

Land registration system to be computerised

Says Quamrul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

State Minister for Law Quamrul Islam yesterday said computerised system has to be introduced in dealing with functions of land registration and deed protection in order to reduce suffering of the people and save time.

The people have to suffer a lot and to kill much time in completing land registration and deed protection in the existing old system. The government is sincere to relieve the people of such suffering, he added.

The minister said this as the chief guest at a function on the occasion of oath taking ceremony by the newly elected executive committee of Bangladesh Registration Service Association (BRSA) at Public Works Department

auditorium in the city. He said the people have to suffer and face harassments in getting the deeds of lands due to hand-written 'Balam' books.

The government wants to relieve the people of this situation through introducing digitised technology in such activities, the minister noted.

Quamrul also said that the officials of the registration department themselves have to remove scandals about the department by working honestly and sincerely.

Presided over by BRSA President Munshi Nazrul Islam, the meeting was also addressed by Shahidul Haque, acting secretary to the legislative and parliamentary affairs division of the law ministry, and Anwarul Haque, law secretary (current charge).



World Watch Society, a rights group, forms a human chain on Kazi Nazrul Islam Road at Karwan Bazar in the city yesterday to create an awareness among the mass people about the adulteration of foods.

Eviction of pottery traders protested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pottery businessmen yesterday protested their eviction from the pavement in front of the Bangladesh Shishu Academy and demanded a permanent space for running their business.

They were speaking at a press conference organised by Dhaka City Pottery Businessmen Cooperatives Society at the Crime Reporters' Association in the city.

They said after repeated appeals to the government over the years to save the pottery industry, the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) mayor asked them to use the spot in front of Bangladesh Shishu Academy to sell their products until arrangements are made for an exclusive pottery market.

However, on March 2 DCC officials bulldozed the shops without any prior notice or announcements, said Samity General Secretary Nizam Uddin.

He said goods worth lakhs of taka were damaged and hundreds of people are now leading their lives in uncertainty, he said.

Association leaders demanded rehabilitation of the businessmen giving them a temporary space in the Dhaka University area to sell their products until allotment of a space for handicrafts market.

Sammilito Sangskritik Jote General Secretary Hasan Arif said the pottery is an industry that has been running for decades.

While governments in other countries are giving subsidies and helping their traditional industries to grow, our government run them over with bulldozers, he said, demanding immediate rehabilitation of the pottery businessmen.

Joy Bangla Sangskritik Jote General Secretary Abul Kader and Pottery Cooperatives Society President and freedom fighter Mannan Sheikh also spoke at the press conference.

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Schoolgirl commits suicide in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A schoolgirl committed suicide at her East Razabazar residence yesterday after her mother had rebuked her over buying a reading table.

Zerin Tasfia, 14, a student of class VII at a local school, was the daughter of fish trader Shahabuddin Chowdhury.

Shafiqul Islam, maternal uncle of Zerin, said she went to the bathroom after being rebuked by her mother and hanged herself from the shower with a cloth at around 3:30pm.

She was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where on duty doctors declared her dead, he added.

Review CHT peace accord

Speakers tell roundtable

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a roundtable yesterday said Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Peace Accord should be reviewed on discussions with representatives of all ethnic groups and Bangalees to ensure their rights of establishing peace in the CHT areas.

Former diplomat Sabihuddin Ahmed said problems of all ethnic groups were not resolved through the accord, as the then Awami League (AL) government had signed it in 1997 with only one tribal group -- Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity.

The present AL-led grand alliance government has done a wrong again by withdrawing army camps from

the CHT areas. That's why, violent incidents are now taking place there, he added.

The speakers said this at the roundtable on 'The CHT Peace Accord and Contemporary Situation Therein' organised by the weekly Dhaka Post on the occasion of its 20th anniversary at Dhaka Reporters' Unity.

Former chief election commissioner (CEC) Justice Mohammad Abdur Rouf, who presided over the meeting, said violent incidents taking place in the CHT areas are the results of the war-war games of the international world.

The international world is playing the games to keep balance with India in this region against the China-

Burma pact, he observed.

Justice Rouf said most of the international funds allocated for the CHT people are used by the district council leaders to purchase arms.

The former CEC called on the politicians, conscious citizens and media persons to work for creating a congenial atmosphere in the country.

BNP lawmaker Mahbubuddin Khokon said withdrawal of army camps from CHT areas is a result of the domestic and international conspiracy.

Editor of the Dhaka Post Omar Faruque, Jatiya Ganatantrik Party President Shafiqul Alam Pradhan, and Editor of the New Nation Mostafa Kamal Majumder also spoke.

'Try war criminals'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 1971 war criminals must be tried paying no heed to the national and international evil forces, said Workers Party President Rashed Khan Menon yesterday.

"There is no alternative to holding trials of war criminals in order to protect the independence and sovereignty of the country," he said, adding that a vested quarter is trying to foil the trials.

He was speaking as chief guest at a meeting organised by Dhaka city unit of Bangladesh Workers Party at its office.

Party's city unit Secretary Abul Hossain presided over the meeting, which was addressed by its leaders Nurul Hasan, Kamrul Hasan and Mostafa Alamgir Ratan.

The leaders said the organisation has launched a two-month-long campaign to realise demands that include identifying the war criminals and completing their trials fast, restoration of the 1972 constitution, banning politics of anti-liberation forces, empowerment of local governments, reducing the prices of essentials, and improving the law and order.

BSMMU starts residency programme

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) has started its residency programme recently to increase the quality of doctors.

Residency programme is such a training course where the doctors will receive the training, which is mostly oriented to practical knowledge along with theoretical knowledge.

Some 147 doctors have joined the MD and MS courses at different departments under the programme in 2010 academic session.

At an orientation meeting of the students yesterday, BSMMU Vice Chancellor (VC) Prof Pran Gopal Dutta said the residency programme has been started to make specialist doctors.

It is a skill-based and patient-oriented learning programme and there are many developed countries where this programme is recognised, he added.

Treasurer Prof Mohammad Moazzam Hossain, Pro-VC (education) Prof AKM Anisul Haque, Pro-VC (administration) Prof Mohammad Shahidullah were also present the programme.

Prof Mohammad Saiful Islam, dean of the faculty of surgery, presented a keynote paper on residency programme while Prof Abdul Jalil Chowdhury of medicine department conducted the programme.



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