

Policewomen to join Rab soon

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Policewomen will join the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) soon to deal with women arrestees during raids and help nab women involved with criminal gangs.

They will also be deployed at different city points in disguise to gather information about criminals and extortionists.

Sources said many women are involved with drug trafficking syndicates and many notorious criminals gather in the houses of women criminals to work out their operation plans.

Police headquarters have already given postings to five policewomen in the elite force after the Rab headquarters had asked for 10 policewomen, Director General of Rab Anwarul Iqbal said on Monday.

The 10 women sub-inspectors, assistant sub-inspectors and constables will join the Rab soon and will work in the city under the supervision of Rab headquarters.

The policewomen will also interrogate women suspects and criminals and take them in their custody.

Earlier, policewomen from Dhaka Metropolitan Police took part in several raids by the Rab, sources said.

Timber seized

BSS, Chittagong

Chittagong North Forest Division (CNFD) seized 3,725ft (running feet) illegal timber worth about Tk 3 lakh from Sikolbaha channel in the district Monday night, CNFD sources said.

Acting on a tip-off, the CNFD mobile team seized an engine boat loaded with the timber in the channel at around 9.00 PM.

The smugglers, however, managed to escape.

RENEWAL OF RICKSHAW LICENCE BEGINS

DCC to earn Tk 6cr this fiscal

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With the start of the renewal of rickshaw licence after a two-year break, Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) is expected to earn around Tk 6 crore as licence fee in the current fiscal.

The renewal of licence began at Nagar Bhaban on Sunday and will continue till February 10 next year.

A total of 2743 rickshaw licenses were renewed in the last three days.

The corporation lost around Tk 10 crore in revenues after suspending the renewal of rickshaw licence for last two fiscal.

When asked, Syed Zahangir,

deputy taxation officer of DCC, said the renewal was suspended as they decided to increase the licence fee, and the proposal took two years for its approval.

The renewal fee has been fixed at Tk 527, said the officials concerned.

The renewal programme starts at 9:30am and continue until 1:30pm daily, according to the officials. Under the programme, licences of 79,616 rickshaws will be renewed by the stipulated time.

It has been estimated that around three lakh rickshaws ply in the city without valid papers.

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