**UNO's job as upazila chief executive officer is illegal: HC**

The High Court (HC) on Wednesday (March 29, 2023) declared the provision that allows upazila nirbahi officers (UNOs) to perform duties as chief executive officer of the upazila, illegal and contradictory with the constitution.

A High Court division bench of Justice Farah Mahbub and Justice Ahmed Sohel pronounced the judgment, after holding final hearing on two writ petitions filed in this regard.

Senior jurist Ajmalul Hossain QC, Barrister Hassan MS Azim, Advocate Md Minhaduzzaman Liton took part in the hearing for the writs, while Deputy Attorney General Samarendra Nath Biswas stood for the state.

"The court declared Section 33 of the Upazila Parishad Act, illegal. After this judgment, the decision taken by upazila parishad would be implemented and the UNOs would be accountable to it," Barrister Hassan MS Azim said.