

Order No.2
Dated 31.12.2014

In compliance to our order dated 28.12.2014 the Editor of the Daily Prothom Alo has submitted the unsigned copy of "Statement" to the Registrar of the Tribunal which has been placed before us.

We have seen and perused the unsigned copy of the "Statement" published in the Daily Prothom Alo on 20.12.2014 as a news item under the title "৫০ জনের বিবৃতি নিয়ে ৫০ জনের দাবি".

The Editor, the Daily Prothom Alo in his correspondence states-

" On 18.12.2014 we received the said statement of 50 citizens [Annexure-1] through an email from Hana Shams Ahmed, a writer and activist and one of the makers to the 'Statement'. After receiving the statement we cross-checked & verified the authenticity of the 'statement' and published the news on December 20,2014."

The correspondence also states that later on, Khushi Kabir, one of the 50 citizens as making the statement, wrote a letter requesting Prothom Alo to retract her name from the 'Statement'.

It appears that the copy of unsigned statement [allegedly received by the Prothom Alo through an email] does not state address of the signatories. For the purpose of effective disposal of the matter in hand we deem it expedient to have the communicating address of all the signatories, excepting Khushi Kabir.

In view of above, Dr. Shahdeen Malik, Advocate, Supreme Court, as his name appears at the top of all signatories and Hana Shams Ahmed the sender of the statement is asked to provide with the address of all other signatories accordingly on or before 14.01.2015 through the Registrar of the Tribunal without fail. On getting it further and necessary order will be passed.

Since Hana Shams Ahmed sent the alleged statement to the Daily Prothom Alo, the authority of the said news paper is hereby asked to communicate this order with Hana Shams Ahmed.

Let copy of this order be communicated to (1) Dr. Shahdeen Malik, Advocate, Supreme Court, (2) The Editor, the Daily Prothom Alo to necessary compliance as asked above.

Justice Obaidul Hassan, Chairman

Justice Md. Shahinur Islam, Member