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Protective measures have been taken as floodwaters have devoured part of the road at Kadamtala in Fatullah, Narayanganj.

JS passes bill for reforms in law for women, children

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Jatiya Sangsad last night passed two bills bringing in major reforms in laws concerning women and children repression and provisioning some measures for quick dispensation of justice.

The bills are The Prevention of Women and Children Repression (Amendment) Bill, 2003 and The

Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2003.

While the first bill provides for, among other points, punishment to provocateurs of suicides, the second one significantly enhances fines for certain offences to curb the trend of filing false cases and gives the district judges the power of case revision.

Besides, The Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2003,

also provides that no ad-interim or temporary injunction against government's development activities could be served without hearing the government.

With the passage of the Prevention of Women and Children Repression (Amendment) Bill, 2003, the age of child (in the definition of a

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The namaz-e-janaza of Barrister Ishtiaq Ahmed is being held at the Supreme Court premises yesterday. Ishtiaq died of old-age complications at BIRDEM hospital Saturday.

Coast Guard in action to flush out criminals from Sundarbans

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The Coast Guard on Saturday launched a major combing operation in the Sundarbans, which has become a safe haven for pirates and smugglers, to flush out criminals from the famous World Heritage Site.

The operation dubbed 'Golden Tiger' and involving a 600-strong joint forces of the Coast Guard, Navy, paramilitary BDR (Bangladesh Rifles), police, Ansars and VDP (Village Defence Party) will be the first of its kind to arrest hardcore criminals who have long stripped the forest of its precious

resources.

Ten ships and a number of speedboats have been requisitioned to carry out the joint operation, said a senior official of the Coast Guard.

According to sources at the eastern and western wings of the Sundarbans Forest Division, the government has been losing huge revenue earnings due to rampant pillage of forest wealth by armed bandits who operate virtually unchallenged due to absence of any effective countermeasures.

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Cross-exam of 22nd PW ends

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Cross-examination of Metropolitan Magistrate Maksudur Rahman Patwari, the 22nd prosecution witness in the Shazneen case, by the defence lawyers ended yesterday.

The cross-examination took place in the Second Special Tribunal for Prevention of Women and Children Repression, Dhaka.

After the cross-examination for about an hour, Judge Kazi Rahamat Ullah adjourned the hearing till July 16.

The tribunal also issued summons upon the investigation officer of the case, Additional

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Dr Kamal blames civil society for failing to act on launch disasters

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Gano Forum President Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday said the latest launch disaster shows that members of a civil society failed to live up to the obligation to bring those responsible to book.

He was speaking at a press conference organised by the Oikya Procheta at the National Press Club

in the city.

He pointed out disrespect of the agencies and authorities concerned to a February 22, 2001 High Court rule following a writ petition regarding launch disasters.

Quoting the rule nisi the renowned lawyer said, "The respondents are directed to ensure immediately that all vessels carry ade

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Indian goods worth Tk 2 cr seized

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Customs at the Benapole Land Port on Saturday night seized four Indian trucks carrying steel utensils and other household items and a huge quantity of clothes imported from India under false declaration, official sources said.

Acting on a secret information, Joint Commissioner of Benapole Land Customs Masudul Kabir seized the trucks from a warehouse. The trucks laden with the smuggled goods worth Tk 2 crore will be produced as evidence in a case to be filed after a thorough investigation, customs sources said.

	Sun Rises	Sun Sets
July 14		6-50 pm
July 15	5-18 am	

9 outlaws arrested

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Dumuria and Batiaghata police in a joint operation on Saturday night arrested four armed cadres of the outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) and five of the New Biplobi Communist Party (NBCP).

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Prayer Timings		
July 14		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fair	4-15	4-45
Zohr	12-45	1-20
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-55	7-00
Esha	8-15	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation