

Updated copyright law soon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is set to formulate an updated copyright law amending the existing laws in the country, said Manzurur Rahman, registrar at Copyright Office, yesterday.

"As the existing copyright laws have some weaknesses and ambiguities, we will amend the laws to bring them up to international standards, and ensure interests of stakeholders by protecting rights of their intellectual properties," he said.

Manzurur briefed about the law's new draft at a workshop jointly organised by the Ministry of Cultural Affairs and Copyright Office at Shilpakala Academy in the capital.

The workshop was organised to gather opinions from the stakeholders on the proposed amended law named Copyright (amended) Law, 2012, he said.

The country's existing law on copyright is Copyright Act 2000 (amended in 2005).

Noted cultural personality and lawmaker Asaduzzaman Noor, Bangladesh Computer Samity President Mustafa Zabbar, musicians Hamin Ahmed, Maqsoodul Haque, Sujit Mostafa singer Momtaz Begum MP, and poet Nurul Huda, among others, spoke at the workshop.

Asaduzzaman Noor said he would place a final draft of the law to the parliamentary standing committee on the ministry of cultural affairs by incorporating recommendations of the stakeholders.

Mustafa Zabbar urged the government to remove some problems and inconsistencies in the law before formulating the amended law.



Activists of a faction of ruling party backed Bangladesh Chhatra League attack their rival faction members with sharp weapons in Lamabazar area of Sylhet yesterday.

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Housewife killed in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A housewife was killed allegedly by her husband for dowry in the capital's Darussalam area on Monday night.

The deceased is Phulmala, 20, wife of Milon Miah, a butcher in Mirpur area.

Police recovered the victim's body from their house at the first colony in Mirpur Mazar road area around 9:00pm and sent it for autops yesterday morning.

Phulmala's family said her husband tried to hide the killing terming it a suicide.

Hazrat Billal, elder brother of Phulmala told The Daily Star that Milon used to beat her sister demanding money for dowry since their marriage four years ago.

Batamul blast case hearing deferred

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday deferred till July 19 the hearing of the cases in connection with the 2001 Pehela Baishakh blasts at Ramna Batamul.

Judge (In charge) Dr Mohammad Akhteruzzaman of the Second Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court passed the order after Additional Public Prosecutor Zahid Hossain Sardar submitted a petition seeking an adjournment of the hearing.

So far, the court recorded depositions of 55 witnesses out of 84.

Seven of the accused including Huji chief Mufti Abdul Hannan, now in custody, were produced before the court yesterday while Moulana Akbar Hossain, now on bail, was also present.

Six others including Moulana Tajuddin, brother of BNP leader Abdus Salam Pintu, have been absconding.

AUTO-RICKSHAW End of passengers' harassment urged

STAR CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a rally yesterday demanded CNG-run auto-rickshaw drivers to stop harassing passengers and that footpaths be clear of illegal establishments.

Citizen Solidarity, a human rights organisation, arranged the rally in front of the National Museum at Shahbag, said a press release.

Speakers said the dearth of adequate public transport facilities and roads in the capital cause inhuman suffering to commuters.

Few buses and auto-rickshaws, which are available, ask exuberant fares from passengers, they said.

They condemned auto-rickshaw owners for taking about Tk 850 as daily fee instead of Tk 600 allotted by the government. They said ultimately this extra charge falls on the passengers.

Speakers urged the government to provide adequate bus service and more means of public transportation to end commuters' suffering.

They also demanded that government carry out its promise of clearing footpaths of all illegal establishments including hawkers' stalls and makeshift shops, the release said.

CAMBRIAN SCHOOL AND COLLEGE Students go berserk over fellow's death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Protesting the death of a fellow college mate, students of Cambrian School and College yesterday took to the streets near Basundhara Residential Area in the capital, vandalising around 10 vehicles and injuring at least three persons.

Among the injured, Maisha Akhter, a student of Viqarunessa Noon School and College, was admitted to a private hospital with head injuries while two unidentified passers-by were given primary aid at a local clinic.

Ziauzzaman, officer-in-charge (OC) of Bhatara Police Station, said Ashish, a college student of Cambrian School and College, sustained injuries in a road

accident near the Embassy check post area on July 1 and succumbed to his injuries at Apollo Hospitals Monday evening.

Hearing the news of his death, fellow students took to the streets around 11:00am yesterday, he said.

Witnesses said, students got down from a bus of the college near the main gate of Basundhara Residential Area and vandalised around 10 vehicles on the road to Norda.

Police said the students were heading for Ashish's house in Moghbazar to attend his Namaz-e-Janaza, but on the way they started the vandalism.

Police brought the situation under control after around half an hour.

10-YEAR-OLD RAPE ACCUSED HC directs govt to produce boy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) has directed the government to produce an around 10-year-old boy, who has been reportedly kept detained in a safe home in Gazipur in connection with a rape case, before it on July 18 to examine the legality of his detention.

A report published on Bangla daily Jugantor on July 4 states that the child was arrested on June 17 in connection with the rape case filed with Begumganj Police Station under Nari-o-Shishu Nirjaton Domon Ain, 2000.

Police sent him to National Juvenile Development Centre in Gazipur on June 27, the report said.

In response to a writ petition, the HC on Monday also issued a rule upon the government officials concerned as to why the child's detention should not be declared illegal as he is aged below 12 years and has not attained sufficient maturity to judge the nature and consequence of his conduct.

Sultana Kamal, executive director of Ain O Salish Kendra, has filed the petition as a public interest litigation saying that the detention of the boy is illegal as he, being a child, cannot be implicated and detained in any case as per relevant laws and rules.



Bangladesh College-University Teachers Association forms a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday to realise their 10-point demand, including nationalisation of the entire education system.

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GIRDER COLLAPSE Probe report submitted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The probe committee formed on Bahadderhat flyover girder collapse submitted its report yesterday to Chittagong Development Authority (CDA).

Kazi Hasan Bin Shams, member secretary of the body, said they found lack of skills in work and proper supporting system for which the girder collapsed.

CDA Chairman Abdus Salam told The Daily Star that he did not see the report till last night.

The concrete girder of under-construction the flyover in Chittagong collapsed on June 29. It was 42 metres in length and two-and-half metres in height.



Human chain
Staff of Maasranga Television will form a human chain; Venue: in front of the TV; Time: 11:30am.

Roundtable
Energy & Power, a magazine, will organise a roundtable; Venue: Cirdap

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