

## Tremor shakes Rangamati

UNB, Dhaka

A mild tremor shook Rangamati hill district and its adjoining areas in Chittagong early yesterday.

The earthquake, measuring 4.8 on the Richter scale, occurred at 4:44am, says a Met office release.

The epicentre of the tremor was 226kms southeast from Agargaon Seismic Centre in Dhaka.

Local people came out of their houses "out of panic" when the quake started jolting the areas. Cracks developed in a number of buildings in the town.



Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed presides over a meeting of the Council of Advisers at his office in the city yesterday.

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## Place draft after further changes

Council of Advisers asks ministry

UNB, Dhaka

The Council of Advisers yesterday discussed elaborately the draft Building Construction (Amendment) Ordinance 2008 and asked the ministry concerned to place it after further trimming.

Housing and Public Works Ministry placed the draft Building Construction Ordinance for amending the Building Construction Act 1952, aiming to make the house-construction rules fit in the present times.

A regular meeting of the Council of Advisers chaired by Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed also asked the ministry to revisit the key Building Construction Act 1952 for bringing

necessary changes to the draft of the new law.

It also suggested giving the matter into "public domain for debate and public input" before making the act.

The meeting also discussed the draft National Women Development Policy 2008 amending the National Women Development Policy 2004, and asked the ministry concerned to do further vetting and place it again before the council.

All members of the council of advisers attended the meeting at the CA's office. The newly appointed three special assistants to chief adviser also attended the meeting on special invitation.

## Call for proper evaluation of Tajuddin's leadership

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Speakers at a discussion have called for proper evaluation of the leadership of Tajuddin Ahmed, the first prime minister of Bangladesh, during the liberation war.

Time has come to reveal the true story of Tajuddin to inspire the new generation to fight the reactionary and anti-liberation forces, they added.

The programme was part of a ongoing series discussion titled 'Itihash Katha Kay (History speaks)' in Canberra, Australia on January 6.

Taking part in the discussion, Simin Hossain Rimi, daughter of Tajuddin,

lamented that the contribution of her father was not evaluated properly till date.

She called for adequate research on the life and works of Tajuddin to

inspire the new leadership.

Saying that her father led a very simple life, Rimi recalled the unwavering commitment of Tajuddin even in the face of conspiracies hatched by Khandakar Mushtaque and his cohorts.

She also quoted some speeches of Tajuddin that she had compiled in her book titled 'Itihash Pata Theke' (From the page of history).

Addressing the programme, local community leaders said a visionary leader like Tajuddin is needed now to lead the nation.

Kamrul Ahsan Khan moderated the discussion that saw a huge turn up of the members of local Bangladeshi community.

The discussion was followed by the screening of a documentary on the life of Tajuddin Ahmed titled 'An Unsung Hero' directed by Tanyir Mokammel.

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