



Citizens' Rights Movement forms a human chain in front of the National Press Club in the city yesterday demanding immediate steps to protect water bodies and punishment to illegal encroachers and land grabbers.

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# Enforce law properly to stop faulty building construction

Minister urges authorities

BSS, Dhaka

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Barrister Shafique Ahmed yesterday urged the authorities concerned to ensure proper application of laws to stop construction of hazardous buildings.

The authorities concerned would have to work sincerely to stop construction of faulty buildings, he said while speaking as the chief guest at a roundtable at the Bangladesh Institute of Planners (BIP) auditorium in the

city, said an official release.

The law minister said all would have to show respect to laws. The buildings become risky because of the use of faulty designs, unapproved designs and tampered designs, he added.

'Mukto Akash', a Bangla paper, organised the discussion on 'Faulty buildings in Dhaka and fire incidents.'

Presided over by Mukto Akash Advisory Editor Engineer M Abdul Awal, the meeting was addressed by

University Grants Commission (UGC) Chairman Prof Nazrul Islam, Rajuk Chairman Nurul Huda, university teachers, engineers, architects and representatives from different organisations.

Former Rajuk chief engineer M Emdadul Islam presented the keynote paper.

The law minister said injunctions from the court are preventing the authorities from taking action against many risky buildings.

The cases relating to building constructions could be settled by forming special benches in the High Court, he added.

Barrister Shafique sought suggestions from relevant experts, if there is lacking in the laws relating to building construction.

Rajuk Chairman Nurul Huda said an environment-friendly Dhaka city would be developed as per designs in the Detailed Area Plan. He sought cooperation of all in this regard.

# Purbachal plot handover by Dec

BSS, Dhaka

Plots at the Purbachal New Town Project will be handed over to the allottees by December this year.

Purbachal is the biggest planned township in the country with a project area of about 6,150 acres of land, divided into 30 sectors, located in between the Shitalakha and the Balu rivers at Rupganj upazila in Narayanganj and Kaliganj upazila in Gazipur, in the north-eastern side of the capital, 16km from zero point of the Dhaka city.

The township would be the home of over 10 lakh people is being constructed at a cost of Tk 7,700 crore and it will be linked with 300-feet wide eight-lane expressway from the Airport Road through Pragati Swarani crossing and Nikunja residential area, the distance would be only 6.8 kilometers.

In the first phase, Rajuk would hand over 1,500 plots, out of 2,500, in sectors

4 and 17 to the allottees as a token to start the distribution process, Rajuk Chairman Engineer Md Nurul Huda told BSS.

He said, "We have decided to start the handover process as the people, otherwise, lose their trust and confidence in Rajuk. Plots in sectors 1, 3, 5, 11, 12, 13, and 14, Nurul Huda said, are almost ready that would be handed over in phases.

In the Purbachal project, he said there are about 26,000 residential plots of different sizes, 62,000 apartments with all necessary infrastructures and urban facilities including schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, medical centres, mosques, temples, churches, playgrounds and lakes.

The Rajuk has earmarked 290 acres of land in sectors 2, 3, 21, 30, 28 and 15 for constructing 217 twenty-storied buildings with an estimated cost of Tk 9,900 crore making accommodation

for lower and middle-income group of people.

In the first phases, Rajuk chairman said 21,500 apartments would be constructed in three categories A-type 850 square feet, B-type 1,250 square feet and C-type 1,500 square feet and a Development Project Programme (DPP) in this regard has already been submitted to the housing ministry.

He said Rajuk would start the construction works after approval of the ministry. He hoped that construction would begin by November this year.

Project Director ASM Rafiqul Alam said land development works in 4,500 acres, out of 6,150, in Rupganj is going on in full swing.

But the rest 1,500 acres of land has been acquired at Kaliganj in Gazipur recently and infrastructures development work would start very soon after completion of topographical survey. Earlier, the Rajuk fixed the project

implementation period by June 2012.

The construction work of 3.1km flyover at Kuril intersection that will connect the Purbachal new township, is also going on in full swing and to be completed by May 2012. Rajuk is constructing the flyover at a cost of Tk 300 crore on its own.

Rajuk is developing the area as a self-contained 'New Township' with all modern facilities. Of the plots, 24,697 are residential, 1,227 commercial, four industrial park (earmarked 93 acres of land), 506 administrative buildings, 118 playgrounds, 128 social infrastructures, 61 diplomatic offices, 78 mosques, two temples, one pagoda and one church.

Of the residential plots, he said about 21,000 has already been allotted to the applicants. Of which, 6,039 plots were allotted this year. Rest of the plots would be allotted among the affected land owners in phases.

## Fanatics make a comeback in political field

Says Inu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Lawmaker Hasanul Haque Inu yesterday said results of the Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) mayoral election show that the religious fanatics, militants and razakars have made a comeback in the political field.

"Fanatics and militants have returned to the field of politics through the CCC election," said Inu, also the president of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD).

"Razakars have returned to the battlefield in Chittagong," he added.

He made the comment while speaking at the National Conference-2010 of Ektatorer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee.

Inu also called on the pro-liberation and progressive forces to remain united to keep their victory in the last general elections intact.

## Govt urged not to cut tariff on milk powder import

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dairy farm owners yesterday called on the government not to reduce import duty on milk powder, saying that such a move would affect the local dairy farms badly.

They said the buyers have told them that the price of milk would have to be reduced by 5 to 7 per litre, as the government has lowered the tariff on powdered milk import in the proposed national budget.

Leaders of the Greater Pabna District Small Dairy Farm Owners Association made the call at a press conference at the Dhaka Reporters' Unity auditorium yesterday.

"The production cost of one litre of milk is Tk 20 to 22 and we sell it for Tk 30, with a profit of Tk 8 to 10. Now, the milk purchasing companies have told us that they would pay Tk 5 to 7 less than the current price. If it happens, we will incur a huge loss," said association president ABM Nurunnabi Saimum.

He demanded that the tariff on powdered milk import remain the same as before.

He also said the dairy farm owners will launch a movement if their demand goes unheeded.

Nurunnabi also demanded stimulus package for small dairy farm owners to help the dairy industry flourish.

General Secretary of the association Rezaul Karim was also present at the press conference.



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Jago Bangladesh Garments Sramik Federation stages a demonstration at Muktangan in the city yesterday demanding reopening of closed mills and factories and withdrawal of cases against workers.

## Call to frame strict law to stop stalking

BSS, Dhaka

Speakers at a programme yesterday called for framing strict law and launching social movement from the family to stop stalking.

They also urged the people of all strata to come forward to check this social menace.

Wills Little Flower School Scout Group arranged the programme in front of Bashundhara City yesterday morning to create awareness about stalking of girls.

National Commissioner of Bangladesh Scouts Akhtaruzzaman Khan Kabir, principal of the school Mohammad Moinul Islam Chowdhury, chairman of Paribesh Bachao Andolan Abu Naser

Khan, Coordinator of the Anti-Tobacco Alliance Saifuddin Ahmed and Deputy National Commissioner of Bangladesh Scouts Md Jamal Uddin Sikdar spoke at the function.

Naser said the scouts could play an important role in checking stalking and protecting environment.

Terming stalking a social menace, other speakers said disgruntled boys mainly stalk school, college and university-going girls. So, they opined, social movement will have to be built from the family first.

They also called for creating mass awareness to keep away the young generation from smoking and drugs.

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## 13,000 policemen to be recruited

Says Sahara Khatun

BSS, Sylhet

Home Minister Advocate Sahara Khatun yesterday said the government is going to recruit 13,000 new policemen in addition to the existing 1.24 lakh contingent of the force to build it as a people-friendly organisation.

Gradually, the number of new recruits would be increased to 32,000, the home minister told a rally organised in connection with inauguration of the service delivery centre of Golapganj Model Thana in the district as the chief guest.

She said the government has already taken various steps for making the police service available to the people.

Sahara said the government has already upgraded 35, out of 450 police stations, throughout the country to model police stations with the assistance provided by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

Of the model police stations, 17 are working as service delivery centre, she added.

Sahara said the law and order

situation in the country is now better than any time in the past. She said, "We want the development of the law and order situation, but the opposition does not like it."

About the June 27 hartal called by the opposition, she said hartal and blockade programmes cannot bring any development to the country.

She, however, warned that the people as well as the government would not tolerate any kind of anarchy and disorder in the name of hartal.

Police super of Sylhet M Shakawat Hossain chaired the function while Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid was the special guest.

The rally was also addressed by lawmaker Syeda Zebunnesa Haq, Awami League Organising Secretary Advocate Mesbah Uddin Siraj, Divisional Commissioner of Sylhet M Golam Rabbani, Golapganj Upazila Chairman Iqbal Ahmed Chowdhury and DIG of Sylhet range Mosharraf Hossain Bhuiyan.

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