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# Tougher law for stalkers

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The government has decided to amend the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act, 2003 to make sure it is enforced vigorously in fighting stalking.

The decision came yesterday at an inter-ministerial meeting on framing a law against stalking, said meeting sources. Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid chaired the meet at the education ministry.

It was decided that the section 10 of Women and Children Repression Act, 2003 would be amended and for this it will be placed before cabinet.

No timeframe for the amendment could be known immediately.

Section 10 states if any male, in order to satisfy his carnal desires, touches the sexual or any other organs of any woman or child with any organ of his body or with any other object, his action will amount to sexual abuse. Or, if he abuses the modesty

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The government house, left, allocated for Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Khaleda Zia on Minto Road in the capital is now ready for her to move in. Her 196 Gulshan Avenue house, right, on 32 kathas of land, also donated to her by the government in 1981, is now being renovated so that she can move there also if she wishes.



PHOTO: STAR

# Suu Kyi talks about hope, not politics

**BBC ONLINE**

Burmese pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi has urged thousands of her supporters not to give up hope, a day after her release from house arrest.

"There is no reason to lose heart," she told a crowd outside the headquarters of her political party in Rangoon.

Suu Kyi was released by the military when her sentence ended on Saturday.

World leaders and human rights groups have welcomed her release. She had spent 15 of the last 21 years either under house arrest or in prison.

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**OnlinePoll** ✓

Do you think BNP's calling of hartal over Khaleda Zia's Dhaka cantonment house issue is justified?

Yes (47.4%)  
No (52.2%)  
No Comments (0.4%)

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# 8 power contracts get go-ahead

*Local, foreign companies to set up the plants with 1,235MW capacity*

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The Cabinet purchase committee yesterday approved awarding eight contracts to different local and foreign companies to build power plants and generate 1,235 megawatts of power using natural gas and furnace oil.

The eight deals include three private projects being awarded through competitive bidding. These would come into operation between 2012 and 2013. The remaining five rental electricity generation projects--awarded through unsolicited negotiations--are expected to be launched by the next lean season.

The first three are major ones and among them two are being awarded to local company Summit along with its US partner GE.

The purchase committee approved awarding two large power projects to Summit that won both the tenders by submitting the lowest prices. The two are: Meghnaghat 335MW dual-fuel project and the Bibiyana Phase-2 340MW combined cycle gas-fired project.

Earlier, Summit won the Bibiyana Phase-1 340MW gas-fired power project.

Summit bagged the Bibiyana Phase-2 by offering a levelised rate of US 3.397 cents per

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# Khaleda to retain house if SC orders

*Says attorney gen*

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam yesterday said BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia would get her cantonment residence back if the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court (SC) gives verdict in her favour.

While talking to reporters at his office, he also urged the lawyers of the opposition leader to take steps for disposing of her leave to appeal petition against the High Court (HC) verdict on the issue.

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# KUSHTIA MP'S RESIDENCE 11 held over 'suicide blasts'

*OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia*

The police detained 11 people yesterday with links to Saturday's bomb blasts at the house of ruling party lawmaker Afaz Uddin at Taragonia in Kushtia.

Meanwhile, Ejaz Ahmed Mamun, son of Awami League lawmaker from Kushtia-1, filed two cases -- one for possession of explosives and the other for murder -- against eight people in connection with the bomb attack that left three people dead and two others injured.

"The evidence indicates that it was a suicide bomb attack. Both the attackers were killed in the incident," said Inspector Jahid Hossain of Daulatpur Police Station.

Police identified the two attackers as Siddiqur Rahman, son of Bhaddar Ali of Chakdaulatpur village, and his cousin Ahadul Islam, son of Tara Chand of the same village.

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# 1 killed in 'shootout'

*OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj*

An alleged criminal was killed in a "shootout" between his cohorts and Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) in Shiddhirganj upazila of Narayanganj early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Fazal Haq, 42, son of late Ayub Ali of Lamapara

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**Prayer Timing**  
November 15

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-00	5-35
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-22	5-25
Esha	7-00	7-30

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