

New policy to regulate cable operators soon

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Information Minister M Shamsul Islam yesterday said the government would reformulate the cable television policy soon to protect values and culture and regulate the cable operators.

Emerging from a cabinet committee meeting at the information ministry, Islam told the newsmen that for want of a "proper policy" a number of cable channels were transmitting programmes "which are contradictory to our heritage, culture and values in many cases."

"The situation prompts the government to re-formulate the cable television policy soon to be approved by the cabinet," he said.

This was the eighth meeting of the cabinet committee on reformulation of the cable television channels.



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Children took out a colourful procession in the city yesterday to mark the World Environment Day. The Ministry of Forest and Environment organised the event.

World Environment Day today

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World Environment Day will be observed in Bangladesh as elsewhere in the world today.

The theme selected for the day this year is "Green Cities" and the slogan "Plan for the Planet".

The main international celebrations of the day will be held in San Francisco, California, USA.

Department of Environment and various non-government organisations working on environment have chalked out elaborate programmes to observe the day.

The programmes include discussions, processions, children essay and poster competitions, musical soirees, tree plantation and recycling and clean-up campaigns.

President Iajuddin Ahmed, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and Opposition Leader Sheikh Hasina gave separate messages highlighting the importance of the day. They urged the people to protect the environment for the sake of the future generations.

World Environment Day, commemorated each year on June 5, is one of the principal vehicles through which the United Nations stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment and enhances political attention and action.