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'Land registration system very complicated'

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Speakers at a roundtable discussion yesterday said the land registration system in the country is very compli-

cated and corrupt.

They urged the government to simplify the land registration and procurement laws so that the people do not fall victim to village touts.

The speakers emphasised

awareness programme for the common people through mass media regarding land registration laws. The government recently brought some amendments to the land registration laws but most of the people are not getting its benefit due to their ignorance of the law, they

Bangladesh Jobo Ainjibi Parishad organsied the roundtable at the Jatiya Press Club.
Law Minister Moudud Ahmed and

State Minister for Land Ukil Abdus Sattar were present as chief and special guests at the discussion.

Advocate Abdullah Al Mamun, Habibul Bashar, Hadiul Islam, Jahangir Alam Khan, Shamsul Alam and Advocate Sheikh Mohammad Azad took part in the discussion.

The speakers said the villagers are the worst victims of complicated land registration system. As they have no knowledge about the related laws, the village touts take the chance of cheating them through making fake documents.

They said most of the parliament members hardly take any interest while a law is enacted in the House. They just give their consent without knowing the details of the law, they said. As a result, many laws become unpopular and people show reluctance in abiding those, they added.

NUS meet to combat trafficking

Nari Unnayan Shakti (NUS), an NGO, organised a 'Divisional level advocacy meeting to combat trafficking in children' at its training centre at Rampura in the city on August 16, says a press release.

Syed Shujauddin Ahmed, secretary of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, was present as the chief guest while Khandaker Rashedul Haque, joint secretary, Ministry of Finance, Nurun Nabi Khan, programme officer of the ILO, Noor Mahmud, national programme officer of the UNFPA, were special guests.

Afroja Parvin, executive director of Nari Unnayan Shakti, presided

over the meeting. Some 20 victims

of trafficking were also present. Saleha (not her real name), a victim who was rescued by the NUS, described her case study at the beginning of the meeting.



