

## ABASAN MELA BEGINS IN CTG

## Minister blames DOHS residents for violation of building code

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State Minister for Housing and Public Works Alamgir Kabir MP of yesterday blamed the building owners of the capital's posh residential area Defence Officers Housing Society (DOHS) for violating building code.

"Each and every house owners irrespective of party affiliation at old and new DOHS have changed the original design and plan of their buildings," he said this while he was inaugurating Abasan Mela (BD-Red Fair)-2005 at Engineers Institute auditorium.

The three-day real estate fair began with a view to increasing housing facilities to the Chittagong city dwellers. The Bangladesh Real Estate Directory organised the event.

"We expect respect for rules and regulations from the owners of this sensitive area, who are former members of disciplined forces," he said, adding "tendency to violate law is doing harm to the country."

He urged the developers to build apartments and develop plots for the middle and lower-middle class and the poor.

"Your basic objective should be rendering services to the people,"

he told the developers. He urged them to avoid the tendency of dilly-dallying in handing over plots or apartments to the buyers.

Kabir emphasised the need for enacting the building code and hinted at tabling a bill in this regard to the Jatiya Sangsad.

He said "Bangladesh is currently witnessing a silent construction-boom across the country without any building code and the enactment of a law is badly needed to deter such violation," he said.

BD-Red Editorial Board Chairman Wing Commander (Retd) AKM Ghulam Mustafa presided over the inaugural function.

Chairman of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Housing and Public Works Ministry Md Shahjahan Chowdhury MP, Additional Chief Engineer of Public Works Department Zahurul Haq Khan, BD-Red Chief Executive MD Yeasen Khan and BD-Red Media Coordinator Shamim Rahman also spoke.

About 58 firms representing different real estate companies and suppliers of construction materials, financial institutions are participating in the exhibition.

The fair is open to all between 10:00am and 8.00pm.



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State Minister for Housing and Public Works Alamgir Kabir inaugurates Abasan Mela (BD-Red Fair)-2005 at the Engineers Institute auditorium in Chittagong yesterday.

## SUST classes resume Aug 14

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Dormitories of the Shahjalal University of Science & Technology (SUST) were reopened yesterday after a month while the classes will resume on August 14.

The SUST was closed sine die after Rafiqul Islam Patwary, vice-president of Jatiyatabadi Chatra Dal (JCD), was killed by the rival factions of the same party. The dormitories were also vacated immediately to avoid further clashes.

The SUST syndicate expelled 13 JCD men for different terms in compliance with the suggestions of the probe committee. The Academic Council at a meeting, held on Wednesday afternoon, decided to start the classes of the first year from August 23.

## Bodies of two abducted truckers recovered

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Police have recovered the bodies of a truck driver and his assistant at Keraniganj three days after their abduction with the truck from Uttara.

Keraniganj police recovered the bodies on Wednesday at village Chunkutia in Keraniganj and sent them to the Mitford Hospital morgue.

Abdul Zabbar, owner of the truck, identified the bodies of driver Sohagh Mian and helper Ayub Ali yesterday.

Police and hospital sources said the criminals strangled them first and then stabbed.

The truck owner filed an abduction case with Uttara police Station on Wednesday where he mentioned that a gang of seven to eight criminals waylaid the truck near House Building area in Uttara at about 11:00pm on Monday. The criminals took away the truck and kidnapped the driver and the helper.

Police could not arrest anyone until 7:00pm yesterday in this connection.