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Tougher rules for auto workshops

Govt to restrict their operation in residential areas, occupying roads and footpaths

SHARIFUL ISLAM

Automobile workshops may no longer be able to operate in residential areas and occupying roads and footpaths, as the government prepares to enforce new rules to stop them causing health hazards and public nuisance.

The rules came into force on March 2 following a gazette notification on an amendment to the Motor Vehicles Rules, 1984.

The amended law has made registra-

tion mandatory for the workshops or garages, said officials of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority.

It requires the workshop owners to arrange for space large enough to accommodate at least five vehicles, and to employ people with technical know-how needed to run a workshop.

The law also states that a person willing to set up a workshop must submit a local representative's statement certifying that

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Mechanics work on cars and fit accessories while the vehicles are parked on New Eskaton Road in Dhaka causing traffic jams through out the day. Vehicles, inset, in front of workshops in Gopibagh area also clog a street.

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MUSA'S EVEREST GLORY

Cheers for country, debt for conqueror

SYED ASHFAQUL HAQUE

Exactly one year back, he conquered the Mount Everest to become the toast of Bangladesh. The whole nation saw him for the first time with incredible awe. A sturdy young man with a broad smile all over his face handed them a mountain of pride out of

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Muhit makes it just a year later

His Everest feat awaits official confirmation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladeshi mountaineer MA Muhit conquered Mount Everest Saturday though the news is yet to be confirmed officially.

The 41-year-old is the second Bangladeshi after Musa Ibrahim to reach the top of the world. Musa

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Musa Ibrahim, left, holding the national flag on Mount Everest on this day a year ago.

PHOTO: FILE

Stop forced labour in brickfields

HC asks govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday directed the government to stop forced labour at brickfields and other enterprises by enslaving their employees.

The HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Gobinda Chandra Tagore issued the order and rule following a writ petition filed by Bangladesh Human Rights

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JS budget session starts, BNP away

Speaker urges all MPs to shelve partisan interests

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speaker Abdul Hamid yesterday urged both ruling and opposition lawmakers to give priority to national interest over their personal and partisan interests, and to nourish democracy wholeheartedly.

"Only democracy, flourished in an institutional way, can resist undemocratic forces," the speaker said in his welcome address to the inaugural sitting of the parliament's budget session that began yesterday amid a boycott by BNP-led opposition MPs.

Apart from passing the budget for the next fiscal year, this session is likely to deal with a constitutional amendment bill which might include some crucial changes to

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Sahara defends Gen Tarique's views on Limon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Home Minister Sahara Khatun yesterday defended Prime Minister's Defence Adviser Maj Gen (retd) Tarique Ahmed Siddique by saying his remark on Limon Hossain of Jhalakathi is a government statement.

"His [Tarique's] comment must be a government statement as it was made surely following a government decision," she said while briefing the press at her secretariat office following a meeting

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Bus operators given fare chart

Govt asks them to follow it strictly

HASAN JAHD TUSHER

As the bus operators continued to overcharge passengers in the capital, the government yesterday circulated a fare chart asking them to display it in their vehicles and charge accordingly.

Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) distributed the fare

chart for more than 100 city routes. Fare chart for all inter-district routes will be given within a day or two.

Communications Minister Syed Abul Hossain said, "Every bus operator will have to abide by the decision to avoid action."

Contacted, the minister said, "Those who will not abide by the decision will face consequences.

Their route permits will be cancelled permanently."

The government will soon bring 80 new buses on the road to ease public sufferings, he added.

Following a hike in fuel prices, the government on May 16 increased the bus fare by Tk 0.35 per kilometre in the capital.

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Move to speed up ADP

Planning minister to be empowered to approve up to Tk 40cr projects

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

An inter-ministerial committee has recommended giving the planning minister the authority to approve projects of up to Tk 40 crore instead of Tk 25 crore to speed up implementation of Annual Development Programme (ADP).

In a draft policy, the committee

has suggested that the minister should have the power to grant revised budget for a project if the cost is limited to a maximum of Tk 40 crore, which is now Tk 25 crore.

This will help the ministries dealing with projects of up to Tk 40 crore avoid the lengthy procedures for getting approval from the Executive Committee on National Economic

Council (Ecne).

But the ministries will have to take the Ecne's approval for any project above Tk 40 crore.

The committee headed by the Planning Division secretary prepared the draft policy to make procedures for project approval much easier. The new policy -- subject to

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Dutch-Bangla Bank Foundation

TAKA 102 CRORE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

Dutch-Bangla Bank, under the social cause program, has been awarding scholarships to the meritorious and students in need of financial aid studying at higher secondary, graduation, post graduation, M.Phil, doctoral & post-doctoral levels. In continuation of this program the Bank is going to enhance the scholarship massively to 30,000 students every year by 2016 involving an amount of Taka 102 crore annually.

At this second phase of the program, 3,000 students who passed S.S.C./equivalent examinations in 2011 will be selected for the scholarship.

Now applications are invited from meritorious and needy students who passed S.S.C./equivalent examinations in 2011 and meet the following requirements for Dutch-Bangla Bank Taka 102 Crore Annual Scholarship:

Eligibility for the scholarship:

Academic level	Minimum CGPA (without 4 th subject) for all groups		
	School/ Institutions situated in city corporation areas	School/Institutions situated in district towns	School/Institutions situated in remote/ other areas
S.S.C. or equivalent examinations	5	4.7	4.5

Amount and duration of scholarship:

Academic level	Scholarship period	Monthly scholarship	Annual grant	
			for reading materials	for clothing
H.S.C	2 Years	2,000/-	2,500/-	1,000/-

Other criteria of the scholarship:

- Prescribed application form will be available in all the branches of Dutch-Bangla Bank. Where there is no branch of Dutch-Bangla Bank, the applicant may apply in plain paper giving personal, academic and contact details (mentioning post code) along with 4 copies of recent passport size color photographs, copies of mark sheet/transcript, testimonial duly attested by the Head of institution where last attended, income certificates of father/mother/guardian from 2 different sources: (1) Govt. gazetted officer (2) Head of institution where last attended.
- Students availing scholarship from other sources will not qualify for Dutch-Bangla Bank Foundation (DBBF) scholarship.
- 90% scholarship will be earmarked for students who passed S.S.C./equivalent examinations from the institutions situated outside the city corporation areas and 50% scholarship will be earmarked for female students.
- The students selected for DBBF Scholarship should get him/herself admitted in a college. He/she will have to submit a letter of recommendation from the Head of such institution along with attested copies of mark sheet and certificates.

Application should reach the Head of Dutch-Bangla Bank Foundation, Sena Kalyan Bhaban (5th floor), 195, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000 on or before **June 23, 2011.**



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