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52 new police camps in city soon

The government has decided to set up 52 new police camps in the Dhaka Metropolitan area to keep the law and order situation under control. Home Ministry sources said, reports BSS.

The decision came yesterday after a high level meeting of the Ministry of Home Affairs with Home, Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim in the chair.

Home Secretary MM Reza, Inspector General of Police A Y B I Siddiqui and senior officials of the ministry attended the meeting.

The sources said the ministry has already asked the concerned authorities to start work for setting up the camps in different parts of the city and to launch a joint combing operation to arrest the absconded accused, identified terrorists, muggers and other criminals who are reportedly hiding in the capital to elude their respective local administrations.

Mohammad Nasim once

again reiterated his firm commitment to continue the operation against extortionists in the transport sector and asked the police chief not to give concession to police personnel in case of allegations against them. "Sack them and file cases against the involved police personnel under the Public Safety Act (PSA)," he directed.

The home minister conveyed his gratitude to the peace loving people of the country for extending supports to the government to stop extortion and toll collection in roads and highways.

He also appreciated the decision calling off the transport strike and said "This decision reflects that the people were not with the toll collectors in the transport sector."

Mohammad Nasim sought cooperation from all to make the drive against toll collectors a success.

President pays tributes to late district judge Debnath

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday visited the Dhakeswari Mondir to pay respect to the mortal remains of District Judge (retd) Dinesh Chandra Debnath, reports UNB.

Debnath, who died on Friday, was known to the President for a long time and worked with him in different district judge's courts.

Shahabuddin talked to Mrs Debnath and other bereaved family members, and consoled them.

Law Minister Abdul Matin Khasru, PM's Parliamentary Adviser Suranjit Sen Gupta, Haji Selim MP, Hindu-Buddha-Christian Oikya Parishad Chairman Major Gen (retd) C R Datta, Bangladesh Puja Parishad President Dr Lalit Mohon Debnath, Mahanagar Puja Committee President Bidhubhusan Saha and other leaders of the Hindu community were present.

PARC for setting up monitoring commission

The Public Administration Reform Commission (PARC) at a meeting yesterday stressed the need for setting up a Public Administration Reform Monitoring Commission, reports UNB.

Presided over by PARC Chairman ATM Shamsul Haq, the meeting felt that a separate commission is necessary to consider various recommendations of PARC and help implement those.

The meeting reviewed progress of activities of the commission, especially adjustment of manpower in the government, semi-government and autonomous organisations, amendment of laws relating to administrative reform and formulation of draft laws.

Establishment Secretary Mohammad Inamul Haq, Khulna University Vice-Chancellor Prof SM Nazrul Islam, Dhaka University Professor Dr Nazmunnesa Mahtab, former advisor Syed Monzur Elahi, Comptroller and Auditor General Syed Yusuf Hossain and PARC Member Secretary Al-Amin Chowdhury attended the meeting.

Goods worth Tk 20 lakh gutted in Narsingdi

NARSINGDI, Apr 18: Valuable machines and other goods were gutted in a fire at a shop in the town early today, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the fire at Mollah Brothers on the station road burnt down three photocopies, computer and electrical appliances worth about Tk 20 lakh.

The fire was originated from electric short circuit, fire service sources said.

Another fire gutted books and other goods worth about Tk 4 lakh of a library at Chalkchar bazar in Monohardi thana early today.

JS body on disaster management meet held

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Disaster Management and Relief Ministry yesterday advised the ministry, Disaster Management Bureau (DMB) and the concerned authorities to take necessary steps for the implementation of the recommendations adopted in the joint briefing session of UNICEF, UNDP and DMB on January 22, reports BSS.

The advice came at a meeting of the committee held at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban with committee chairman Syed Kamal Bakht Saki in the chair.

The meeting discussed employment of necessary manpower to assist the activities of the Project Implementation Officers (PIO) for the speedy completion of the under implemented projects in the field level.

Qulkhwani

Qulkhwani of Shabnam Huq (Hobby), wife of Arham Masudul Huq, senior vice president of Dhaka Bank Limited, will be held on Friday after Asr prayers at Circuit House Jame Mosque at 18, Shaheed Captain Monsour Ali Swarani, Kakrail, says a press release.

Shabnam died of cancer at a private clinic in the city on April 17.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the *milad nahfil*.

New UP Complex to be set up

CHITTAGONG, Apr 18: Local Government Minister Zillur Rahman said today, that a new Union Parishad (UP) complex would be constructed in every union of the country to expedite socio-economic development activities, reports BSS.

He said this while speaking as chief guest at the inaugural function of newly constructed Muradpur Union Parishad complex here. Local Govern-

ment Engineering Department (LGED) constructed the complex.

"From now on, every village under the Muradpur UP will get various services regarding education, health, agriculture, fish cultivation, livestock development, and family planning from the complex," the minister said.

He said the government has already taken steps to ensure

empowerment of women politically and economically.

Rahman urged the female UP members to play pivotal role in implementation of rural development activities at grassroots level.

He urged all to turn a home into a farm to make it a centre of economic development. It will play a significant role in expediting and strengthening the national development, he added.

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