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ENCROACHMENT ON BURIGANGA

Bela serves legal notice on govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers' Association (Bela) yesterday served a legal notice on the government seeking a halt to the earth filling in the Buriganga by Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (Desa) for the construction of a power station.

The legal notice said that despite the High Court's directive, the government has failed to submit any action plan to free the Buriganga from all encroachments.

The notice also blamed the government for its leniency in protecting the river from encroachment. Bela has requested the authorities to inform it of their action within 48 hours of the receipt of the notice. Otherwise, it will go for legal action, Bela said in a press release.

The legal notice was served on the secretaries of land, water resources and environment ministries, director general of Department of Environment, chairmen of Water Development Board, Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority and Desa, and district commissioners of Dhaka and Narayanganj.

Shop owner shot, bomb attack on garment worker

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A shop owner was shot by miscreants at Mohammadpur and a garment worker was injured in a bomb attack by unknown criminal at Panthapath in the city yesterday.

Shaukat Akbar, 35, said two miscreants, Haider and Mujibur, waylaid him when he was getting on a rickshaw from in front of his house at Poolpar at around 9:00am.

"They grabbed me and demanded money that I had with me. As I refused, they shot thrice in my knees and waist and took away Tk20,000 and a mobile set," he said.

Locals rushed Akbar to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). "At Panthapath, unknown criminal hurled a homemade bomb at Ashik, 22, before he entered his workplace at Karnafuli garment at 8:00am.

Ashik is undergoing treatment at the DMCH.

Non-govt pry teachers threaten to continue strike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Non-government primary school teachers yesterday threatened to continue their work abstention programme for an indefinite period if their jobs were not nationalised by July 10.

"We will shut down our primary schools from July 10 as we did not receive any positive response from the government to our demand despite the work abstention programme for last four days," said the leaders of Bangladesh Non-government Primary School Teachers Association in a statement.

They started the work abstention programme at 21 non-government primary schools in the capital on July 3.

The association will announce its next course of action at the Central Shaheed Minar on July 24, said the statement.

Earlier last month, the teachers had observed a hunger strike programme for the same demand but failed to get response from the government.

There are about 75,500 teachers in the country's 19,428 non-government registered primary schools, according to government statistics.

ASOCIO team calls on president

BSS, Dhaka

A delegation of the Asian-Oceanic Computing Industry Organisation (ASOCIO) called on President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban in the city yesterday.

Science and Information and Communications Technology Minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan was present on the occasion.

Welcoming the delegation, the president said Bangladesh has undertaken a number of target-based programmes aimed at expanding Information and Communications Technology (ICT).

He urged the members of the delegation to work closely with the ICT-related institutions of Bangladesh for the growth and expansion of the sector.

President of the ASOCIO Manoo Ordeedolchrest and President of Bangladesh Computer Society S M Iqbal were present.

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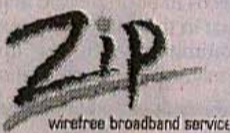
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