

Plan to rehabilitate city beggars

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The government has planned to rehabilitate the real beggars of the capital and a survey will be conducted to know their exact numbers.

"The government is taking programmes only to rehabilitate the real beggars. Not all beggars do beg here to feed themselves. There are so many who are used by a vested quarter

and we're trying to find out those who use these beggars," Social Welfare Minister Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mujahid told a press conference yesterday.

The press conference was organised at the PID conference room to brief journalists about the progress made by his ministry in last four years.

Mujahid, also secretary general of Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh, said

begging is related to poverty and it can be solved through poverty alleviation.

He said as of now the exact number of beggars is not known, but when the programme of rehabilitation gets underway a survey will be conducted.

Acting Social Welfare Secretary Abdul Karim and Social Welfare DG Hafizul Islam Miah were present at the press conference.



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Bhola Zila Jubo Parishad forms a human chain in front of the National Eidgah in the city yesterday protesting the killing of two judges in Jhalakathi.

6TH WAGE BOARD

Govt asked to publish gazette within Nov 21

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The Sangbadik-Sramik-Karmachari Oikya Parishad (SSKOP) yesterday asked the government to publish the gazette stating the 40 percent dearness allowance (DA) announcement by the Sixth Wage Board within November 21.

Leaders of the federation of journalists, workers and employees in media, at an emergency meeting at the national press club, expressed grave concern over the delay in publication of the announcement in gazette, said a SSKOP press release.

The Sixth Wage Board recommended 40 percent DA on October 2.

They also criticised the government for its failure to take any step regarding the killing of Kamal Uddin, a worker of the Dainik Ittefaq.

Co-convenor of SSKOP Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury presided over the meeting.