

## Metropolitan

## Official Secrecy Act to be sent to LRC for revision

Law Minister Abdul Matin Khasru yesterday said the age-old Official Secrecy Act would be sent to the Law Reform Commission (LRC) soon for revision, reports UNB.

He said the Act was enacted by British colonial rulers to protect their interest. But, he said, time demands revision of the law which is "curbing the fundamental rights of the people".

The minister was inaugurating a three-day training programme for crime reporters, organised jointly by Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) and Bangladesh Centre for Development Journalism and Communication (BCDJC) at the National Press Club.

Access to information is the fundamental right of a citizen in

a democratic society, but the age-old Act stands as a barrier to this, he said.

Termining the Official Secrecy Act as contradictory, Khasru said it would be referred to the Law Reform Commission in a week to make it consistent with the norms of a democratic society.

Except information related to national interest, Khasru said, all agreements, official works, records and proceedings should be made public to ensure transparency and accountability.

The function was also addressed by Azmal Hossain Khadem, President of DRU, Nayemul Islam Khan, Executive Director of BCDJC and Saiful Amin, General Secretary of DRU.

## Two firearms recovered, 2 arrested

By Staff Correspondent

The Detective Branch (DB) of police recovered two firearms with ammunition and arrested two persons in this connection from city's Kotwali thana area Friday.

The DB team arrested Shabuj 30, and Abdur Razzak during a raid at French Road, police said.

Following the statement of the arrested persons, police recovered two revolvers with ten rounds of bullets, police said, adding arrested Shabuj was professional criminal and extortionist.

A case has been lodged with Kotwali thana in this regard.

## Weather

## Cold spell may continue

The cold spell sweeping over the country is likely to continue for another 2-3 days as Met office predicted further fall in night temperature, reports UNB.

The mercury is hanging around 10 degree Celsius in most part of the country during the last few days.

Meanwhile, Met office said mainly dry and cold weather with partly cloudy sky will continue to prevail over the country till 6 pm today.

It said foggy weather is likely over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Sylhet and Chittagong divisions with slow and gradual improvement. Slight fall in the night temperature over the country is expected.

The sun sets today at 5:30 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:44 am. Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	14.8	12.0	88	84
Chittagong	21.2	10.5	98	85
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