



Garments workers burn tyres on road during clashes with the police at Ashulia in Savar yesterday. (Story on Page 1)

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# Update law to protect intellectual property rights: Dilip Barua

BSS, Dhaka

Industries Minister Dilip Barua yesterday said the laws on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) need to be updated and new law should be enacted to protect the IPR.

Inaugurating a workshop on IPR in the city, he also stressed the need for raising awareness about the law before formulating the law.

Intellectual Property Rights Project of the Industries Ministry and World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) jointly organised the workshop titled 'Colloquium for judges on the enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights' with the support of the European Union.

Registrar of Department of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks M Anamul Huque and WIPO Director Louise Van Greunen spoke at the inaugural session of the workshop with Project Director ABM Khorshed Alam in the chair.

Dilip Barua said creation, protection and management of intellectual property (IP) is becoming an instrument for national development in the context of globalisation of trade

and commerce and emerging knowledge world.

Mentioning that developing countries have many challenges to overcome while evolving their own IP system, Dilip said where the economic growth of a nation is driven increasingly by the creativity and knowledge of their people, effective IP systems, may be considered as the key to unlocking this human potential.

Termining the infringement on IPR a global threat amid increasing invention of sophisticated devices, he said the tendency of the people to gain by imitating and piracy is certainly a big challenge for a least developed country like Bangladesh.

"For quick and effective materialisation of the vision of building a digital Bangladesh, creation, protection and well-use of IP are a must," he said.

The industries minister expressed his gratitude to the EU and WIPO for helping the ministry in framing and amending laws, and automating the procedures of business of the Department of Patents, Designs and Trademarks and the Copyright under the IRP project.

# Poor service discourages train journey

UNB, Dhaka

Compared to global standards, the railway service in Bangladesh is very poor and it is even poorer in its eastern zone, although people prefer travelling by train.

"We don't mind paying higher fares for train services because we find travelling by train safer than using the road. The government should pay more attention to the railway sector for making its service more comfortable than journey by bus," said Ferdous Sharif Johnna, a regular train passenger of Kuliuar Char in Kishoreganj.

In Bangladesh, he said, using road

transport is riskier, but it is safe in train although the ride might be longer than bus.

"Modernising the railway service will not only ensure passengers' comfort but also help the government earn more in revenue," said Sharif told UNB.

While going back home in a Bhairab-bound train from Dhaka, Mujibur, a Bangladeshi expatriate living in Singapore, said: "Most people prefer journey by train. I also prefer the train journey as it is safer than bus."

Sarwar Alam, a National University student living in Dhaka, said the number of coaches on trains should be

increased as the number of passengers, especially in the eastern zone, has doubled in recent times.

"I always go home by Egara Sindur inter-city train which carries more passengers than its capacity. Most passengers board the train with 'standing tickets' due to shortage of seats," he said.

Some passengers alleged that the trains in the Railway's eastern zone take too much time to reach their destinations as they make unscheduled halts in various crossings for negligence of the local masters (LMs) and assistant local masters (ALMs), to drop passengers, which they do for

bribes.

When contacted a senior railway official said, "Trains should maintain time to attract more passengers and the controllers should discharge their duties sincerely and honestly to make that happen."

He said the train services could be developed by increasing the number of locomotives, coaches and manpower, maintaining time and operating some local trains in the "vacated times" among some strategic stations. "Local trains lag behind in delivering the desired service due to negligence of the controllers," said a railway signal engineer preferring anonymity.

# Govt to ensure congenial atmosphere for journo

## Says information minister

BSS, Khulna

Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad said here yesterday that the government is

trying to ensure a congenial atmosphere for journalists so that they can perform their responsibility without hesitation.

"We are looking into the logical demands of the jour-

nalists community," he told a function here.

Azad was addressing as the chief guest a reception accorded to the students who got GPA-5 in the SSC and Dakhil examinations in 2010.

The function was organised by Khulna City Corporation (KCC) with Mayor Talukder Abdul Khaleque in the chair.

Azad mentioned that the Information Act 'Right to Information Act' would ensure free flow of information.

He said necessary fund would be allocated in the next financial year for constructing a modern Shilpakalpa Academy in Khulna.

Khaleque urges the government to establish a full-fledged TV station in Khulna.



Members of the cabinet see off President Zillur Rahman at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the city yesterday.

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# President leaves for London for checkup

UNB, Dhaka

President Zillur Rahman left Dhaka for London yesterday morning on a 10-day visit to the United Kingdom during which he will undergo medical checkup at Bupa Cromwell Hospital.

An Emirates flight with the president on board left Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport at 10:20am. The President will have a 24-hour stopover in Dubai.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith, Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury, Foreign Minister Dr Dipu Moni, British High Commissioner in Dhaka Stephen Evans, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps and Palestine Ambassador Shaheer M o h a m m e d , C a b i n e t Secretary M Abdul Aziz, and chiefs of the three services were present at the airport.

Bangabhaban sources said Zillur will begin his medical checkup tomorrow (Monday) at Bupa Cromwell Hospital. He may have to visit the hospital several times as per doctors' advice.

# Lead causes health hazard to 88pc people

## Speakers tell seminar

BSS, Dhaka

The use of lead in dye causes health hazards to 88 percent people in the country.

It was disclosed at a seminar on 'bad effects of using lead-mixed dye' held at the Jatiya Press Club in the city.

Paribesh Bachao Andolon (POBA),

Environment and Social Development Organisation (ESDO) and Bangladesh Chemical Society jointly organised the seminar.

Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique, ESDO researcher Dr Hossain Shahriar and Prof Jafar Mahmud of Dhaka

University spoke on the occasion.

Dr Shahriar said children and aged people are vulnerable to lead-mixed dye. It hinders normal growth of human beings, he added.

About 77,220 tonnes of paint is being produced annually in the country by 37 companies, of which 98 per-

cent carry lead more than the limit.

The dye is used in house painting, furniture, generators, switches, toys, ceramics, pipes, batteries and cosmetics which come to human body contact.

The speakers urged the government to take immediate steps to control the use of lead-mixed paint.

# Call for proper use of budgetary allocations

BSS, Dhaka

Deputy Speaker Shawkat Ali yesterday urged all concerned to ensure proper use of allocations in budget for public welfare.

He was speaking at a review meeting on the announced budget of fiscal 2010-2011, an official release said.

Susaner Jonno Procharavijan (Supro) organised the meeting at Cirdap auditorium in the city.

Economist Anu Muhammad and Syeda Asifa spoke on the occasion.

"Power sharing by all will ensure development," the deputy speaker said, adding that the local government system should be made more effective for this purpose.

He emphasized undertaking projects locally and implementing those by own means.

The discussants urged the government to keep education and health sectors above commercialization for public welfare.

# Work unitedly to root out militancy: Tuku

BSS, Rangpur

State Minister for Home Advocate Shamsul Haque Tuku has said Jamaat-Shibir has been trying to create unstable situation by triggering and assisting religious militancy when the government has provided trial process of the war criminals.

They have been financing and providing shelters and assistances to religious militants and the government with the assistances of the people from all walks in the society will

definitely resist their devil designs to root out militancy once for all, he said.

He was addressing a seminar on 'Roles of imams in resisting militancy and terrorism for maintaining peace and order in the country' organised by Islamic Foundation of Bangladesh (IFB), Rangpur on Friday as the chief guest.

Deputy Commissioner of Rangpur BM Enamul Haque chaired the meeting that was held at Rangpur Town Hall auditorium.

Secretary of IFB Rezaul Karim, Board of Governors of IFB and chairman of Islami Oikya Jote

Misbahur Rahman Chowdhury, joint convener of Rangpur Awami League Advocate Rezaul Karim Raju, SP Saleh Mohammad Tanveer, also spoke.

In his speech, Tuku said the BNP-Jamaat Jote government patronised and created the Islami religious militancy in the country and presently they are trying to destabilise the country by triggering militancy.

They are engaged to hampering the ongoing developments of the present government as they could not come to power and the people will definitely resist them as the devil forces want to turn Bangladesh into situations like in Pakistan and Afghanistan, he said.

The Jamaat-Shibir has been misleading the people in the name of preaching Islam and the 'religious traders' are dishonouring and defaming the innocent womenfolk to make Bangladesh an inactive state though triggering militancy, he said.

"But the people will never forgive them and definitely resist and properly try them by foiling their all devil bids to turn Bangladesh into religious militancy strongholds," Tuku said.



A procession was brought out at Shahbagh in the city yesterday marking the Technical and Vocational Education Week. Education Ministry organised the event.

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