

## Shut tanneries at Hazaribagh by Feb next

HC orders authorities; industries asked to install ETPs by June 2010

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday directed authorities concerned to take steps to close down tanneries at the city's Hazaribagh within February next year to control the massive-scale environmental pollution the industry is causing.

The bench of Justice ABM Khairul Haque and Justice Mamtazuddin Ahmed also ordered the director general of the Department of Environment (DoE) to make sure that all industries install effluent treatment plants (ETPs) and other pollution-fighting devices by next June.

As per the ruling of the bench, factories polluting environment would either have to install ETPs or suitable devices within June 2010 or would be closed in July that year.

The bench also asked the home secretary, inspector general of police and Dhaka Metropolitan Police commissioner to provide the authorities concerned with sufficient logistics and police forces to close the eco-unfriendly industries.

The court said it would continue proceedings of the case until its directives to prevent environmental pollution are implemented.

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The blood-red water of this pond shows only the tip of the iceberg of environment damage tanneries cause. The photo was taken near the embankment in Hazaribagh.

## Relocation in a sticky stew

Central ETP plant set-up cost doubles over delay

SAYEDA AKTER

Relocation of Hazaribagh tanneries, one of the worst polluters of environment smack in the middle of the capital, is being delayed due to a delay in setting up a central effluent treatment plant (CETP) at the Leather Estate in Savar, said industry insiders.

The delay is resulting in continuing wholesale pollution of the city's environment including its rivers and canals.

Industry leaders said the older generation entrepreneurs were not aware of either the environmental issues or effluent treatment plants (ETP).

They also said installing individual ETPs is very costly, so they need government support to be efficient in waste management.

"According to the memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed in 2003, the government is supposed to install the CETP at the Leather Estate, and hand it over to the tannery owners for maintenance after two years," said Shahin Ahmed, chairman of Bangladesh Tanners Association (BTA).

Admitting that they discharge liquid wastes into the city's water bodies, he said, "When the CETP will be established, we will be able to reduce pollution, and also be able to efficiently manage our factories."

He said development of the proposed Leather Estate is about to be completed with the government allotting 154 plots to tannery owners, all ready with utilities supply connections.

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## Pinak must go

*Demands BNPPP; accuses him of breaching diplomatic norms, interference*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Parliamentary Party yesterday demanded immediate withdrawal of Indian High Commissioner Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty for "violating diplomatic norms and interfering in the country's internal affairs".

"This envoy has long been making derogative remarks, breaching diplomatic etiquette. The way he talks amounts to meddling in our internal affairs, and could affect the bilateral relations."

"So we want him to be immediately withdrawn from Bangladesh," opposition Chief Whip Zainul Abidin Faroque said reading out a statement to reporters at the media centre in parliament complex.

Since the present government came to power, Chakravarty has been behaving even more recklessly. Still, the foreign ministry did not bother to warn him or register a protest, the BNPPP observed in the statement.



Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty

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## Law on cards to protect family of Bangabandhu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government decided to make a law to ensure security of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's family members in line with a similar law that was scrapped by the previous BNP-led government.

The previous Awami League (AL) government had enacted that law in 2001.

The title of the proposed law is "Father of the Nation's Family Members' Security Act, 2009". The home ministry is preparing the draft and it will be placed before the cabinet soon for approval, officials at the home ministry said.

"Since there have been militants' threats on the lives of Bangabandhu's family members, we will soon enact a law to ensure their security," Home Minister Sahara Khatun told reporters at her Bangladesh Secretariat office.

She said the previous AL government formulated a law to provide round-the-clock security to Bangabandhu's family members but the government led by the BNP scrapped it after assuming power.

Sahara said many attempts had been made on the lives of AL chief Sheikh Hasina and her sister Sheikh Rehana. "The

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## PM declares zero tolerance on graft

ACC to be strengthened UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister (PM) Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the present government would not tolerate any type of corruption as it is pledge-bound to establish good governance in every sphere of society.

She said the Anti-Corruption Commission would be further strengthened to make it more effective in eradicating corruption from the soil of Bangladesh.

The premier made the remark when World Bank (WB) Country Director Xian

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## Navy eyes sub, new frigates

Prepares Tk 6,000cr plan to turn it into '3-dimesional' force

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Bangladesh Navy seeks implementation of an ambitious ten-year plan to upgrade it into a three-dimensional force by introducing new frigates, a submarine, maritime patrol aircraft, helicopters and other equipment with an estimated cost of Tk 6,000 crore.

The navy has recently sent the plan prepared in line with the proposed Forces Goal-2020 to the Armed Forces Division (AFD) after considering the recent maritime situation, budgetary allocation, market prices of required

equipment and other matters, says the force in a report.

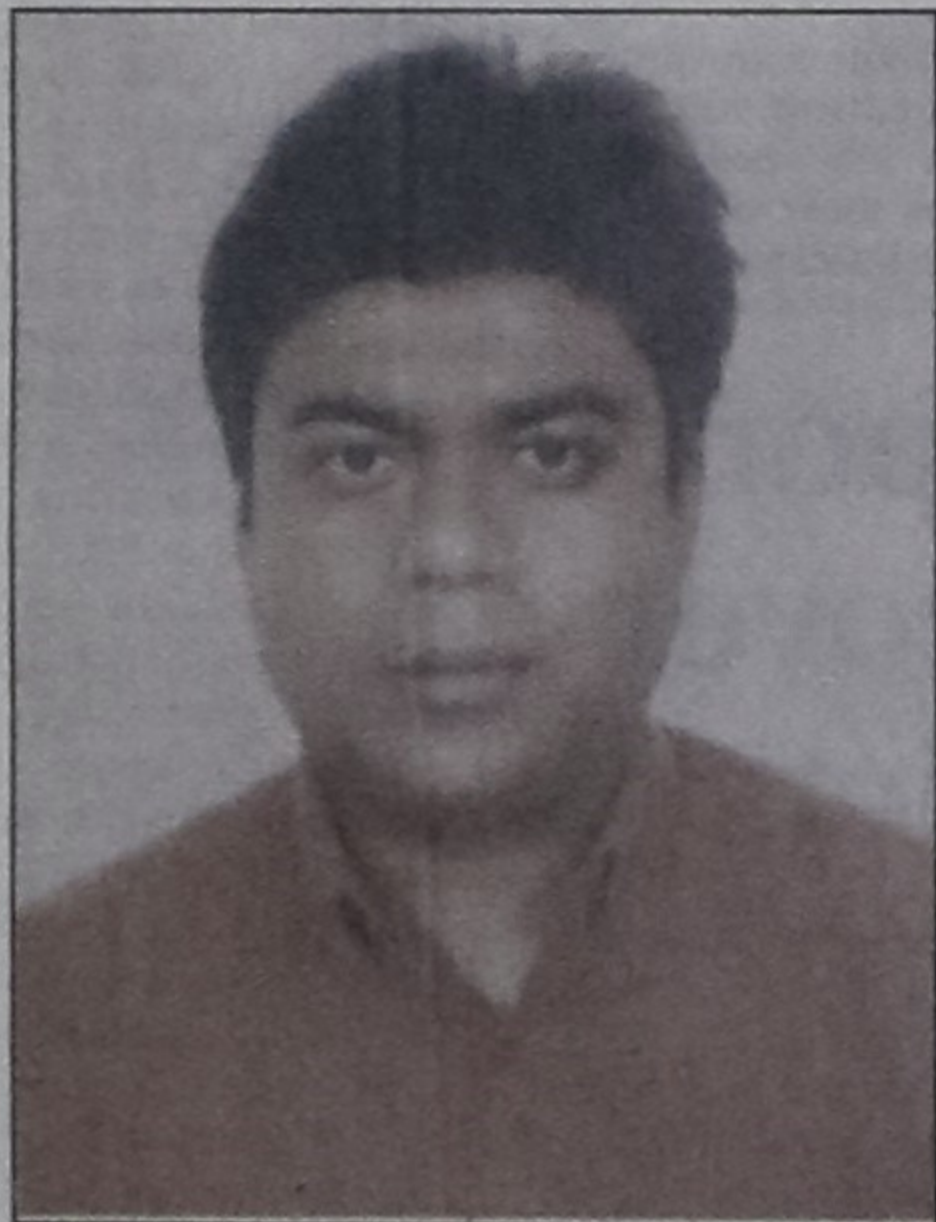
The Daily Star obtained a copy of the report placed before the parliamentary standing committee on the defence ministry on Monday.

The navy plans include purchase of three frigates, three large patrol aircraft, 12 patrol craft, two landing craft utility (LCU), one hydrographic unit, one salvage vessel, four missile boats and installation of new missiles in some ships to strengthen its surface fleet.

It has proposed introducing its own aviation

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## Textbooks to have more on war history

Experts' body submits recommendations to minister

WASIM BIN HABIB

The experts committee to incorporate the real history of the Liberation War in textbooks recommended adding a good number of new stories, articles and poems on the War in the Bangla textbooks of all classes in secondary level.

It also recommended incorporating the historic March 7 speech of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in the Bangla textbook of class VIII and the context of formation of the Mujibnagar government, its activities and the proclamation of independence of Bangladesh in the social science books of the same class.

The committee suggested including some writings on

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## Gen Matin misused power JS body alleges

RASHIDUL HASAN

The parliamentary standing committee on shipping ministry yesterday raised fresh allegations of irregularities and misuse of power against former home and shipping adviser Maj Gen (ret'd) MA Matin.

The House body said the then adviser of the past caretaker government had unilaterally and unlawfully raised the age-limit of shipping pilots to 60 from 57.

It asked the sub-committee concerned to investigate this and submit a report.

Earlier, the standing committee had formed the

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## Golden Opportunity for Creative Minds

Programme For Improvement of Solid Waste Management in Dhaka City Toward the Low Carbon Society

*Design Contest Announcement*

First Prize: Desk Top Computer  
Second Prize: Mobile Phone  
Third Prize: Mobile Phone



Sticker will be pasted here

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) is going to carry out a logo design contest under the Japanese grant aid "Programme for Improvement of Solid Waste Management in Dhaka city toward the Low Carbon Society". The winning logos will be pasted on the 100 new waste collection vehicles that will be procured under the programme which aims to contribute to reduce the green house gas emission.

### 1. How to join (apply) the contest :

Send hard copy of your logo design to the Waste Management Department of DCC. Please send your name, phone number, contact address and e-mail address along with your design. You can apply individually or in a group. You can send as many designs as you like.

### 2. Selection procedure :

The best designs will be selected by a committee and sub-committee comprised of representatives from the Ministries, Embassy of Japan, JICA and DCC.

The preliminary selected designers will be invited to the Sheraton Hotel on July 25, 2009 where the final selection will take place and the best designers will be awarded accordingly :

### First Prize: Desktop Computer

### Second Prize: Mobile Phone

### Third Prize: Mobile Phone

The decision of the selection committee will be regarded as final selection and no persuasion will be accepted in this regard.

### 3. Design requirements :

The logo should address issues like tackling climate change and reducing emission of green house gases like CO<sub>2</sub>.

The logo should be easily understandable.

The size of the logo should be 30 cm (width) x 15 cm (height). Design should be created by one logo image.

You may also include a message in the logo.

### 4. Additional Information :

Body color of the vehicles are : Cabin color : 7.5GY 8/6 (Munsell color system)

Container color : 5RP 6/8 (Munsell color system)

### 5. Note :

The logos have to be unique and should not be copied from any other logo of home or abroad.

Copyright of the winning designs shall belong to DCC only.

DCC will have the authority to use and modify the design in any aspect without any approval of the designer(s).

*If you have any query, feel free to contact*



Send your designs to :

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*The deadline for application is July 15, 2009*