



Bangladesh Mahila Parishad General Secretary Aeysha Khanam inaugurates the conference of its Dhaka city unit by releasing pigeons at National Press Club in the city yesterday.

Two housing projects fail to get govt approval

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The inter-ministerial committee on land development yesterday did not approve two projects of Building Development and Design Limited (BDDL) and Amin Mohammad Foundation Limited for not complying with land development codes.

When placed for approval yesterday,

The committee has turned down the developers' petition as they do not meet the main criteria, possessing 85 percent of total land of the project, Housing and Public Works Secretary ASM Rashidul Hye told journalists.

BDDL sought approval for a project at Natun Bazar in Badda while Amin Mohammad Foundation at Sabujbagh and Demra.

Officials from land, housing, civil aviation ministries and Rajuk attended the meeting with Mainul Hossain, adviser for housing and public works, and land ministries, in the chair.

BDDL possesses hardly 1% of total project land while Amin Mohammad Foundation hardly 2 percent, sources at the meetings said.

The two projects do not meet land development criterion that makes it obligatory to have 30 percent land for hospital, school, playground and park, sources added.

Besides, they have not received no-objection certificates from the authorities concerned.

Sources said Rajuk has filed cases against 23 projects, including BDDL, for violating land development rules.

Housing secretary told journalists that a draft law for real estate business titled 'Real Estate Act' has already been finalised that awaits the law ministry's vetting.

Cases against DU teachers, students false

Says BSD Convener

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) Convener Comrade Khalequzzaman yesterday termed the case against the Dhaka University teachers and students false and demanded withdrawal of the case and their unconditional release immediately.

In a statement he said the way the respectable teachers were arrested and punished to defuse the students' agitation is shameful and disgraceful to all involved in teaching profession and the nation.

Meanwhile, Samajtantrik Students Front Central Committee President Khalequzzaman Lipon and General Secretary Nikhil Das in a statement also urged the government to release the teachers and students of Dhaka University unconditionally.



Faruq A Choudhury, chairman of Delta Brac Housing Finance Corporation Ltd (DBH), hands over a cheque for Tk 10 lakh to Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed for the cyclone victims at the latter's office recently.



Social Investment Bank Chairman Abdul Awal Patwary hands over a cheque for Tk 25 lakh to Army Chief General Moeen U Ahmed for the cyclone victims at Army Headquarters in the city on December 10.

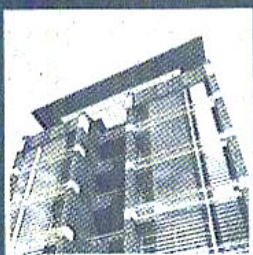


AKM Fakhru Alam, country manager of Malaysian Palm Oil Council, Regional Office, Dhaka, hands over 18,720 litres (20,800 bottles) 'Meizan' brand super olein worth Tk 19 lakh to Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed for the cyclone-hit people at the latter's office recently.



Awami League (AL) Presidium member Abdur Razzak and Organising Secretary Saber Hossain Chowdhury distribute relief among the cyclone victims at Kotalipara under Tungipara upazila in Gopalganj yesterday.

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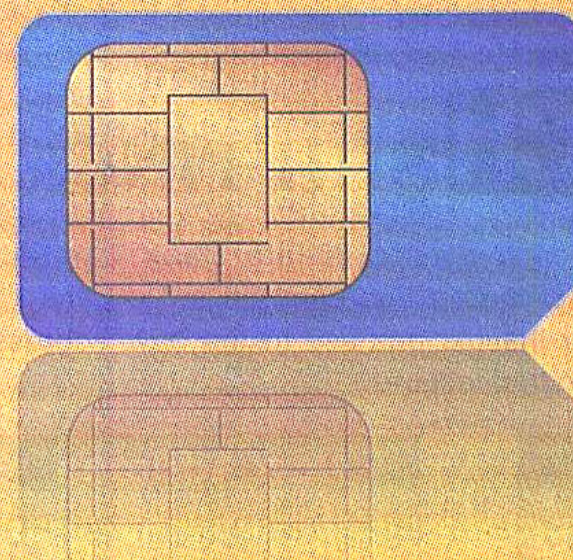
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