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Green light to toxic ships

HC allows import, sets conditions for scrapping

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The High Court yesterday allowed conditional import of toxic ships and their dismantling on the grounds that the importers and breakers must ensure public and workers' safety and environmental protection.

Though import of toxic scrap ships is allowed, the breakers would not be able to dismantle those until rules are framed in the light of six existing laws for protecting health, life and environment.

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AN OVERVIEW

The story of endless possibilities

AASHA MEHREEN AMIN

You don't need to be a rocket scientist to know that the key factor that determines a nation's progress or lack of it is the status of its women. If we look at raw statistics and media reports the scenario may seem a little

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Rights are equal

Govt okays National Women Development Policy ahead of Int'l Women's Day today

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

The government has approved National Women Development Policy (NWDP) 2011 with a provision of equal share of women in property and their opportunity in employment and business.

The approval came at the weekly cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday, a day before the International Women's Day.

The policy is the revival of 1997 Women Development Policy, to the

fulfilment of an election pledge by Awami League. The 1997 policy was formulated during the previous tenure of the party.

"The approval of the women development policy has created a great scope for the advancement of women empowerment," Shirin Sharmin Chowdhury, state minister for women and children affairs, told The Daily Star after the meeting.

Asked whether the policy would

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Yunus appeals to the people

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prof Muhammad Yunus yesterday expressed hope that the High Court would thoroughly examine the legality of Bangladesh Bank's claim that his appointment as the managing director of Grameen Bank was invalid.



SEE PAGE 13 COL 1 Muhammad Yunus

No confidence in HC bench

Say Yunus' counsels on third day's hearing; order on petition against his removal from Grameen today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus' counsels yesterday expressed no confidence in a High Court bench during a hearing of the microfinance guru's writ petition challenging the legality of a central bank order that "removed" him from the post of Grameen Bank's managing director.

The expression of no confidence was prompted by the court's delay to issue a rule upon the government and Bangladesh Bank to explain why their decision to "remove" Yunus should not be declared illegal.

The court was hearing the petition for the third day yesterday without issuing any rule.

At the conclusion of yesterday's hearing, the bench

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EVACUATION OF BANGLADESHIS US pledges help

BNP concerned

STAR REPORT

The USA yesterday pledged \$5 million for repatriation of Bangladeshi migrants and other foreign nationals, who remain stranded in Tunisia and Egypt after escaping from Libya.

"On behalf of the American people, I am glad to announce our assistance and support to so many Bangladeshi citizens in need," said the US Ambassador to Bangladesh, James F Moriarty.

These funds will enable the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to fly thousands of Bangladeshis out of North Africa, he said in a statement yesterday.

Nearly 20,000 Bangladeshis remain stranded on Egyptian and Tunisian borders of Salum and Ras Adjir. They along with other foreign nationals fled Libya after labour camps came under attack amid clashes between forces loyal to Libya's ruler Muammar Gaddafi and the rebels.

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PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

People including acid burn victims join a candle-lit rally, expressing solidarity with campaign against acid violence. Acid Survivors Foundation organised the event at Rabindra Sarobar Mancha of Dhanmondi in the capital yesterday, a day before the International Women's Day.

PM fears bid to grab state power

Calls for unity to foil it

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has urged all the democratic, pro-liberation and non-communal forces to remain united to foil any possible attempt for grabbing state power by extra-constitutional means in future.

"Time has come to unite the nation to ensure that people get the benefit of independence," she said in parliament yesterday.

The premier was speaking in an unscheduled

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Qulkwani

Qulkwani of late Badiuzzaman Khundker, father of Mr. Fayyaz Khundker, General Manager, Maersk Bangladesh Ltd. and Mr. Nafees Khundker, Director, Bank Asia will be held today (Tuesday, 8th March, 2011) at his residence: Exclusive Circle, Apt-401, House-62, Road-27, Gulshan-1 after Maghrib prayer.

Relatives, friends, wellwishers and admirers are requested to attend the programme and pray for peace of the departed soul.

Family members

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