

Each sub-district hospital to have woman doctor

BSS, Dhaka

The government will take initiatives to appoint one woman doctor at each sub-district hospital in the country to ensure better treatment for women, particularly the victims of repression.

Besides, two separate units have already been set up at Dhaka Medical College Hospital and Rajshahi Medical College Hospital for treating the acid victims with the financial assistance of DANIDA. Women and Children Affairs Ministry sources told BSS on Thursday.

A modern forensic laboratory would also be established in Dhaka under the project soon. The sources said about 90 acid victims have been treated at the units so far. They are also getting legal assistance from this project.

The trials of the culprits have started at the special tribunals under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act. The government is also considering appointing women judges in these courts.

The sources further said that the Women and Children Affairs Ministry has taken another project with the financial assistance of Australian government to provide treatment and legal assistance to the women victims.

Book presented to Khaleda

BSS, Dhaka

M Mosaddek Ali, political secretary to the prime minister, presented a book titled "Samridhir Pathe Bangladesh" to Khaleda Zia on the occasion of completion of one year in office of the BNP-led alliance government on Thursday.

The prime minister unveiled the paper cover of the 440-page book marking its inauguration.

Edited and published by M Mosaddek Ali, the book "Samridhir Pathe Bangladesh (Bangladesh -- on way to prosperity)" is a compilation of the speeches of Khaleda Zia delivered in different national and international events as prime minister during the last one year.

The speeches, contained in the book, depicted socio-economic, political and development scenario of last one year.

During the presentation, the prime minister said the book would help the writers, historians, researchers and politicians in their works.



The East West University (EWU) celebrated its Foundation Day at the Osmani Memorial auditorium in the city yesterday. The EWU -Pratham Alo Education Quiz contest winners are seen with the guests at the function. Sitting from left are Jalaluddin Ahmed, founder member, Board of Directors, EWU, Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, Dr. Mohammad Farashuddin, president, Board of Directors, EWU, and Firdaus Ali, registrar of EWU.

Govt mulls new land deed system to check harassment

UNB, Dhaka

The government is contemplating introducing new system of issuing land deed to ensure one's authentic ownership and check harassment and fraud that have been rampant for ages since emergence of land-tenure system.

"The present system is only deed registration - this is not ownership registration. To get over this situation, the government is thinking about introducing Certificate of Land Ownership (CLO), a deed system of sure ownership of a land," Land Minister M Shamsul Islam said.

In an interview with UNB at his office, the minister said under this system one deed for each plot of land would be handed over which would be an authentic deed of land ownership.

As a result, the owner of land would not need to move down

various offices.

In this respect, Islam said Australia, Thailand and the Philippines are opting for such reform in land registration.

The Land Minister said requirement and demand of land is much higher now for growing population against limited land.

"For this reason land is the cause of clash between villages, persons and even among family members," he observed. One of the main reasons for social and family feuds is land and its purchase and sale, registration, mutation and settlement.

In Bangladesh, Islam said, the bulk of cases in courts is related with land or land dispute.

The Land Minister observed that it is imperative to modernise land-administration and registration to check waste of people's money.

"So the government is making effort to make the old British system a modern and time-befitting one."

In the present land purchase-sale system, the buyers have no guarantee to become bonafide owner of land, he said.

To a question about harassment in land survey and record, the minister said: "It's true -- people are subjected to harassment at all levels, including mutation and survey."

Awareness of landowners is necessary in this matter, he said, adding that if a client gets mutation of land soon after purchase and completes mutation of successors as soon as possible, it would lessen such sufferings to a large extent.

He, however, assured that such sufferings would end if one-land, one-deed system is introduced.

Article 54 of CrPC will be amended: Moudud

BSS, Dhaka

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Barrister Moudud Ahmed yesterday said the government was taking measures for amending the much talked about Article 54 of Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) and police remand system along with introducing independent investigation system.

"Initiatives are being taken to amend the Article 54 of CrPC and reform the police remand system," the minister said while addressing a discussion on "Rule of Law" organised by Ain Samaj at the National Press Club here.

He said works were underway to introduce an independent investigation system to ensure uninterrupted and fair probes into the cases.

Chaired by Justice Habibur Rahman Khan, the discussion was addressed by deputy leader of Jamaat-e-Islami Parliamentary group Maulana Abdus Sobhan, Barrister Mainul Hosen, Prof Muniruzzaman Miah, Justice Abdus Salam, Multi Maulana Abdus Sattar MP and Nazim Habibuzzaman.

Barrister Moudud Ahmed said

the Law Commission has already submitted its recommendations to amend the law on independent investigation and it would be implemented soon.

He said the proposed amendment to the Article 54 would ensure its balanced enforcement while the current police remand system would be changed against the backdrop of the controversy centring the police practices in this regard.

Referring to the debates on the law and order situation, the law minister said the present government has achieved a notable success by enacting the speedy trial act.

He said over 16,000 people were killed during the Awami League regime and among the incidents 150 were sensational cases.

"Awami League government did not try the cases, as their men were involved in those incidents," Moudud said.

The verdicts of sensational Rubel murder, Trisha's death, Shihab killing and Mahima rape cases have already been pronounced which proves the efficiency of the government, he added.

JU to introduce new diploma course

JU CORRESPONDENT

The Jahangirnagar University (JU) will introduce a one-year diploma course on 'Community Journalism' soon, says a press release.

Being the first ever diploma course in the university, it will be opened under the Department of International Relations on an experimental basis.

The course will cover, among other things, TV, Radio and print journalism and press and video photography.

Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) will provide financial assistance while Mass Line Media Centre (MLMC) will provide other assistance for the course.

Teachers of Journalism and International Relations Departments of Dhaka University and other experts in the concerned field will take the classes.

This was disclosed by JU Vice Chancellor Prof Jasim Uddin Ahmad at a meeting with the Head of the International Department of Danish School of Journalism Jorgan Ringard and Executive Director of the MLMC Kamrul Hasan Monju on Wednesday last.

Punishment to JU teacher demanded

JU CORRESPONDENT

Seventy-two teachers of Jahangirnagar University (JU) submitted a memorandum to the Vice Chancellor on Thursday demanding exemplary punishment to one newly appointed lecturer for alleged assault on a senior teacher recently.

According to the memorandum, the newly appointed lecturer Nazrul Islam aggressively attacked senior lecturer of Bangla Department Golam Mostafa at the Central Cafeteria Lounge on September 26 while an emergency meeting of JU Teachers' Association (JUTA) was going on.

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President greets King of Spain

UNB, Dhaka

President Prof Iajuddin Ahmed greeted King Juan Carlos I of Spain on the occasion of its national day to be observed today.

In a message, the president said friendly relations and close cooperation existing between the two countries will be developed and consolidated further in the

coming years. Dr Iajuddin wished good health, happiness and long life to the king and continued peace, progress and prosperity to the friendly people of Spain.

In another message, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia congratulated Spanish President Jose Maria Aznar Lopez on the same occasion.



A child performing at a cultural function at the Engineers' Institute auditorium in the city on Thursday. The Dhaka General Schools Division of UCEP-Bangladesh organised the event to mark the World Children's Day.

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