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Save the Buriganga Movement and Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon jointly arranged a boat procession at Rayerbazar in the city yesterday demanding steps to protect all canals and water bodies, including Atir canal, from encroachers.

Lawyers for united movement against bomb attackers

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Leaders of about 40 bar associations across the country yesterday called on the lawyers to forge a united movement to resist the Islamist militants who are carrying out bomb attacks on people, particularly the judges, lawyers and police.

They made this appeal while addressing an extended meeting of the Bangladesh Bar Council at its auditorium in the city, with its vice-chairman Barrister Rokanuddin Mahmud in the chair.

Bar Council sources said 74 representatives from over 40 associations attended the meeting where media representatives were not allowed.

Supreme Court Bar Association President advocate Mahbubey Alam said dialogue should be held between the government and those elements who are creating problems in the country.

Referring to the dialogues between the Bangladesh government and Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity, and the Sri Lankan government and LTTE, he said dialogue always takes place between the parties involved.

According to the sources, some pro-government lawyers stressed the need for national dialogue to tackle the militancy, extremism and

bomb attacks.

The bar representatives also urged the Bar Council leaders to take up next course of action against militancy and extremism on the basis of consensus.

The next course of action will be fixed at the council meeting of the Bar Council, sources said.

CPJ concerned

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Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ), a New York-based organisation that works to safeguard press freedom worldwide, has expressed its deep concern over death threats to journalists by Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB).

"The threats are clearly intended to inhibit critical coverage of Islamic militants," said CPJ Executive Director Ann Cooper.

"We urge the authorities concerned to take the warnings seriously and safeguard journalists and others whose lives are in danger."

The CPJ has become alarmed knowing about the JMB threats to kill 22 journalists which have sparked widespread fear among the journalists.

EID-UL-AZHA

DCC to set up 15 cattle markets

BDNEWS, Dhaka

The Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) is going to set up 15 temporary cattle markets in the capital for the coming Eid-ul-Azha.

In the wake of militant attacks across the country, steps have been taken to beef up security measures at all cattle markets.

Abu Taleb, chief estate officer of DCC, told the BDNEWS that the authorities have already floated

tenders for the cattle markets.

Tenders will be received at 10 regional offices of DCC until December 14, he said, adding that the highest bidder will be selected on December 15.

The cattle markets will be set up at Armanitola near the Chitramahal, Khilkhet Tanpara, Hazaribagh, Golapbagh, playground at Rahmatganj, Dhupkhola playground, Hosni Dalan Road, Kamalapur Balur Math, Uttara

Sector No.-12, Meradia Bazar, Postogola Alam Market, Tejgaon Truck Terminal, open field at Agargaon slum, Taltala bus stand and Sunrise Sporting Club field.

Unlike previous year, no cattle market will be set up at Rayer Bazar field and the open field beside Kakoli rail station in Banani.

The DCC set up 17 temporary cattle markets in Dhaka city last year.



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Biplobi Nari Sanghati takes out a procession in the city yesterday to mark the Begum Rokeya Day.