

Green buildings can save water, electricity

Seminar told
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Huge amount of water, electricity and other resources can be saved if environmentally friendly green buildings are constructed in the country, according to architects.
They were speaking at a seminar titled "Public Private Dialogue: Sustainable Architecture and Green Building Initiatives in Bangladesh" in the capital's Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel yesterday.
The Department of Architecture of North South University (NSU), Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), and Housing and Building Research Institute (HBRI) organised the seminar.
NSU teacher Shahriar Iqbal Raj said energy efficient buildings can save 40 percent water and 32 percent electricity compared to the buildings constructed in conventional way.



(From left) Foreign Minister Dipu Moni, Ekatturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee Acting President Prof Muntasir Mamun, Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pankaj Saran, the committee Adviser Kamal Lohani and Maj Gen (retd) KM Shafiqullah at a discussion, "Bangladesh-India relation: Past and present", organised by the committee in the capital's Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh marking December 6. On this day in 1971, India recognised Bangladesh as an independent state.

India for zero border killing: Pankaj Saran

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India is committed to bringing down the killing of Bangladeshi people at the border to zero level, said Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pankaj Saran yesterday.
He hoped that the existing problems, including water sharing and minimising trade deficit, between the two countries would be addressed through joint efforts.
He was addressing as special guest a discussion titled "Bangladesh-India relation: Past and present" at the Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh in the capital.
Ekatturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee organised the programme marking December 6, the day on which India recognised Bangladesh as an independent state in 1971.
In future, the governments and the people of India and Bangladesh will share common ideas and build a bilateral relationship based on the principle of mutual respect for each-other's sovereignty, territorial integrity and non-interference into internal affairs, Pankaj said.
Addressing the function as chief guest, Foreign Minister Dipu Moni said both the countries are working together with mutual trust and respect for changing the fate of the people.
Both the governments are trying for infrastructural development for minimising trade deficit, she said.
"We are also working to ensure proper management of transboundary rivers and producing electricity from hydropower through using sub-regional cooperation," the minister said.
She added that whenever the Awami League government assumes power, the relationship between the two countries strengthens.
Ekatturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee Adviser Kamal Lohani chaired the discussion, while its General Secretary Kazi Mukul and acting President Prof Muntasir Mamun, and Dhaka University History Professor Mesbah Kamal also addressed it.

WAR CRIMES TRIAL OF QUADER MOLLAH
Argument recording starts on Dec 10

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The trial of Jamaat leader Abdul Quader Mollah will reach a new stage as the International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday fixed December 10 to record the arguments of the prosecution and defence in a case filed against him.
Following the record of arguments, the tribunal will deliver the verdict in the case which accused the Jamaat-e-Islami assistant secretary general of committing crimes against humanity during the Liberation War of 1971.
The three-member tribunal, headed by Justice ATM Fazle Kabir and with members Justice Obaidul Hassan and Judge M Shahinur Islam, fixed the date after Quader Mollah's counsel failed to produce their sixth and last witness in the case.
The defence counsel will be allowed to produce their witness on December 9 since

they failed to produce the witness yesterday, said the tribunal.
Earlier, the tribunal completed recording cross-examination of Altab Uddin Mollah, the fifth defence witness in the case against Quader Mollah.
The tribunal also recorded the testimony and cross-examination of Narayan Chandra Sarker, the ninth prosecution witness in a case filed against Jamaat leader Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed.
Meanwhile, giving a reply to a show cause notice, the editor and a reporter of Bangladesh Protidin sought unconditional apology before the tribunal.
On December 4, the tribunal, on its own motion, issued the notice after the newspaper published a report where it set an "imaginary timeline" for delivery of verdict in the case filed against Quader Mollah.
The tribunal fixed December 19 to hear the matter after the lawyer of the editor and reporter submitted the reply yesterday.

Some provisions still not RPO-proper

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Jasim Uddin Sarker told this correspondent on Wednesday, "We have brought the changes to respect the RPO. We hope the Election Commission will now be satisfied with the changes."
The party's charter still contains provisions that still speak for establishing rule of Islam, although the country's constitution does not allow it.
For example, Jamaat's

programmes still speak of creating public awareness about the necessity of establishing Islam and following Islam everywhere in life, and organising people willing to be part of the struggle for establishing Islam everywhere in life.
Even after the recent amendments, Jamaat charter still has some provisions contradicting the RPO and the country's constitution. The RPO and the constitution oppose any discrimi-

nation regarding religion, race, caste, language or sex.
But Jamaat's charter makes discrimination on grounds of religion as a non-Muslim is not allowed to become the party chief. The charter allowed non-Muslims to become members of the party in 2008 after introducing a provision in it to meet the criteria for registration. But non-Muslims too must work for realising the

Jamaat's objectives which include establishing the rule of Islam.
When his attention was drawn, Jasim Uddin said they followed the EC's instructions to bring amendments to the party charter.
Before the parliamentary polls held in December 2008, Jamaat got registered with the EC by bringing some provisional changes in its charter. Then an expert committee formed

by the EC identified that some provisions in the Jamaat charter, including the one for establishing rule of Islam, contradict the country's constitution.
After around four years, Jamaat amended its charter and submitted it to the EC on December 2.
On receipt of Jamaat's amended charter, Election Commissioner Abdul Mobarak told journalists the EC would now examine it.

Withdraw 5 cops

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Metropolitan Magistrate MA Salam scrutinised the written responses of the police officials to a show cause notice and passed the order. He asked the IGP to submit a report on compliance with the order within that period and also take departmental action

against the police officials.
A senior assistant judge of Bhola District Judge's Court, Javed Imam was arrested on December 1 in front of the capital's Eden Women's College for allegedly carrying 342 bottles of Phensidyl.
Instead of taking him to a magistrate to make confes-

sional statements, he was forced to talk before the media and shown arrested in a case filed against him on the day with New Market Police Station.
The officials who were involved in this are Syed Nurul Islam, deputy commissioner of Ramna Division; Mustafizur

Rahman, office-in-charge of the police station, and three sub-inspectors -- Mohammad Shafiqul Islam, Shafiqur Rahman and Nur Hossain.
On December 3, the same court summoned them to appear before it yesterday and justify their action.

The police officials and the accused judge were present in the court when it delivered the orders.
It also rejected a bail petition of Javed Imam.
The court on December 2 rejected another bail petition filed by Javed and ordered police to send him to jail.

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8 Jamaat-Shibir activists held in 2 districts

STAR REPORT
Police in separate drives arrested seven activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir in sadar upazila of Gazipur district early yesterday.
The arrested persons were identified as Abu Taher, Abu Saleh Mohammad, Forhad Hossain, Mehedi Hasan, Ahsan Habib, Faisal Amin Tanvir and Jahirul Islam.
Acting on a tip off, a team from Joydevpur Police Station conducted the drives from 3:00am to 5:00am yesterday at Baimal in Konabari, Shumulitali and Paschim Bhurambli areas and arrested them with leaflets, two hard disks, CPU, CDs and books on jihad from their possession.
A case was filed against the arrested people with the police station, said Sub-Inspector (SI) Jahidul Islam.
Our staff correspondent from Chittagong reports, police arrested an activist of Jamaat-e-Islami from Phartali area in Chittagong city on charge of vandalising vehicles during Tuesday's hartal.
The arrestee was identified as Dr Shahdat Hossain, 50, hailing from the city's North Kattali area.
"On secret information, we arrested him from the street in front of Al-Amin Hospital at around 8:00am," said Sub-Inspector Abu Salek of Pahartali Police Station.
Drives would continue to nab the activist of Shibir, the SI added.

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