

FIRE INCIDENTS

Fire Service drive from April 1

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Fire Service and Civil Defence Department will launch a special drive from April 1 to take action against those who did not take licence from the department for using a building or land as warehouse, factory or shop for combustible substances.

The department took the decision of launching the drive following the recent fire incidents in garments factories and buildings that caused huge loss to lives and properties.

The department warned that if anyone or establishment is found guilty of violating the Fire Prevention and Exinction Act-2003 during the mobile court drive would be brought to book.

Keeping combustible substances sans licence is a punishable offence that provides minimum imprisonment for three years and the offence under violation of the terms of licence provides minimum imprisonment for six months. In both the cases, additional pecuniary punishment may also be awarded, says a press release.



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Nagorik Sanghati, a citizens' organisation, holds a candlelight vigil at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday to mark the third anniversary of American aggression in Iraq and to commemorate the innocent Iraqi women and children who became victims of the atrocities of the US soldiers.

'Implement CRC to ensure child rights'

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Speakers at a workshop yesterday stressed the need for proper implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).

They said although the government ratified the convention in 1990, basic rights of the child are yet to be ensured.

The workshop on child rights for the journalists was organised jointly by the Centre for Development Communication (CDC) and Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BASf) in collaboration with Teredes Homes of the Netherlands.

The speakers placed a proposal at the workshop to form a journalists' forum on child rights.

1,546 more held

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Police arrested 1,546 people on various charges from different parts of the country in last 12 hours ending at 6:00am yesterday.

During the drive, the law enforcers also recovered 10 firearms and 228 bullets and two explosives, said an official handout.

They said the proposed forum would ensure proper coverage of child rights issues in media to pressurise the government in taking initiatives in this regard.

Programme head of Save the Children UK G Nayeem Wahra said Bangladesh is yet to fix the exact

age for children as it differs under different government rules and regulations.

Senior Communications Officer of Unicef Shamsuddin Ahmed and Project Co-ordinator of BASf Abdus Shahid Mahmud highlighted the CRC in Bangladesh perspective

and the achievement made so far in this regard.

Moderated by CDC Executive Director Muhammad Jahangir, the workshop was also attended by the representatives of different print and electronic media.