

Legal notice seeks ban on screening of ‘Mujib: The Making of a Nation’

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Online Desk: A legal notice has been served to ban the screening of ‘Mujib: The Making of a Nation’, the biopic of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

BNP’s legal affairs secretary and secretary general of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Forum (BJAF) Barrister Kaiser Kamal sent the notice on Thursday claiming that two scenes of the film presented distorted and defamatory information about former president Major General Ziaur Rahman.

Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Bangladesh Film Exhibitors Association, the film’s producer Shyam Benegal, and seven others have been made respondents.

The respondents have been asked to omit the aforementioned parts from the film and seek an apology before the nation.

Failure to do so will result in legal action against them, the notice reads.

Regarding the notice, Barrister Kaiser Kamal said, “There is distorted and defamatory information about former president Major General Ziaur Rahman in two scenes of the film, which humiliates Ziaur Rahman and his family in front of the society.”

The film, jointly produced by the government of Bangladesh and India, was released last Friday at 153 theatres across the country.

Crafted by renowned Bollywood filmmaker Shyam Benegal, the biographical film portrays the life of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Dhallywood’s popular actor Arifin Shuvoo portrays the title character of Bangabandhu in this film, while Nusrat Imrose Tisha plays Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib, the lifelong better half of the Father of the Nation.

The shooting of this biopic started on January 22, 2021 in Mumbai Film City and ended in Bangladesh on December 18, 2021. The film is slated to release in India on October 27.