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Wasa demolishes the illegal portion of a building at Mohammadpur in the city yesterday to recover the Mohammadpur-Katasur canal.

REPRESSION AGAINST WOMEN, CHILDREN '269 incidents take place in May'

As many as 269 incidents of repression against women and children took place across the country in May, says a report of Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association (BNWLA) yesterday.

According to the report, dowry still seems to be a curse in the society as 17 women were killed, 13 tortured, one received acid burns and another committed suicide over

dowry-related incidents.

There were 75 incidents of rape including nine incidents of gang rape while eight women were killed after the rape.

The report said 34 murder cases were filed with various police stations.

Besides, 30 women committed suicide, 11 suffered physical torture, 15 were victims of acid-burns, three were victims of fatwa while 33 women and children were abducted and trafficked in last month.

There were 21 incidents of unnatural death.

The report was prepared on the basis of stories published in 10 national dailies, said a press release of BNWLA.

Judiciary was not neutral in the past

Says law adviser

UNB, Dhaka

Law and Information Adviser Barrister Mainul Hossain yesterday said countless terrorists and corrupt people went unpunished as country's judiciary was not neutral in the past.

"We must not forget that in dispensing justice there is no privileged class. It is wrong for the judiciary to treat some people as so mighty as to be above the law," he told a function of judges.

The law adviser said justice must be done speedily, harshly yet compassionately. "Judicial process can't be unkind or without human face while punishing a guilty one."

He made the remark while addressing the inaugural ceremony of the

69th and 70th judicial administrative training course for assistant judges and senior assistant judges at the Judicial Administrative Training Institute (JATI) auditorium.

JATI Director General Justice Hamidul Huq presided over the ceremony while its Director Ashraf Islam delivered the welcome address.

Barrister Mainul urged all the judges to have the courage to conduct their duties independently to make separation of the judiciary from the executive meaningful.

Twenty assistant judges and 20 senior assistant judges are participating in the course.

Campaign to end water poverty today

Bss, Dhaka

The national launching meeting on "End water poverty: Sanitation and water for all" begins in the city today as part of the global campaign to resolve water and sanitation problem.

Adviser for LGRD and Cooperatives Anwarul Iqbal will launch the national meeting at 10:00am at the LGED Bhaban organised by the Bangladesh country members of the campaign, including Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC) and the Water Aid Bangladesh.