

Islamic Foundation to publish white paper on its corruption

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The board of governors of Islamic Foundation yesterday took a decision to publish a white paper on corruption within the government organisation in the last 15 years.

The decision was taken during a meeting of the board of governors held at the conference room of the Islamic Foundation in Agaragan.

At the meeting, it was decided that a five-member committee would be formed, headed by a retired Supreme Court judge, to investigate irregularities and corruption within the Islamic Foundation.

The meeting was chaired by Dr AFM Khalid Hossain, chairman of the Islamic Foundation Board of Governors and religious affairs adviser.



Water accumulates in these potholes whenever it rains or if the drain overflows. Following heavy rains earlier, these potholes were formed and are yet to be fixed. In the meanwhile, they continue to be a nuisance for pedestrians and vehicles. The photo was taken in the Manda area recently.

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FLOOD AFTERMATH IN NETRAKONA
200km rural roads sustain Tk 250cr damage

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The rural road network across five upazilas of Netrakona district suffered significant damage during the recent flash floods.

Durgapur and Kalmakanda upazilas sustained the most damages, according to the Local Government Engineering Department in Netrakona.

Md Rabiul Islam, executive engineer of LGED in Netrakona, said they have primarily assessed an estimated Tk 250 crore in damages sustained to 200 kilometres of rural roads in five upazilas of the district.

Of the damaged roads, the five-kilometre-long Durgapur-Gopalpur road along the border with India is in the most dilapidated state.

People from indigenous Garo and Hajong communities mainly live in the area.

Locals said the road is of significant importance, being the only way to reach Durgapur upazila and some other neighbouring destinations.

"It has broken down completely at several points. Local people have installed makeshift bamboo bridges at the damaged points with their own initiative for using the road on foot. Vehicular movement is largely halted on the road at present, except for lighter ones like motorcycles and three-wheelers, that too amid much risk. Authorities are yet to take any step to repair the road," said Suranjana Hajong, a three-wheeler driver.

Bakul Hajong, a day labourer, said parents and guardians are particularly concerned as their children have to use the road to go to school amid risk daily.

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27 killed

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Shiekh Hasina and AL leaders and activists last month. Meanwhile, at least 46 journalists were assaulted and harassed in at least 27 incidents in this same period.

The rights body said one temple was attacked and three idols were vandalised. It also reported the murder of lawyer Saiful Islam Alif at Chattogram court during a clash in November following the arrest of ISKCON leader Chinmoy Krishna Das Brahmachari in a sedition case.

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Azan 5:15, Zohr 12:45, Asr 3:45, Maghrib 5:19, Esha 7:00
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In this advertisement e-Tender Notice, Re-Tender Notice No. 32/2024-25, Open Tendering Method (OTM) published in this newspaper on December 1, 2024 in page 4. Serial No. 1, column No. 4, Purchase of Desktop Computer Core 13 should be read as Desktop Computer Core i3 instead of Desktop Computer Core 13 which has been inadvertently printed. The printing error is deeply regreted. GD-1080

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Tender Name: Google Cloud Service
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Reference No.: BPD/2024/IFT-3071
Source of Fund: BRAC Fund
Name of Tender: Procurement of Google Cloud Service for next 3 years
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Neutral, corruption-free police

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82 percent demanded action against extortion through threats of false accusations. Another 74.5 percent called for legal measures against cases targeting deceased individuals, those abroad during alleged crimes, or the innocent.

To prevent misuse of power, 69 percent suggested empowering officers-in-charge (OCs) to pre-verify cases with multiple accused. Additionally, 60 percent favoured the establishment of an independent body to investigate police misconduct, with 20 percent recommending a commission led by a retired High Court judge, and others advocating for an empowered National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).

The PRC analysis recommended a permanent probe commission alongside strengthening the NHRC for better police accountability.

A separate regulatory body or commission to oversee police accountability was supported by respondents, with 71.5 percent calling for punishment for police involved in rights violations,

especially during protests. Nearly 68.8 percent advocated implementing standard operating procedures (SOPs) aligned with international human rights standards, while 68 percent proposed a reward-and-reprimand system to promote respect for human rights among police personnel.

Stricter penalties for uniformed personnel guilty of rights violations were also suggested by the PRC.

Section 54 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), allowing arrests without warrants, was identified as widely misused by 82.5 percent of respondents, with 46.2 percent urging reform. Moreover, over 91.7 percent called for amending Section 167 of the CrPC due to reports of torture, rights violations, and deaths in custody.

To address these issues, 80 percent recommended installing transparent glass interrogation rooms in police stations and ensuring the presence of female officers during the questioning of female suspects.

The survey also revealed

that 51 percent believe requiring prior permission to hold rallies in metropolitan areas limits constitutional rights, and 56 percent found the police emergency service "999" satisfactory.

Among the participants, 23,191 were male and 1,251 female. Most respondents were from Dhaka, with 42.7 percent aged 25-34 and 27.2 percent being students.

The PRC acknowledged a limitation in not collecting data from marginalised groups due to the online nature of the survey.

"We will give priority to public opinion while drafting recommendations," said Abu Momtaz Saad Uddin Ahmed, additional secretary of the Public Security Division and a PRC member, adding that the draft is nearing completion.

Rights

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month for their salary and receive no maternity leave.

The commission asked workers to submit written recommendations for further consideration.

Syed Sultan Uddin Ahmed, head of the reform commission, said that around 4.36 million people from Dalit communities and 1.29 million from Harijan communities face severe deprivation of basic rights, including access to education, housing, healthcare, and social security.

"These communities lack social status, and it is essential to provide them with legal protection for a dignified work environment and respect," he said.

The commission will propose updates to labour laws, enhance workers' access to justice, ensure job security, and advocate for fair wages, he added.

Box culverts: a curse

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Dhaka's drainage systems are outdated, built to handle only 30-40mm of rain. A redesign accommodating 200-300mm downpours is urgently required.

Regular cleaning and desilting of canals and culverts must become a priority. Neglect has exacerbated waterlogging and flooding.

Illegally occupied waterways need to be reclaimed to restore natural drainage. This requires strong political will and enforcement.

Future urban development must consider

climate change impacts and preserving natural water retention areas.

REPETITION OF THE SAME MISTAKES?

The Dhaka South City Corporation's Tk 780 crore project to develop four canals -- Kalunagar, Jirani, Manda, and Shyampur -- is a step in the right direction, said experts.

However, they said installing more box culverts over these canals could undermine the effort.

"To sum it up, box culverts are simply incapable of handling heavy rainfall or restoring natural water flow," said Suman.

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