

SAFE SHIP BREAKING

Call to follow int'l rules

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Speakers at a seminar here yesterday emphasised maintaining international rules and regulations to make the ship breaking industry safe and environment friendly.

Owners of ship breaking yards should ensure safe working conditions for employees by abiding by the regulations, which is a must, said Commodore Jobair Ahmed, director general of Department of Shipping.

The seminar titled "Ship recycling" was organised by Germanischer Lloyd (GL) Bangladesh Limited, an international non-government organisation establishing and maintaining technical standards for the construction and operation of ships and offshore structures, at a hotel.

GL Bangladesh Managing Director AKM Masud Karim chaired the seminar, moderated by GL (India) Business Development Manager Sanjeev Panciker, where three key note papers were presented.

Masud said ship recycling experts of GL are prepared to help Bangladesh's ship recycling industry meet the new interna-

tional requirements in maintaining standards at the yards.

Dr Arun K Dev, director of New Castle University Marine International, Singapore, presented his paper on "Impacts and Challenges in Ship Recycling: A way forward for sustainable growth and management".

He stated that though ship recycling provides a ready supply of scrap metal, there are costs over safety, health and environment since dismantling is naturally associated with risks and the possibility of pollution internationally.

Presenting his keynote paper on "GL Systems Certification One stop solution", GL (India) Head of Certification Ramesh Koregave emphasised more awareness among all stakeholders to make ship recycling environment-friendly.

He said GL Systems Certification would help acquire ISO certificates needed to implement standards for making recycling greener.

GL Lead Auditor Jens Rogge presented the last keynote paper on "GL minimum standards for green ship recycling".



Indonesian Embassy in Dhaka arranges a fashion show on its wedding ceremony dresses at Ruposhi Bangla Hotel in the city Saturday night celebrating the 66th Anniversary of Independence of Indonesia.

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Independence
day of Indonesia
celebrated

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Indonesian Embassy in Dhaka celebrated the 66th Anniversary of Independence of the Republic of Indonesia in a befitting manner on Saturday.

The embassy also hosted a reception at Winter Garden hall of Ruposhi Bangla Hotel Saturday evening.

Land Minister Rezaul Karim Hira attended the function as the chief guest.

People from different walks of life including ministers, political leaders, businessmen, academics, civil and military bureaucrats, cultural activists and journalists attended the celebration.

Speaking on the occasion, the land minister hoped that the existing friendship between Bangladesh and Indonesia will be further strengthened for the benefit of the people of the two countries.

Indonesian Ambassador in Dhaka Zet Mirzal Zainuddin, in his speech, wished that a good relationship and cooperation will develop between the two countries in the days to come.

He along with the land minister cut a cake marking the 66th anniversary.

**Declare Halda nat'l river
Speakers urge govt**

CU CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday urged the government to declare Halda, one of the world's major natural sweet water fish breeding spots, as the national river.

Riverine People organised the discussion at Chittagong University (CU) Central Students' Union building on

the campus marking the World River Day.

They said being a riverine country there is no national river in our country, so Halda should be declared as the national river of Bangladesh.

Halda river experts Assistant Prof Md Monjurul Kibria and Lecturer Md Atikur Rahman spoke at the discussion.

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