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Petition filed to close all restaurants in residential buildings

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 Eunos 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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An elderly man leads his family down a narrow stairs of Gausia Market yesterday. The sprawling, congested market lacks the necessary safety measures to safeguard lives if a disaster occurs like the fire in a building on Bailey Road.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

'It's absurd'

TIB on former land minister's claims regarding overseas assets

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) yesterday said former land minister's explanation regarding his wealth abroad and its concealment in the national election affidavit is "unreasonable, absurd, and unacceptable."

In a statement, the anti-graft watchdog called on the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), National Board of Revenue (NBR), Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU), Criminal Investigation Department (CID), and other agencies concerned to investigate his wealth abroad and its amount.

At a press conference at Jatiya Press Club on Saturday, Saifuzzaman Chowdhury, the immediate past land minister, acknowledged having assets abroad that he claimed were accrued through income generated from businesses outside of Bangladesh.

The press conference was called in response to a Bloomberg report on February 18 that said Saifuzzaman owned over 350 properties in the UK worth about £200 million and at least five properties in the US.

On December 29 last year, The Daily Star reported on a subset of Chowdhury's UK properties after Iftekharuzzaman, executive director of TIB, at a press conference three days earlier, disclosed that a minister had concealed assets abroad worth more than Tk 2,312 crore in his election affidavit.

TIB Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman said they have prepared a dashboard containing information on the affidavits of the candidates of the last four national elections, and analysed the affidavits of 6,007 candidates to provide an overall, constituency-based, and party-wise analysis.

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Japan condoles for Bailey Road fire victims

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 on Thursday.

Many were also injured in the incident.

"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.

RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR

Integrate women for sustainable dev: speakers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Journalists have to play a key role in ensuring women's participation in the renewable energy sector for its sustainable development, 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 (MJF) and Ananya Magazine, at Daily Ittefaq Bhaban in the capital.

MJF programme director Banasree Mitra Niyogi presented the keynote, saying women bear the burden of gathering firewood and other traditional fuels, which

Providing renewable energy to vulnerable communities with diverse income sources is crucial for resilience against climate change. Renewable energy providers must prioritise the inclusion of women in the sector, leveraging their skills and networks.

BANASREE MITRA NIYOGI
MJF Programme Director

often expose them to harmful substances such as fine particles and carcinogens.

"Women typically spend 40 minutes to 2 hours collecting traditional fuels, often resulting in longer working hours than men. Regardless, their contributions nationally are often overlooked,"

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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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'Work sincerely to increase conviction rates'

IGP directs police officials on last day of police week

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The police officials have to work sincerely to increase the rate of conviction in different cases, said Inspector General of Police Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun yesterday.

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

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 with dedication to gain public trust.

The meeting discussed measures to prevent juvenile crime, strengthen community policing activities, and foster creative and innovative policing, according to a press release.

The overall crime situation from last year was reviewed in the meeting.

The IGP also said field-level officials will receive

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A pickup stacked with gas cylinders meant for restaurants waits on a road for unloading in front of a commercial building in Dhanmondi yesterday. The area has a number of high-rises with numerous restaurants which lack necessary safety measures.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Looters destroying economy

JP MP Salma Islam tells JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiyo Party Co-Chairperson Salma Islam yesterday called upon the government to take stern actions against the loan defaulters, bank looters, and money launderers for destroying the backbone of the country's economy.

She said this while participating in a discussion of thanksgiving motion on the president's speech in the parliament.

Highlighting various challenges, Salma said the main issue of the economy is inflation. Extreme mismanagement in the financial sector has been added to this.

She said non-performing loans are increasing at an unbridled pace. Thousands of crores of taka are being laundered abroad. It cannot be controlled in any way.

"The dollar crisis is growing. Reserves continue

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