

Body to probe alleged irregularities in JBC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce Ministry at a meeting yesterday formed a two-member sub-committee to probe alleged irregularities and wrong policies in state run Jiban Bima Corporation (JBC).

"At least 70 policies, out of hundred, are proved wrong in the next year. Allegations of irregularities in JBC activities were raised. So we want to investigate it," Monirul Haque Chowdhury, convenor of the sub-committee, told

The Daily Star yesterday.

The meeting was told that 38 general insurance companies have not floated shares in the market. Of them, 13 have applied to the Security and Exchange Commission for floating shares in the market.

The committee also discussed revival of TCB (Trading Corporation of Bangladesh), Commerce ministry officials told the meeting that initiatives have been taken in this regard.

The meeting held at the Jatiya Sangsad with Committee chairman Redwan Ahmed in the chair.



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Dhaka University Teachers' Association President Dr Arefin Siddiqui speaks at a press conference at the National Press Club yesterday. From his left are Kamal Lohani, Dr Anisuzzaman, AK Khandoker and Nasiruddin Yousuf. Sammilata Nagorik Samaj organised the press conference.

'Steps taken for dev of various regions'

UNB, Dhaka

A delegation of Peshajibi Samannoy Parishad, Khulna called on President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday.

The delegation, led by its convenor Prof Md Majharul Hannan, told the president that the forest resources and wildlife in the Sunderbans, the world's largest mangrove forest, need to be preserved.

They also stressed the importance of extension of gas line in

the southern region for agricultural and industrial development, establishment of an airport in Khulna and start of construction work on Padma bridge on Dhaka-Mawa road. They also submitted a memorandum to the president.

Praising their interest in regional development activities, the president said government has taken all possible steps for the development of various regions of the country without disparity and preservation of forest resources and wildlife, says a handout.

Mary Anderson to be modernised

BSS, Dhaka

Country's lone tourist paddle boat 'Mary Anderson' and tourist spot 'JOY' at Savar will be modernised.

This was decided at the 8th meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism yesterday at the Sangsad Bhaban with Alhaj Professor Kazi Golam Morshed in the chair.

The meeting also discussed in details the agreement between Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation (BPC) and Concord Entertainment and Concord Engineering and Construction Ltd. to develop Foy's Lake as a modern tourist centre in the port city of Chittagong.

N'ganj Chamber employee shot

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A gang of hoodlums shot and injured an employee of Narayanganj Chamber of Commerce in Dhaka yesterday morning and an accused in a murder case was bullet-hit during a police raid on Demra on Tuesday night.

The employee, Azad Biswas, 32, was rushed to orthopaedic hospital with wounds in his right leg after the gang fired shots at him when he was going to Narayanganj from his home at West Shewrapara, Mirpur, at around 7.45am.

No case was filed till yesterday evening, said Mirpur police.

In the other incident, accused Julhas, 18, was injured when Demra police raided a house at Sheikhdi in Kajla at around 11.45pm.

Tipped off, police raided the house to nab Julhas and Manir, accused of killing Rony in September last year,

said officer-in-charge (OC) of Demra Police Station.

The two, along with their accomplices, fired shots at policemen but a stray bullet hit Julhas in his stomach, said the OC.

Police rushed him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Julhas, however, gave a different version of the incident.

He said some youths called him out of his house at around 11:00pm and shot him.

BTTB special drive

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Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board (BTTB) has launched a special drive to snap telephone connections of bill defaulters.

Telephone connection will be snapped without any notice if pending bills are not paid," BTTB in a statement said.

BTTB has already sent telephone bills to all government, non-government and private telecom subscribers for the month of April and the last date of payment is May 30, the statement added.