Jonno Foundation and Ananya Magazine, at Daily Ittefaq Bhaban in the capital.

MJF programme director Banasree Mitra Niyogi presented

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BANASREE MITRA NIYOGI
MJF Programme Director

the keynote, saying women bear the burden of gathering fuelwood and handling traditional fuels, which exposes them to harmful substances such as fine particles and carcinogens.

"Women typically spend 40 minutes to 2 hours collecting traditional biomass fuels, often

resulting in longer work days than men. Regardless, their contributions are often overlooked in national accounts and labour force statistics," said Banasree.

"Providing renewable energy to vulnerable communities with diverse income sources is crucial for resilience against climate change. Renewable energy providers must prioritise involving women, leveraging their skills and networks to be part of the solution," she added.

Tasmima Hossain, editor and publisher of Ananya Magazine, said the declining participation of women in the workplace is concerning for Bangladesh.

Pointing out the looming crisis in the energy sector, she emphasised that involving women in the renewable energy sector would not only help address the energy crisis but also promote gender equality.

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Collective effort needed to end Gaza genocide

Hasan Mahmud tells TRT World

UNB, Dhaka

A collective effort is needed to end the ongoing genocide in Palestine's Gaza, said Foreign Minister Hasan Mahmud yesterday.

He made the remark in an interview with TRT World on the sidelines of the Antalya Diplomacy Forum in Türkiye where he is representing Bangladesh.

Describing the event as a significant platform for international dialogue, Mahmud highlighted the lack of sufficient global action to halt the violence and atrocities in Gaza and hold Israel accountable for committing crimes against humanity and ethnic



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Ensure women's equal inheritance rights: speakers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It is a must to guarantee women's equal rights to inheritance as a means to combat discrimination, speakers said at a discussion yesterday.

They also called for implementing a uniform family law to address the issue.

The event was organised by Bangladesh Nari Pragati Sangha (BNPS) at Cirdap auditorium in Dhaka.

Pervasive discrimination against women, including child marriage and domestic violence, often stems from the lack of equal inheritance rights, said BNPS executive director Rokeya Kabir.

"Without addressing this root cause, government and private initiatives may only scratch the surface of the issue. Strengthening women's economic status by ensuring equal inheritance rights is crucial to empowering them in different spheres of life," she added.

Supreme Court lawyer Barrister Tania Amir called upon the state to enact a universal family law.

Since the constitution ensures equal rights for all citizens regardless of caste or religion, family laws based on religious doctrines are in conflict with the constitution and should not be in force, she said.

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MURSHEDY'S GULSHAN HOUSE

HC to deliver verdict on March 10

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court will deliver a verdict on March 10 on the writ petition seeking its directives to recover the Gulshan house allegedly occupied by Awami League lawmaker Abdus Salam Murshedy illegally.

The bench of Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice Kazi Ebadoth Hossain yesterday fixed March 10 as the date for delivering judgement after hearing the petition.

Supreme Court lawyer Sayedul Haque Suman, now an independent lawmaker, submitted the petition as a public interest litigation to the HC on October 31, 2022.

In the petition, Suman said Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk) had given ownership of the luxurious building of Housing and Public Works department to Murshedy, lawmaker from Khulna-4 constituency, by making forged documents.

During the hearing, the Anti-Corruption Commission's lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan told the HC that the commission, in a probe, found that fraudulence, forgery, and abuse of powers occurred during the allocation of the Gulshan house and plot of Murshedy.

ACC has filed a criminal case against 11 people under the Penal Code and Section 5(2) of the Anti-Corruption Act of 1947 following the inquiry report. ACC will now investigate the case and take the next course of action.

Murshedy's lawyer Mohammad Sayed Ahmed Raza prayed to the HC to examine the probe reports earlier submitted by Rajuk and ACC so that nobody involving the property is prejudiced.

Barrister Aneek R Haque appeared for writ petitioner Suman, while DAG Saifuddin Khaled and Advocate Zakir Hossain Masud represented the state and Rajuk, respectively, during the hearing.



Gas cylinders, kept unsafely, lie atop this pick-up van parked in front of a commercial building housing numerous restaurants. The scene is a familiar one that often is a prelude to disaster. The photo was taken in Dhanmondi area yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

4 restaurants fined for fire hazard

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A mobile court fined four restaurants in Tangail town yesterday, for a total of Tk 1.5 lakh for not having fire extinguishing systems.

Executive Magistrate Hasan Bin Mohammad Ali, also upazila nirbahi officer in Tangail, along with Fire Service and Civil Defence personnel and law enforcers launched the drive at Old Bus Stand area.

After the drive, the magistrate told journalists that they continued the drive at the town's high-rise buildings and restaurants.

During the drive, the Suruchi restaurant was fined Tk 1 lakh, Sugandha restaurant Tk 20,000, Jhawban restaurant Tk 20,000 and Chefat restaurant Tk 10,000.

Rabiul Islam, inspector of Fire Service and Civil Defence in Tangail, said legal steps will be taken against the errant owners of high rise buildings and restaurants.