

Moudud at workshop on 'court admin' Deal with judicial matters not on basis of allegiance to govt

BSS, Dhaka Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Barrister Moudud Ahmed yesterday stressed the importance of modernising the country's judicial system to ensure justice and rule of law in society. He also stressed for an updated and simplified prosecution system to deal with the judicial matters on the basis of merit but not on allegiances to the governments.

The minister was inaugurating a day-long technical workshop on "Court Administration and Case Management" in quest of Capacity Building Project, in CIRDP auditorium in the city.

Moudud welcomed the donor countries and agencies, including the World Bank, for coming up with such a project for the first time to improve the judicial system involving an outlay of Tk 228.75 crore (equivalent to 42.36 million US dollar).

He said the ages-old legal procedure in the country was complicated and cumbersome and pleaded for reducing the procedure and simplifying the prosecution system.

Referring to the office of the ombudsman, another imperative enshrined in the constitution, he said the present government would soon introduce this office.

The inaugural session of the workshop was presided over by Law Secretary Afzal Hossain Ahmed. World Bank Country Director Frederick T Temple spoke on the occasion as the special guest while Kazi Habibul Awal, director of the project, presented the address of welcome.

Court officers drawn from various levels participated in the day-long workshop.

Former BB DG dead BSS, Dhaka Mahamud Alam Beg, former deputy governor of Bangladesh Bank, died of cancer at his residence at West Dhanmondi, in the city on Friday, a bank press release said yesterday.

The namaz-e-janaza for Beg was held at Dhanmondi Eidgah Maidan yesterday and later he was buried at Banani graveyard.

Late Beg was an honest and sincere central banker and was also a famous writer and poet. He retired from the post of deputy governor of Bangladesh Bank in the middle of the 80s.

His kulkhwani will be held after Asr prayers at his residence on Tuesday. His friends admirers and relatives have been requested to attend the kulkhwani.

Kulkhwani The kulkhwani of Prof MA Rashid, treasurer of The People's University, will be held at his 182 Reg Road residence in the city today after, says a press release.

Former head of the Department of Philosophy at the Jagannath University College, Prof Rashid died of cardiac arrest at his residence on December 1 at the age of 65 - survived by his wife, son and daughter.

His first namaz-e-janaza was held at Basheduddin Road Jame Masjid on December 1, and the last one in Baghia village under Sadar upazila, Rajbari, on Friday.

He was laid to rest at the family graveyard.



Students participating in a dance sequence of the cultural function arranged on the occasion of graduation ceremony of the Scholastica School and College at Uttara in the city yesterday.

Mannan Bhuiyan tells partymen Anyone involved in crime to be arrested

BSS, Dhaka BNP Secretary General and Minister for IGRD and Cooperatives Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday asked the party workers and leaders to come forward against terrorism.

"Anyone belonging to any party involved in any crime will be arrested and punished accordingly," he said.

He was addressing a joint meeting of the BNP's joint secretaries general and MPs of Dhaka city as well as president and general secretaries of the party's front organisations at its central office in the city yesterday afternoon, a party press release said.

Minister for Labour and Employment Abdullah Al Noman, State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum Selima Rahman, and Goyeshwar Chandra Roy, among others, were present at the meeting.

He said the nation voted BNP to power to live in a terrorism-free society, and the government would uphold this aspiration of the people at any cost.

"The BNP leaders and workers must come forward to play their bold roles in this task," he said and stressed the need for waging a greater social movement against terrorism.

Mannan Bhuiyan reiterated his party's stand that the present government was pledge-bound to establish Rule of Law.

He asked his party leaders and workers to uphold the communal harmony in Bangladesh.

During the meeting, Martyred Intellectuals' Day on December 14 and the Victory Day on December 16 also came up for discussion. The Minister asked his party workers and leaders to observe both the Day in a befitting manner.

1038 arrested in country-wide police operation

BSS, Dhaka Police seized 18 firearms and 41 bullets during the countrywide operation in 24 hours ending at 6 am yesterday, a police headquarters press release said.

They also arrested 1,038 people, including three listed terrorists, during the operation.

Of the arrested, 568 were wanted by police and the rest 452 accused in cases under investigation.

The arrested terrorists are Kalu alias Sokul Kalu alias Sukur Kalu of Rajshahi, Monirul Islam of Dhaka city and Titu of Feni.

Obituary BSS, Dhaka

Wasela Khanom mother-in-law of Food Minister Tariqul Islam died at her Ghop Noapara residence in Jessore on Friday night, an official handout said yesterday. She was 73.

She left behind her husband, two sons and six daughters and a number of grand sons and grand daughters to mourn her death.

WEATHER TODAY

Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka Weather is likely to remain mainly dry over the country today. Light to moderate fog may occur over the country and dense fog over the river basins and coastal belt during morning, Met Office said.

Country's highest temperature 29.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Mongla and the lowest 11.8 degree at Mymensingh.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5.12 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:30 am.

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