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# Settle petty crimes out of court

## Law Commission recommends amending CrPC, CPC for quick case disposal

**ASHUTOSH SARKAR**

The Law Commission has recommended that the government introduces plea bargain in the judicial system for expedited adjudication of petty criminal cases through negotiated settlements between plaintiffs and defendants.

In plea bargain, persons charged with minor offences must confess willingly to their crimes to courts through affidavits. The plaintiffs and defendants then may reach settlements for reduced punishments for offenders.

Punishments for offenders could be reduced to a half or one-fourth of what is stipulated by law, the commission said in its proposal.

It added that cases settled through plea bargains should not be allowed to be appealed or revised.

The commission on October 5 submitted the proposal to the law ministry along with 64 other recommendations in connection with proposed introduction of an Alternative

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# AL, allies to beef up activities

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The Awami League-led 14-party alliance will strengthen its activities at all levels to face the main opposition's protest programmes.

The alliance leaders made the decision at a meeting yesterday at AL President Sheikh Hasina's political office at Dhanmondi in the capital.

They urged the government to take measures to improve law and order and control price hike of essentials.

The coalition will send

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# Politics within Ctg politics

*Internal feuds grip both the ruling Awami League and main opposition BNP in their respective Chittagong city units. Long-standing rivalry among a number of high-profile leaders of both the parties intensifies despite instruction from the centre to shrug off all differences and shake hands. Neither side could form a fully-fledged committee thanks to their internal conflicts that also affect the grassroots activists.*

# Mohiuddin wins foes, loses friends

**DWAIPAYAN BARUA, Ctg**

Internal feuds in Chittagong city Awami League have reached a new and dramatic polarisation amid a unification move to close the gaps among rival leaders.

In a latest turn, AL city unit chief ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury has got two of his long-term rival leaders MA Latif, MP and AJM Nasir Uddin on his side.

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# BNP prisoner of 3 musketeers

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**

Feuds in Chittagong city BNP have got a new turn over formation of the fully-fledged committee, which could not be formed despite holding of the unit's council on November 16 last year.

The leaders and activists of the city unit have long been divided into three groups led by former minister and unit chief Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury, BNP Vice Chairman

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# Jessore tannery fined for pollution

**A CORRESPONDENT, Jessore**

The Department of Environment (DoE) yesterday fined a factory a record Tk 69.87 lakh for discharging untreated liquid waste in the Bhairab River in Jessore.

This is the first ever punishment for polluting environment in the country's South-Western region and also the highest ever penalty awarded to a factory by DoE.

The fined factory, S A F (Akiz Tannery) Industries Limited in Noapara industrial area of Jessore, is a family concern of Awami League lawmaker Afil Uddin, who is also one of the directors of the factory.

A joint team of Dhaka and Khulna unit of DoE led by Munir Chowdhury, director (Enforcement), found the

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Hundreds of people wait to board launches at Sadarghat yesterday afternoon after launch owners decided to anchor vessels off the terminal in a token strike to protest an attack on a launch staff by miscreants. Story on page 3.

# KOREAN CONFLICT N Korea readies missiles, China calls for talks

**AFP, Yeonpyeong Island**

The US and South Korean navies staged a potent show of force against North Korea Sunday, as China called for emergency talks about the crisis on the divided peninsula.

Tensions remained high after the North's deadly bombardment last week.

The drill, spearheaded by the massive US nuclear-powered aircraft carrier the George Washington, aims to send a message of deterrence to the North. But the presence of a US carrier in what China sees as its backyard has sparked criticism from Beijing.

The exercise, involving at least 11 ships, is one of a series announced in May, after a Seoul-led multinational investigation found overwhelming evidence that a North Korean torpedo had sunk a South Korean warship in March.

That sinking cost 46 lives. But Tuesday's bombardment of a non-military area, which killed two civilians and two marines and injured 18 people, was the first shelling of a civilian area in the South since the war.

**SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES**  
Pyongyang said it was retaliating for a South Korean firing drill in what it regards as its own waters around the contested border. It

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# COP ASSAULT CASE Dipjol finally surrenders

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Actor and Dhaka City Corporation Councillor Monwar Hossain Dipjol turned himself in to the police last night, 12 days after he went into hiding to elude arrest over assault on a policeman.

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# Firearms, ammo seized in CHT

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati**

Army personnel in a raid Saturday night arrested ten indigenous youths with ammunition and firearms including an AK-47 rifle at Hazaribagh under sadar upazila of the district.

A 9-mm pistol, one sub-machine gun, four guns, 14 bullets of pistol, 21 bullets of gun, a cellphone set and Tk 2,500 were also seized.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of army led by Capt Tazul Islam raided the Shasankhola Tila area in Hazaribagh around 7:30pm and made the arrests.

The arrestees were identified as Naba Jyoti Chakma, 30, Bijoy Chakma, 40, Bilu Chakma, 26, Chamong Marma, 29, Shanti Chakma, 22, Minthu Chakma, 25, Krishna Ranjan Chakma, 28, Miah Dhar Chakma, 30, Sneha Chakma, 32, and Swapan Chakma, 20.

They were produced before the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court in Rangamati yesterday and sent to jail.

An arms case was filed against the arrestees with Kotwali Police Station, said Babul Uddin Sarder, officer-in-charge of the police station.

# BDR TRIAL 'Mutineers' cross-examine 3 witnesses

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

As the Special Court-7 yesterday resumed the trial of 667 jawans of 24 Rifle Battalion at the Pikhana headquarters, 25 alleged mutineers cross-examined three witnesses.

The witnesses, Lt Col Reza, sepoy Ripon Kumar Biswas and Tobbas Ali, in their submissions narrated how the accused looted the central armoury and Dhaka sector magazine at the BDR headquarters during the mutiny on February 25 last year.

The jawans, however,

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# FAILURE TO CHECK SOYBEAN OIL PRICE Govt asked to explain

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The High Court yesterday asked the government to explain in two weeks why its inaction in taking effective measures to prevent the skyrocketing of soybean oil price should not be declared illegal.

An HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Sheikh Md Zakir Hossain made the ruling.

The court has directed the chief controller of Export and Import and the Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) chairman to submit a report within four weeks on how much soybean oil had been imported in the past six months and what its price was.

It also ordered the president and the secretary of Vegetable Oil Refiners and Vanaspati Manufacturers' Association to submit a report before it within the time on how much soybean oil was sold across the country in the past six months.

The court came up with the directives and

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# State minister, attorney gen threatened

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

An unidentified person yesterday sent a mobile text message to Attorney General Mahbubey Alam threatening him over today's hearing of Khaleda Zia's petitions regarding her disputed cantonment house.

"There will be series of bomb explosions if the

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**মোটরযানের কর ও ফি ডাকঘরের পরিবর্তে ব্যাংকের মাধ্যমে আদায়ের জরুরি বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

মোটরযান মালিক, চালক ও সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, গত ১৫-১১-২০১০ তারিখ হতে ঢাকা জেলা ও মেট্রোপলিটন এলাকার মোটরযানের সমুদয় কর ফি তথা ট্যাক্স টোকেন ইস্যু/নবায়ন, মালিকানা বদলী, ড্রাইভিং লাইসেন্স ইস্যু/নবায়ন, রুট পারমিট ইস্যু/নবায়ন ফি ডাকঘরের পরিবর্তে মিরপুরস্থ বিআরটিএ অফিসে স্থাপিত ব্রাক ব্যাংকের বুথ ও সাউথ ইস্ট ব্যাংকের ধানমন্ডি, সাত মসজিদ রোড, মোহাম্মদপুর, শ্যামলী, কাওরান বাজার, নিউ এলিফ্যান্ট রোড, কাকরাইল, মৌচাক, গুলশান, উত্তরা, বনানী, প্রধান শাখা, মতিঝিল ও কর্পোরেট শাখাসমূহের মাধ্যমে গ্রহণ করা হচ্ছে। আগামী ১লা ডিসেম্বর, ২০১০ তারিখ থেকে দেশের অবশিষ্ট জেলা ও মেট্রো এলাকায় অবস্থিত সাউথ ইস্ট ও ব্রাক ব্যাংকের শাখাসমূহের মাধ্যমে এবং ইকুরিয়া (কেরানীগঞ্জ, ঢাকা), চট্টগ্রাম, খুলনা ও রাজশাহী বিআরটিএ অফিসে স্থাপিত ব্রাক ব্যাংকের বুথসমূহের মাধ্যমে মোটরযানের কর ও ফি আদায় করা হবে।

ব্যাংকের শাখা ও বুথের মাধ্যমে মোটরযানের কর ও ফি জমা প্রদানের জন্য প্রথমবার গ্রাহককে সংশ্লিষ্ট বিআরটিএ অফিসে যোগাযোগ করতঃ প্রয়োজন কর ও ফি এর মূল্যায়ন করতঃ ব্যাংক শাখা/বুথের জমা দিতে হবে। এজন্য গ্রাহককে কোন জমা বই বা ফয়েল পূরণ করার প্রয়োজন হবে না। কেবলমাত্র গাড়ি/লাইসেন্স এর মূল ডকুমেন্টসমূহ প্রদর্শন করতে হবে। পরবর্তীতে গ্রাহক সরাসরি উক্ত দুটি ব্যাংকের নির্ধারিত যে কোন শাখা বা বুথে প্রয়োজ্য কর ও ফি জমা প্রদান করতে পারবেন। কর ও ফি জমা প্রদানের পর গ্রাহক তার জমাকৃত কর ও ফি জমা হয়েছে কী না তা বিআরটিএ'র যে কোন অফিস থেকে নিশ্চিত হতে পারবেন।

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**OnlinePoll** ✓

Do you think BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia will withdraw the expulsion order of Nazmul Huda?

Yes (56.9%)  
No (35.6%)  
No Comments (7.5%)

**Total votes: 433**

**TODAY'S POLL**

Do you agree with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina that BNP has called the hartal on November 30 to save Khaleda Zia's 'illegally grabbed' property?

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November 29

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-10	5-45
Zohr	12-45	1-15
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