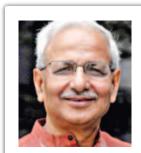
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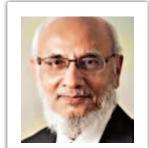
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**SHAH ABU NAIM MOMINUR** RAHMAN Judicial Reform



**BADIUL ALAM MAJUMDAR Electoral System** 



**CHOWDHURY Public** Administration Reform Commission

**ABDUL MUYEED** 



**IFTEKHARUZZAMAN** Anti-Corruption Reform



**SAFAR RAJ** HOSSAIN Police Administration Reform Commission

### Says UN envoy Irene Khan UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Opinion and Expression Irene Khan has stressed the importance of access to information and

freedom of speech. "Development is not possible

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

**CLASS-VI TO IX** 

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Board (NCTB) vesterday.

Curriculum 2022.

annual exams.

the next class.

unit work and pair work.

on short syllabus

'Development not

to info, free speech'

possible without access

without access to information and freedom of speech, and democracy cannot survive without them. These are two inseparable and crucial elements in the context of human rights," she said.

During her speech as the chief guest, Irene made the remarks at a seminar organised by Research Initiatives, Bangladesh (RIB), titled "Advancing Accountability and Transparency through Access to Information" in Dhaka yesterday.

She also highlighted the critical role access to information plays in empowering people and advancing human rights.

Annual exams to be held

This year's annual exams for classes six to nine will be

conducted under a shortened syllabus, according to the

guidelines issued by the National Curriculum and Textbook

each, will be evaluated in two parts -- a learning assessment

conducted throughout the year and an annual exam.

the total marks and the annual exam 70 percent.

The year-end exams, which will run for three hours

The learning assessment will account for 30 percent of

The NCTB said the assessments will be based on

According to the guidelines, schools are responsible for

conducting learning assessments under the supervision of

their teachers. They will also have to prepare annual exam

questions based on sample question papers provided by the

NCTB. Using these questions, schools will administer the

The learning assessment would include activities such as

The guidelines said the records of the completed

assessments must be maintained properly, and all such

activities should be completed before the annual exams

A student will pass in a subject if they secure at least

In such cases, the head of the institution, in consultation

In the new curriculum of 2022, there were no exams

with the subject teachers, may promote particular students

under special consideration only for the 2024 academic year,

for classes six to nine. Students were promoted based on

Education Adviser Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud recently

He said implementation of the new curriculum with

said it does not seem that the new curriculum, especially the

a D grade (33-39 marks). However, students receiving a D

grade in three or more subjects will not be promoted to

the contents of textbooks prepared under the National

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## Yunus charts a path to reforms

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electoral process the police, public administration, judiciary, and the Anti-Corruption Commission -- is essential for free and fair elections, he said.

Additionally, the interim government feels the need for constitutional reforms to ensure the representation and interests of all layers of society and to reflect the message of the July uprising, he said.

"We seek reforms. Our sincere request is that you not retreat to the spectators' gallery after entrusting us with the heavy responsibility of reforms. Stay with us. We will reform together. It is everyone's responsibility. Bring reform to your own field," Yunus said, adding that the reform of a nation is not just the reform of the government.

Given the reality, the interim government might not have made headway at the desired speed during its first month in office.

"If we can maintain law and order in the country, we hope to gain significant Therefore, momentum. we seek the cooperation of all...our task is very difficult, but as a nation, we cannot afford to fail this time. We must succeed.

"I will not ask you to be patience. Why wouldn't something no one wants."

work."

Yunus called upon keep their factories open to keep the economy afloat.

"You should keep the stability. factories running. Keep the wheels of the economy turning. Let the country's economy stand strong."

Addressing the plight of the workers, the head of the interim government said shutting down the factories will not solve problems. "We will most certainly resolve problem discussions through between workers and

factory owners.' He also urged factory owners to reach an understanding the workers to ensure the factories remain operational.

"In the garment and pharmaceutical industries, workers have continuously halted operations to voice their complaints. This will inevitably have a negative impact on our economy,

which we cannot afford." The economy the interim government inherited was largely unregulated and rapidly deteriorating. Institutional structures were almost destroyed, and foreign currency reserves hit rock bottom, he said.

"We are trying to inject life into this economy, and we are getting some positive patient. We are all growing results. But if our industries wondering and factories shut down when all this work will be now, it will severely damage those filed with intent to completed. We will lose the economy, which is harass people under the

sign of impatience in our the incredible empathy of withdrawn.

the people. He thanked the armed workers and owners to forces for their roles during Security Act, has been all disasters as well as in ensuring justice and

BLACK LAWS, MEDIA COMMISSION

A list of repressive laws, including the Cyber prepared, and these laws will soon be repealed or amended, Yunus said.

"Assistance is being provided

Families of martyred in uprising to be rehabilitated

Curriculum of class-1 to -12 changed

Factories urged to be kept open to keep the economy going Employment generating projects to

get priority Steps taken to use \$48 billion foreign aid in pipeline

Probe, trial of 5 sensational murders, including Sagar-Runi, to be prioritised

Measures taken to revive SAARC

The chief adviser said the interim government considering forming a media commission to ensure that the media can operate freely.

"Freedom of the press and freedom of expression have already been assured. We have made it clear that everyone should criticise us openly. We respect all opinions.

He said false cases and we? But we will work Correctly. We will leave no flash floods again revealed Security Act, and Cyber has been taken.

investigations and trials of five sensational murder cases, including the killing of journalist couple Sagar and Runi," he said. RELATIONSHIP

WITH INDIA, OTHER **COUNTRIES** 

"We seek good relations with India and other neighbouring countries, but those relations must be based on fairness and equality."

In an effort to increase regional cooperation, an Anti-Terrorism Act, Digital initiative to revive SAARC

"The country's planning All necessary initiatives river pollution ... ," he said.

should be centred on the have been taken to make people, not on any leader or party.'

To maintain a steady supply of essentials, meetings have been held with business leaders, industrialists, and business associations, and various being measures are implemented based on their feedback, he said.

Instructions have been issued to the NBR to reduce existing tariffs on some commodities. essential such as onions and potatoes, to lower their prices.

He thanked President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of the UAE for pardoning 57 Bangladeshis who had been jailed for participating in anti-fascist protests.
'NONE SHOULD HARM

HARMONY'

Yunus said the government is determined to create a democratic framework for the country.

"We must ensure that we never fall into the hands of a dictator again and that we can proudly say we live in a democratic country. We are working towards ensuring that everyone can claim this country as theirs.

"No one should take the law into their own hands. If anyone creates chaos by doing so, we will certainly bring them to justice. We are a country of communal harmony. No one should engage in any action that would harm religious harmony in any way."

REBUILDING PUBLIC **ADMIN** 

2 brothers killed in

general secretary of Narail district BNP.

**OUR CORRESPONDENT,** Bagerhat

Narail BNP infighting

Two brothers were killed and five others injured in a

clash between two rival groups of BNP and its youth

wing Jubo Dal in Narail's Lohagara upazila yesterday

40, were residents of Charmallikpur village in the same

upazila. They were supporters of Ferdaus Sheikh, joint

around 9:30am over a long-standing feud between

the two groups - one led by Ferdaus and another by

Mahamud Khan, president of Lohagara upazila Jubo Dal,

Mahamud hacked Miran and Ziaur, triggering the

Complex where the siblings were declared brought

Armed with sharp weapons, some supporters of

The injured were taken to Lohagara Upazila Health

said Lohagara Police Station OC Abdullah Al Mamun.

clash. Seven people were injured in the incident.

The siblings, Miran Sheikh, 30, and Ziaur Sheikh,

The clash broke out near a shop at Charmallikpur

from corruption, accountable. The government started its journey with a devastated

the field administration

people-friendly,

public administration. Many top officials in the ministries have resigned or were unable to work due to pressure from their colleagues, and some were forced to resign.

The officials forced to resign during the previous regime or compelled to remain in the same position without responsibilities have been considered in the government's efforts to rebuild public administration.

Resolving all issues and establishing a new public administration structure is the greatest achievement in the first month of the government, he adding, "I believe this public administration will make the greatest contribution to fulfilling the will of the people."

A total of 135 additional secretaries, 227 joint secretaries, and 120 deputy secretaries have been promoted.

He said government employees now have to submit a declaration of their assets every year.

The government has taken the initiative to build a new Bangladesh as an environmentally friendly and biodiversity-rich nation.

"We have undertaken efforts to halt

#### the existing teachers is tough. "In many cases, the new curriculum is not suitable for the country." Rab arrests ex-DMP also chief Asaduzzaman

continuous and summative assessments.

evaluation method, is implementable.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion night arrested the former Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia at Mohakhali in the capital.

Lt Col Munim Ferdous, director of the legal and media wing of Rab

Headquarters, told The Daily Star, "Based on specific information, we conducted a drive near Mohakhali flyover and made the arrest at 11:00pm [Wednesday]. Asaduzzaman was wanted in a case filed with the Khilgaon Police Station," he said.

Munim said they would hand over the arrestee to the detective branch of DMP.

On September 3, a case was filed against 13 incumbent and former police officers, including Asaduzzaman, in connection with the death of Nuruzzaman Jony, former general secretary of the Khilgaon Thana unit Chhatra Dal, in police custody in 2015.

Jony's father Yakub Ali filed the case.

Asaduzzaman recently hogged the headlines over  $corruption\, allegations. The\, Anti-Corruption\, Commission$ also started an investigation into his wealth.

### Woman raped on moving bus Driver, helper held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police arrested two transport workers on charges of raping a 19 year old woman on a moving bus in Chattogram on September 6.

The woman's husband filed a case with Karnaphuli Police Station on Tuesday night.

The arrestees Saidul Islam Mizan, 19, and Azad Khan Rana, 22, were sent to a court, said Inspector Mehedi

According to the complaint, the woman boarded a city bus around 9:45pm.

Seeing that she was the only passenger, Mizan, the driver's assistant, first raped her. When she tried to resist, Mizan hit her and raped her twice.

The bus kept on going around the city and headed towards the Moijjartek area. Later, driver Rana also raped her in the bus. The duo dropped her off in Patiya around 11:50pm.

The woman later informed her husband, who picked her up from the spot and took her home.

She later identified the accused in Bakalia and informed her husband after seeing them near Gol Chhatar on Tuesday night. With the help of locals, the victim's husband apprehended the two men and called the police.

Police said an arrangement was being made for the

### 114 RMG units shut

In another incident, several hundred workers of Partex and Beverage Ltd demonstrated in front of the factory in Gazipur's Bangla Bazar to press home their 18-point demand, including fixing 12,500.

have been protesting in units, but did not work. Ashulia, Zirabo, Savar and They did not take to the Kashimpur, a group of Gazipur, home to primarily streets either, he added. export-oriented garment factories, demanding better area, pay and regularisation of contractual employees.

Their other demands payment

arrear wages, increasing allowances and benefits, ensuring opportunities employment of male and female workers.

Sarwar Alam, Md superintendent of Ashulia a minimum wage of Tk Industrial Police-1, said some workers of the 54 Since August 31, workers factories entered their

Pearl Garments reopened yesterday after workers refused to resume

A large number of army service. equal for

workers closures. In Gazipur

city's workers warehouse of Big Boss Corporation several days, but the 1:00pm, said Abdullah

and police personnel were deployed in front of the of Partex

Some factories in Narsinghapur Jamgara, and Pukurpar areas were 9:00am, said Gazipur vandalised by agitating Industrial Police Inspector vandalised by agitating yesterday afternoon, leading ot their

from nearby around A few hundred workers

Beverage factory to avert any trouble. demonstrated in front of the factory in Gazipur for several hours since Suman Mia.

Roudra Alam, general manager Beverage, said, "We could not take any initiative to meet the workers' In Ashulia's Palashbari factories set fire to the demands. That is why continuing thev are demonstrations."

correspondent Our Arefin, deputy assistant in Savar and Gazipur director of Gazipur fire contributed to this report.

# Workers' minimum wage to be reviewed

and the Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishments.

The meeting also decided on updating and reforming crore has been given to making the labour related committees complaint functional, and holding

hearings on the complaints. Labour unrests will be addressed as soon as possible through measures based on the information collected on a daily basis.

by lending the company as soon as possible.

the workers, Shafiquzzaman

some workers and union leaders.

Khandoker Rafiqul Islam, meeting, president of Bangladesh discussed the latest spell of Garment Manufacturers labour unrest that affected Advisers to the interim and Exporters Association the production in garments crisis.

government also decided to (BGMEA), yesterday said pay the workers of Beximco some 60 out of 400 garment factories were shut in Ashulia because of So far, a loan of Tk 70 labour unrest.

The BGMEA held a the tripartite committee, Beximco so that it can pay meeting with workers' representatives and local influential people in the The secretary will visit Ashulia area yesterday to industrial areas convince the workers to like Tongi today to talk to return to work, Rafiqul said. At the labour ministry

the advisers

factories. Advisers said a certain quarter have instigating the workers with

pharmaceutical

several illogical demands to spread panic among the owners and workers. Some 200 factories suspended production because of the deterioration

of the law and order situation, they said. Some factories also laid

off their workers amid the

### agencies used to receive such money for which they

did not have to provide

### of 70-year-old woman DU CORRESPONDENT

Udyan on Saturday night. The woman was found by some people, including

"I saw her on Sunday morning with severe injuries and informed the police. We then sent her to DMC," said Polash Shikder, the photojournalist.

Quoting the victim, one of the vendors who rescued her said she was raped by a group of middle-aged people. They had tortured her physically as well. She suffered

Talking to The Daily Star, AKM Shahabuddin Shaheen, officer-in-charge of Shahbagh Police Station, said, "We are trying to arrest the perpetrators. Hopefully,

and so police could not reach her family, he added. Police said the victim used to make ends meet by begging on the streets.

#### Probe starts on how Tk 25cr vanished Monirul, also the former Monirul did not go to

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suspects

our investigation to find out what happened in the room of the former SB chief." Asked about

or findings,

Moazzem disclose details. an impartial investigation

refused suppressing the Anti-"We are trying to conduct Movement. to find out what happened." could be spent, Hasina's Sources alleged that government fell on August 5.

additional

inspector the office since then. general of police, brought

But some SB officials Tk 25 crore from the knew that there was Tk 25 Sheikh Hasina government crore in his room and a on August 3 and kept it number of them moved the in his room to spend on money, sources alleged.

The PHQ formed the discrimination Student committee to investigate On August 13, the home the incident following ministry in a circular sent But before the money media reports about the incident. Sources said intelligence

expenditure details. A police officer said Monirul was one of the most influential officers during the last regime.

him into forced retirement. He has 11 cases filed against

#### Additional police personnel were deployed at Charmallikpur to bring the situation under control. No arrest yet over rape

dead by doctors, the OC said.

Police are yet to make any arrest regarding the gang-rape of a 70-year-old woman at Chobir Hat in Suhrawardy

roadside vendors and a photojournalist, in the park early Sunday morning. Later, they sent her to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

The woman is still under treatment at the hospital, DMCH sources said.

injuries to both her hands, he said. A case has been filed over the incident with Shahbagh Police Station.

The woman did not know her exact home address

woman's medical examination.