HC stays Kalyanpur slum eviction

The High Court has issued a stay order on the eviction of Kalyanpur slum for three months.

The bench of Justice Tarikul Hakim and Justice Bhismadev Chakrabarti passed the order following a writ petition filed by Ain O Shalish Kendra on Thursday afternoon.

The court also issued an order asking the authorities not to harass or arrest the slum dwellers without any specific reason.

Tension mounted at Kalyanpur slum as the National Housing Authority started eviction drive on Thursday morning.

Agitating slum dwellers were seen protesting in the area with sticks to bar the drive. Thousands took position on the streets after their slums were demolished.

Later, with the help of police, Executive Magistrate Nur Alam started the drive again around 12 noon.

The slum dwellers pelted brick chips at police when they tried to evict the 4 no slum around 1:45pm, forcing the law enforcers to retaliate.