

Metropolitan

Modernisation of judicial infrastructure

World Bank to provide Tk 200cr

Law Minister Abdul Matin Khasru yesterday said cumbersome judicial procedure would be removed by updating the laws to meet the demand of time, reports UNB.

"Reforming the age-old laws is a must with the evolution of time," he said, adding the government is trying to make a law infrastructure keeping the need of next 200 years in mind.

Inaugurating a training course for subordinate judges the minister further said industrial laws would be updated for facilitating foreign investment in the country.

Law reforms recommended by the permanent Law Commission will increase foreign investment, he hoped.

Judicial Administration

Training Institute has organised the three-week course for subjudges and assistant and sessions judges. It is the third course organised by the institute.

Director General of the Institute Justice M. Badruzzaman presided over the inaugural session at the Old High Court in the morning.

Matin Khasru informed the subordinate judges that an agreement had been signed with the World Bank for Tk 200 crore to modernise the judicial infrastructure in the country.

Calling the present government initiative for reforming laws an effort to ensure justice for all, the minister asked the judges to do their best in their sacred job.

"Justice will not be ensured if judges are not qualitative," he said quoting Supreme Court judges that some of the subordinate judges are qualified but some of them are not.

He emphasised more training for them and said the government would allow if any eligible person wants to establish a law university in private sector.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina presiding over a meeting of Nutrition Council at the Cabinet room in the Secretariat yesterday. — PID photo

What's on today

CSYO programme: An orientation programme for new members of Commonwealth Student and Youth Organisation (CSYO) will be held. Venue: CSYO office, Dhanmondi.

Bangladesh Shishu Academy: As part of eight-day Shishu Ananda Mela and Science Fair and Agrani Bank Child Drama Competition a cultural function will be presented. Time: 5 pm. Venue: Academy premises

Rotary Club of Gulshan: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sajna Restaurant, Gulshan. Time: 5:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka North: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Fountain Fortuna Restaurant, Abedin Tower, 35, Kemal Ataturk Avenue. Time: 7:30 pm.

Seminar: Centre for Development Research, Bangladesh (CDRB) will hold a seminar on 'Running the Show: Elites of Chittagong, Bangladesh.' Venue: Women's Voluntary Association (WVA) auditorium, Road No 16 (Old-27), House No 20 (Old 405-A), Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 4 pm.

Dr Shamsul Huda, Associate Professor and Chairman of History, Xavier University of Louisiana, USA, will be the principal speaker.

BIBM: Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM) will hold a day-long seminar on 'Impact of New Loan Regulations on Loan Portfolio in Banks.' Venue: Seminar hall of the institute. Time: 10 am. Director General of BIBM AHM Nurul Islam Chowdhury will inaugurate.

NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THIRD ARTHA RIN ADALAT AT DHAKA TITLE SUIT NO. 138 OF 1995

International Finance Investment and Commerce Bank Limited
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125/A, Motijheel Commercial Area
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PLAINTIFF:

-VERSUS-

- The Dress Makers Ltd.**
1/10, Satmasjid Road
P.S. Mohammadpur, Dhaka.
- Syed Mostaque Ali**
Managing Director
The Dress Makers Ltd.
1/10, Satmasjid Road
P.S. Mohammadpur, Dhaka.
- Mirza Abdus Sattar**
- Syed Nausher Ali**
- Mrs. Afzalur Nessa**
— All Directors of the Dress Makers Ltd., of
1/10, Satmasjid Road
P.S. Mohammadpur, Dhaka.
- Syed Mohsin Ali**
- Syed Liaqut Ali**
- Syed Monohar Ali**
- Syed Salmar Ali**
- Mrs. Syeda Mahidunnessa Khanam**
— All of House No. 91/2
Road No.7-A, Dhanmondi Residential Area
P.S. Dhanmondi, Dhaka.

DEFENDANTS:

The above suit was filed against you on 30.11.95 by the plaintiff Bank for realisation of Tk. 83, 03,647.02 up to 30.06.95. You are notified to appear in the above suit pending before the Court on 30.6.97 at 10.00 A. M. either in person or through an authorised Advocate failing which the suit would be disposed of ex-parte.

By the order of the learned Court.
Abdus Salam
Sherestadar

Policy on slum eviction urged

A rally of the slum-dwellers in the city yesterday called upon the government not to evict people from any slum in the capital without making alternative arrangements, reports BSS.

Held in front of the National Press Club under the aegis of the Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB), Coalition for the Urban Poor (CUP) and "Trinamul Janasangathan," the rally was attended by several thousand slum-dwellers of the city.

A declaration, read out at the rally, said that despite specific assurance and instruction by the Prime Minister not to evict slum-dwellers without making alternative arrangements for them, the residents of different slums in the capital have been undergoing harassment from various vested quarters. The declaration demanded a specific policy of the government on the issue.

BRAC to build 10 more cyclone shelters

BRAC will construct 10 more cyclone shelters in the coastal belts and off-shore islands, reports UNB.

At present, BRAC, one of the country's largest NGOs, has 17 cyclone shelters, said a press release yesterday.

BRAC, under its economic rehabilitation programme, will also take up distribution of poultry and improved variety of seeds and plantation of two lakh trees in Kutubdia.

The rehabilitation assistance work of the organisation, at a cost of Tk 3.40 crore, for Cyclone victims in Chittagong and Cox's Bazar areas is also going on in full swing.

Classes in all the 80 cyclone damaged BRAC schools in Chittagong city are expected to resume by next week. Rehabilitation assistance programme for houses and repair of other 367 BRAC schools in Chittagong and Cox's Bazar districts are expected to be over by the middle of this month.

The repair-work of tubewells is going on and ORS packets are being distributed wherever necessary. BRAC branch offices have kept 5,000 packets each in stock to meet any emergency need, the release added.

While mentioning some incidents like illegal eviction, arson, rape, looting, killing and drug-trafficking, that have recently taken place in various slums including Bijli Mahalla Tikkapara, No 14, Outfall Colony in Demra, Moghbazar T and T Colony and Rayer Bazar embankment slum, the declaration demanded stern measures against those involved in such heinous acts.

The declaration said that in the absence of law and order, the integrated thrusts of various government, non-government and voluntary organisations towards alleviating the sufferings of the slum-dwellers were being frustrated.

The declaration called for formation of citizen committees in various areas to develop police-public cooperation in order to ensure peaceful atmosphere as well as safety of the lives and properties of the people living in various slums.

Sramik Dal for cancellation of new office timings

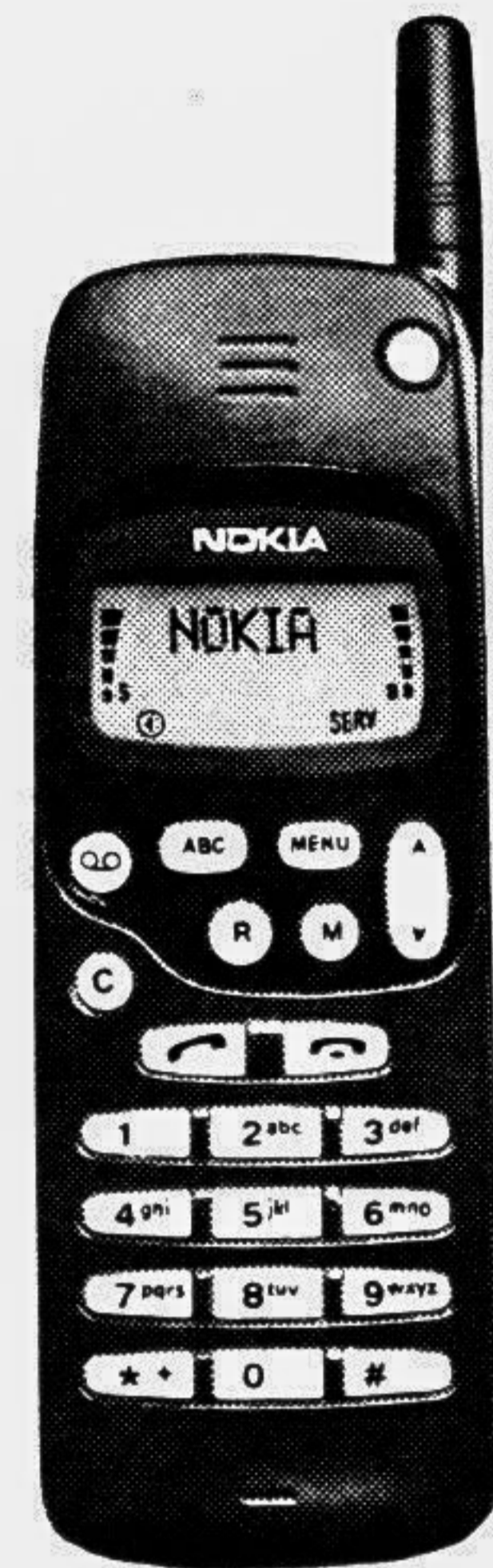
Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal has demanded immediate cancellation of new office timing, implementation of new pay scales for all employees and announcement of wage commission for industrial workers, reports UNB.

In a statement yesterday, Sramik Dal vice-president Abul Kashem Chowdhury and acting general secretary M. Zafrul Hasan termed the change in office timing as motivated and unilateral.

They alleged that the government had abruptly imposed the new office time-table to divert and jeopardise the ongoing movement for the implementation of new pay scales for employees. "This evil strategy is bound to fail," they said.

The Sramik Dal leaders also protested the government ban on meetings, processions and rallies inside the Secretariat and condemned police attack on the protesting employees yesterday morning.

Meanwhile, Dhaka city unit Sramik Dal acting president Shahidul Islam Chowdhury Duai and general secretary Mosharraf Hossain Khan also demanded cancellation of the two-day weekly holiday and the new office timing.



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