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GRAFT, FRAUD INVESTIGATION ACC, police to share job

Govt to amend law keeping ACC's job limited to govt, bank related cases

HASAN JAHRID TUSHER

The government is going to give back law enforcement agencies the responsibility of investigating fraud cases filed by private citizens, a job the Anti-Corruption Commission has been doing since 2013 despite manpower shortages.

The cabinet yesterday approved a commission proposal for amending the ACC Act to relieve it of the task of probing cases over cheating and forgery if the cases do not involve government property, civil servants or government bank employees.

The ACC, Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) and police hailed the cabinet decision, saying it would help people in getting justice faster as such cases were piling in the ACC and people were not getting justice due to delay in investigation.

In 2013, the government amended the ACC law, empowering the commission to investigate forgery cases filed by the general public, until which time the police had been

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A bus meant only for women and children is crowded by male passengers at Lalkhan Bazar in Chittagong city yesterday.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

LORRY HITS AUTO 8-year-old killed in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An eight-year-old girl was killed and five others were injured as a CNG-run autorickshaw was hit by a lorry at the city's Khilgaon last evening.

The dead is Sumaiya, 8. The injured are Sumaiya's parents Hossain, 50, and Selina Begum, 40; her brother Shipon, 27; sister-in-law Sonia, 21; and Sonia's mother Rina Begum, 40.

The victims were heading home in Brahmanbaria and were carrying with them the body of a three-day-old baby boy, who died at a hospital in Moghbazar yesterday morning.

Sumaiya's elder brother Mithu told The Daily Star that the family came to Dhaka to see a doctor for Sonia's newborn who was seriously ill. As the baby died, they left Dhaka for home on a CNG-run

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It has always been mutual: Malaysia needs workers, and Bangladesh has plenty of them. That's why, Malaysia, after Saudi Arabia, has become the second most sought-after destination for Bangladeshi job-seekers. Given this, a transparent system for labour recruitment could have dismantled the human trafficking chain and also saved the lives of hundreds of migrant workers. But why the two countries have so far failed to devise one such mechanism? In the last part of a three-part series, The Daily Star focuses on Malaysia's recruitment policy.

SOUND HIRING SYSTEM Onus was on Malaysia

Its steps fell far short of keeping manpower touts at bay

PORIMOL PALMA

Malaysia has always acted mysteriously when it came to hiring workers from Bangladesh.

Though several lakh Bangladeshis work in the Southeast Asian country, it never put the country on its list of labour source countries.

Since 1992 when Malaysia started recruiting workers from Bangladesh, it

always allowed the private sector businesses, except for once, to do this job with little or no government monitoring.

This paved way for some money-monger manpower agents and a certain quarter of government officials to fatten their pockets by hiring a lot more people than required. As a result, a huge number of migrants would remain jobless and inevitably in utter miseries.

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Olama League: other side of secular AL?

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Awami Olama League claims to be affiliated with the Awami League, but its recent statements and activities go against the ruling party's stated ideals of democracy and secularism and also against the government's major policies and decisions.

Split into three factions, the organisation uses a floor of the AL central office on

Bangabandhu Avenue and often has AL leaders as speakers at its programmes.

Lately, a faction of the Olama League has accused the administration of "favouring the Hindus" and demanded that the government revoke the minimum marriage age for girls, make a law with a provision of death penalty for demeaning Islam, ban the CHT

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80km the max Speed limit hastily set for all vehicles on highways

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In yet another impromptu move, the government yesterday decided that speed limiters would be installed in all modes of transports on highways to cap their speeds to 80kmph with an aim to check road accidents.

The decision was made at a meeting of the National Road Safety Council without any

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"It's unfortunate that people now have no confidence and faith in the student leaders."

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