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Cabinet body okays absorption of 182 officials

importantly, women have to be trained on non-traditional trades. Poultry, sewing and cows will not BSS, Dhaka

bring economic prosperity in the

long term, many participants of

Women often lack necessary

assets to start their own business.

Especially land and loans are always entitled to men. "As a

woman, it is still very hard to find

an office for rent in Motijheel in Dhaka," Selima Ahmad said.

Masuda Khatun Shefali, execu-

tive director of Nari Uddug Kendra, said proper housing is the fundamental base for any female

Female students still have to give up their studies because they

can't find proper housing to live in

Dhaka, she said, adding that they are forced to go back to their villages and have no other choice

the seminar agreed

activity.

The cabinet committee on "Public Administration Reform and Good Governance" yesterday decided in principle to introduce provident fund (PF) for judges of the Supreme Court (SC) to be appointed from among lawyers.

It was decided at a meeting of the committee with Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman in the chair.

The committee also made a recommendation to the establish-ment ministry to absorb 182 sur-plus officials and employees of now-defunct supply monitoring directorate of the commerce ministry.

The committee also approved in principle the recommendations of the sub-committee on manpower recruitment to fill up 356 vacant posts of Bangladesh Institute of Technology (BIT) in Khulna, Rajshahi, Dhaka, Engineering University, Youth and Sports Ministry, Bangladesh Television and other offices under different minis-

Unite to face misrule, Inu urges FF

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Hasanul Haque Inu, president of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD), yesterday called upon the freedom fighters to be united against the fundamentalism and misrule of the present government.

He made the call when the former chief of armed forces Major General (retd) KM Shafiullah, Chairman of Muktijoddah Sanghati Parishad Colonel (retd) Shawkat Ali MP, Vice Chairman Shawkat Ah MP, vice Chainnain Khan Tipu Sultan, Secretary General Abdus Salam Pintu, Abir Ahad and Fazlul Haque Sarker met him during an opinion sharing meeting in the city.

The JSD president invited all freedom fighters to attend the Muktijoddah rally to be held at the Paltan Maidan on December 30.

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Change attitude towards women

Speakers tell seminar on 'United Nations and women'

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Speakers at a seminar called for a change in the attitude of the soci-ety, particularly the men, towards

Media should carry more positive stories on women and their success to show that women are also capable of doing everything, they said at a two-day seminar on The United Nations and women that ended yesterday.

Today women get a lot of atten-tion; they even hit the front-page headlines frequently but only in negative contexts, related to vio-lence and abuse, they said.

"But we want to read about women in different contexts daily and not only once a week on the women's page, also on the front and business pages," said Selima Ahmad of Bangladesh Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Organised by the United Nations Foundation and Quest Ltd., the seminar covered all possible issues with respect to women and their situation like health, water, education, shelter, economic empowerment, gover nance and violence.

At the seminar, representatives from different organisations like DemocracyWatch, Unicef,

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a press release.

December 10.

children

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reviewed

Security steps

for Victory Day

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan speaks at the opening of database network of the Bureau of

Manpower, Employment and Training at its Kakrail office in the city yesterday.

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The Home Ministry yesterday reviewed security arrangements for the Victory Day on December 16 at a coordination meeting with Home Minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury in the chair.

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The meeting discussed in particular the security measures and traffic control mechanism for National Monument at Savar and other sites of the Victory Day programmes, including Mirpur National Stadium.It decided to launch an awareness campaign through print and electronic media regarding the proper size, colour and measurement of the national flag used to celebrate the day.

WaterAid Bangladesh, World Bank and UN Habitat shared their knowledge. work at low-paid jobs," she admit-Women face not only unequal access to health, food, proper hygiene conditions, training and education, but also other hidden

The seminar was aimed at improving the collaboration between the media and different organisations working on gender

The speakers said media can play a key role in making gender a mainstream issue. "Women are contributing at least half of the work accomplished in this country. But as

most of this work is unpaid, it does not appear in any statistics," Suvira Chaturvedi of the ILO pointed out. "So, women's labour remains

undervalued and is not taken into account of policy-makers."

crimination and inequality at home and at work, remain vulnerable to violence and trafficking, and are subjected to deprivation of wages, said Women and Children Affairs Minister Kurshid

speech. "Women still continue to be the poorest of the poor. Their job opportunities are limited and they

Star journalist robbed

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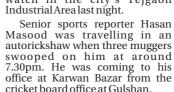
Hamida Hossain Chhabi, wife of former Medinimandal Union chairman and deputy attorney general Mosharraf Hossain Khan, died yesterday at the age of 50, says She is survived by her husband, three sons and a number of grand-

Masood was travelling in an autorickshaw when three muggers swooped on him at around 7.30pm. He was coming to his office at Karwan Bazar from the cricket board office at Gulshan.

near Nabisco factory on the pretext that the headlight has gone out of order.

the money and the wristwatch at gunpoint before leaving the scene.

A senior reporter of The Daily Star was robbed of Tk 2,500 and a wristwatch in the city's Tejgaon Industrial Area last night.



Her qulkhwani will be held at Green Tower, 72 Siddheswari Road, after Maghrib prayers on

The muggers got on his autorickshaw (Dhaka-metro-Tha-14-2571) as the driver stopped it

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the

They sprayed gul (tobacco powder) in his face and took away



Death anniversary

Relatives, friends and well-wishers have been requested to pray for eternal peace of the departed soul.



barriers.

"If women entrepreneurs need to get a loan from a bank, often the

financial institutes make more

claims from them than it does for a

male entrepreneur," said Denet Zeenat Latif of the International

"We have to raise awareness about the gender disparity exist-ing at all levels," Latif added.

Finance Corporation (IFC).

Jahan Haque in her opening





The Mohila Awami League took out a procession from Bangabandhu Avenue in the city yesterday to mark the Victory Day.