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Govt moves to amend CrPC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has planned to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) to add 20 more offences to the existing 64 non-cognisable offences that many consider not that grave.

Involuntary manslaughter (unintentionally causing the death of someone), embezzlement, extortion with death threats, theft, torture for dowry and assault would be among the offences to be included, according to the draft amendment to the CrPC.

In non-cognisable offences, police cannot investigate or make arrests without orders from the court.

Law Minister Shafique Ahmed at a views-exchanging meeting on the proposed amendment yesterday said a high number of cases pending with courts often causes case proceedings to linger. That was why there were plans to appoint mediators and settle non-cognisable cases outside courts.

He said over 80 percent of the women and children reparation cases were false and the government was considering if those could be settled outside the court by compensation to the victims.

According to the draft, investigators would now get 150 days to probe an offense under CrPC, he said.

However, during a group discussion following the meeting, a judge said investigation officers would now complete their probe hastily due to time constraint.

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This road between Mirpur-10 roundabout and Mirpur Section-14 in the capital has long been in such poor state. The photo was taken at Senpara Parbata yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Convicted collaborators may lose voting rights

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission is considering excluding from the voter list the names of those who were convicted of collaborating with the Pakistani army during the Liberation War.

The commission had received a list of 47 convicted collaborators from the home ministry, EC Secretary Muhammed Sadique told The Daily Star yesterday.

"We will place the list during the commission's regular meeting to discuss the next course of action," he said.

Election Commissioner Shah Nawaz said, "I will be able to give [you] details after the list is placed at the meeting."

According to the existing

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Stop political violence

Roundtable calls for civil society's role against unrest, killings, hartals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With 171 people killed in 230 incidents of political unrest in the first three months of this year alone, speakers at a roundtable called on the civil society to raise its voice against political violence.

Misuse of power by the state and political leaders gave opportunities to criminals to create unrest, they said.

Editor of Prothom Alo Matiur Rahman at the roundtable on political violence at the daily's office yesterday said during the first three months of the year there were 14 nationwide hartals and 68 regional hartals.

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Immediately after Jamaat-e-Islami leader Delwar Hossain Sayeedi was sentenced to death for crimes against humanity, 137 people were killed -- 44 members of Jamaat, six policemen and 70 other people, he said quoting figures from Ain O Salish Kendra.

Eminent citizens and civil society members spoke at the roundtable.

Akbar Ali Khan, former adviser to a caretaker government, said it was difficult to ensure good governance and rights of the citizens in a situation where there was political unrest.

"There is a difference between the religious

Govt out to grab Grameen Bank Say speakers at BBC Sanglap

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

By changing the structure of Grameen Bank, the government wants to grab it and is also trying to insult its founder Prof Muhammad Yunus, complained three panel members of BBC Bangladesh Sanglap yesterday.

BBC Bangla service and BBC Media Action jointly organised the dialogue in the capital's Bham auditorium.

Panel member and BNP leader Osman Faruk said the government has made the move as a personal revenge on Dr Yunus.

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Businessmen rule local govt bodies

Shujan says recent city polls dominated by businessmen candidates

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Local government institutions are gradually going under the control of businessmen, thus becoming a hindrance to the country's democratic progress and protection of public interests, according to Sushashoner Jonno Nagorik (Shujan).

A civil society platform working for good governance, Shujan said this at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday while presenting information

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4 cops hurt in clash with BNP men

A CORRESPONDENT, Jhalokathi

Four police personnel were injured in a clash with BNP men at Rajapur in Jhalokathi yesterday afternoon.

BNP men also attacked Rajapur Police Station and vandalised its windows and a motorbike in an hour-long clash that started around 4:00pm, said Anwar Hossen Khan, ASP (circle) of Jhalokathi district.

Only two police personnel were staying at the station during the attack, he added.

As part of a countrywide

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Military personnel help rescue pilgrims in Uttarakhand state of India yesterday. Relief teams were racing against time to rescue tens of thousands of stranded people in rain-ravaged northern India as the death toll from flash floods and landslides neared 600.

UK spy agency taps net cables

Collects and stores vast quantities of global email messages, Facebook posts, internet histories and calls to share them with NSA

THE GUARDIAN

Britain's spy agency GCHQ has secretly gained access to the network of cables which carry the world's phone calls and internet traffic and has started to process vast streams of sensitive personal information which it is sharing with its American partner, the National Security Agency (NSA).

The sheer scale of the agency's ambition is reflected in the titles of its two principal components: Mastering the Internet and Global Telecoms Exploitation, aimed at scooping up as much online and telephone traffic as possible. This is all being carried out without any form of public acknowledgement or debate.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina that if a caretaker government takes over again, it would not hold any election and hand over power?

Yes (15%)

No (85%)

TOTAL VOTES: 492

TODAY'S POLL
Do you agree with Prime Minister and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina that the Awami League will be able to arrange the next parliamentary election in free and fair manner?

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Fajr 4:05-4:40

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Asr 5:00-5:15

Maghrib 6:52-6:55

Esha 8:17-8:45

Source: Islamic Foundation

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