

## DMP starts registration of GDs online

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) yesterday formally started registering general diaries (GDs) online to reach legal services to the doorsteps of people by using the information technology.

A workshop on "Online Citizen Help Request" was held at the headquarters of DMP to this end yesterday.

DMP Commissioner AKM Shahidul Haque moderated the workshop.

A DMP press release said that people can take advantage of the online facility by filing GDs for loss of passport, ID cards, bank cheque books, certificates or any type of documents as well as for providing information about different crimes.

To avail the service, one would have to log on to [www.dmp.gov.bd](http://www.dmp.gov.bd) and click the link "Citizen's Help Request" for filing a general diary.

In the first phase, 41 police stations under the DMP would provide such online services.

## Cop killed in city road accident

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A police constable of Sabujbagh Police Station was killed in a road accident near Khilgaon flyover in the city yesterday.

The victim was identified as Mohammad Nuruzzaman.

Officer-in-Charge of Sabujbagh Police Station Asaduzzaman said the deceased was on duty at a check post in the early hours when a speeding truck hit him as he signalled it to stop.

Nuruzzaman was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital with severe injuries where he succumbed to his injuries in the morning.

Police said the truck escaped the scene immediately and it could not be identified.



(Left) Young learners take a vow to ensure trial of war criminals at a function titled 'Muktir Utsab' organised by Liberation War Museum at the playground of Dhaka University yesterday. (Right) Valiant freedom fighter Taramon Bibi Bir Pratik administers the oath.

## Students vow to ensure trial of war criminals

### Charge sheet process by this week

DU CORRESPONDENT

Over 1000 students yesterday vowed to ensure the trial of war criminals and move forward with the spirit of the liberation war.

They took the vow at a function titled 'Muktir Utsab 2010' organised by Liberation War Museum at the central playground of Dhaka University.

Valiant freedom fighter Taramon Bibi Bir Pratik administered the oath.

With their hands high, the students, many of them were clad in dresses draped with the colours of national flag, pledged not to forget the supreme sacrifices of the valiant martyred freedom fighters.

The young learners also promised to establish a society where every religion and ethnic group will receive similar opportunities as well as scope for their development.

Speaking at the function, State Minister for Liberation War Affairs AB Tajul Islam hoped that the process of submitting charge sheet through investigation by the home ministry would be completed this week for trying war criminals.

"We have already finished the task of setting up the court and this work [process to start the trial of war criminals] will get a shape within one week through

appointing investigative agencies and prosecutors."

He further said that the trial of war criminals should be executed to free the nation from a stigma.

Noted writer Muhammad Zafar Iqbal called on the students to build their lives keeping in mind three things -- mother, mother language and motherland.

He also urged them to say thanks to freedom fighters whenever they meet them.

Freedom fighter Lt Gen (ret'd) Harunor-Rashid called on the students to remain united to ensure the trial of war criminals and implemented the spirit of the war.

Trustee and Member Secretary of Liberation War Museum Mafidul Haque hoped that the spirit of young generation would play a role in building the new Liberation War Museum.

The programme started at 9:00am through hosting the national flag and rendering the national anthem. Students from 79 schools (72 of the city and seven from outside) took part in the programme.

Students of different institutions also organised cultural events, including singing, dancing and recitation of poems.



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## INT'L EARTHQUAKE SYMPOSIUM

# Building code to be updated

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has taken an initiative to update the building code considering the fact that the country runs the risks of large-scale earthquakes, Food and Disaster Management Minister Abdur Razzaque said yesterday.

"It is regretting that the building code is not adequately followed. However, we are trying to ensure strict enforcement of it. Besides, we are updating the building code," he said at the inaugural session of a two-day symposium.

Bangladesh Earthquake Society (BES) and the Department of Civil Engineering of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) jointly organised the Third International Earthquake Symposium at the latter's auditorium.

The government is also framing a disaster management law, draft of which will be tabled in the next session of parliament, he said.

Quoting the data of Bangladesh Meteorological Department, Razzaque said the country experienced 115 mild earthquakes only in three years and the epicentre of 37 tremors was inside the country.

Referring to the preparations to reduce the damage, the minister said equipment worth Tk 30 crore have been procured and handed

over to the Armed Forces and Department of Fire Service and Civil Defence.

Purchase of more equipment is under process, he said, adding that the process of training 62,000 volunteers in three years is going on.

Damages could be minimised with good preparations and that is the only thing that the government could do, he said, adding that the recent earthquake in Chile was much stronger than that of Haiti, but the damage in Chile were less because of their better preparations.

BES President Prof Dr Jamilur Reza Choudhury said Dhaka will witness major damage if any large-scale earthquake takes place.

The Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme (CDMP) has done a good study on earthquake, he said.

The preparation plan that the CDMP has designed for different ministries must be followed vigorously, he added.

Buet Vice Chancellor Prof Dr AMM Safiullah, Pro Vice Chancellor Prof Dr M Habibur Rahman, BES Secretary General Prof Dr Munaz A Noor and organising committee chairman Prof Dr TMAI-Hussaini also spoke.

Experts from India, Japan, the USA, China, Malaysia and Taiwan are taking part in the symposium.

## BNP to rally for anti-govt movement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The central leaders of BNP, including members of the standing committee, will embark on a month-long countrywide tour aimed at strengthening organisational activities and preparing for an anti-government movement.

BNP standing committee member Goyeshwar Chandra Roy yesterday said the tour will start soon.

"Nineteen teams are being formed for countrywide tour and standing committee members and vice-president will lead these teams."

Besides, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, also leader of the opposition in parliament, will attend the public rallies in six divisional headquarters.

Asked about the anti-government movement, the BNP leader said his party would go for a movement in response to the people's demand.

"We want to create public opinions on those government activities which go against the interests of the country," he said while talking to reporters at the party's central office at Naya Palatan.

"The people are now depressed, frustrated and agitated. They are well aware of the perilous situation of the country caused by price hike and deterioration of the law and order situation," he added.

Replying to a query, Goyeshwar denied that there is any internal conflict within BNP.

The BNP leader expressed his happiness over the resolution of cases against Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the court.

He said cases filed against prime minister and her party leaders are being withdrawn. But the government is not withdrawing any cases filed against the BNP leaders by the caretaker government.



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Children take part in a drawing competition on the MP Hostel premises in the city yesterday. The Jatiya Sangsad and Commonwealth Association organised the event.

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## Betar to air DW Bengali radio programmes

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Bangladesh Betar will air Deutsche Welle Bengali radio service using six transmitters in Dhaka, Chittagong, Sylhet, Khulna, Rajshahi and Rangpur.

Betar will transmit the Deutsche Welle (DW) radio services from 8:00am to 8:30am and from 8:00pm to 8:30pm, said a release of the German Embassy.

In this connection, representatives from Bangladesh Betar and Deutsche Welle will sign a new partnership agreement on March 9.

This agreement marks just another milestone in the excellent German-Bangladesh bilateral relations and will help Germany's international broadcaster to expand its Bengali radio services in Bangladesh via FM, the release added.

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