

## CHILDREN ACT 2013

## Amendment drafted to remove 'ambiguity'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The law ministry yesterday submitted a draft to the High Court on the amendment of the Children Act, 2013 in a bid to remove ambiguity in the existing law.

The ministry's draft proposed a provision for police to prepare separate inquiry or investigation reports of holding trial of an adult accused under this legislation.

According to the existing law, a juvenile court can hold trial if a child is a victim or a witness in a case. However, it did not specify which court will hold trial of an adult who is accused under this legislation.

If any child commits the offence, the case documents will be sent to the Juvenile Court and in case of adults, the papers will be forwarded to the conducting court, the draft said.

According to the draft, the public prosecutor concerned will be notified about sending the documents to the courts, and one or more juvenile courts will be estab-

lished in every district.

After receiving the draft of the amendment, the HC bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Shahidul Karim fixed February 12 for passing an order on this issue.

The HC on Nov 12 last year allowed the government until Jan 15 (yesterday) to amend the Children Act, 2013 by removing the ambiguity over trying an adult under the law.

The court on that day commented that the juvenile courts have turned into adult courts, as adults are tried there.

Investigation officers, judges and lawyers concerned need to be trained before beginning trials of cases filed under this law, Justice Enayetur Rahim had said.

Earlier, on August 14, 2016, the HC had ordered the law ministry and the social welfare ministry to explain the "ambiguity" in the Children Act, 2013 over trial of an adult accused in a case filed under this law.



Activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) encircle the agitating students of Dhaka University in front of the vice-chancellor's office demanding cancellation of affiliation of seven colleges. At one stage, the protesters were compelled to leave the place. Earlier, the students demonstrated at different parts on the campus. The photo was taken around 4:00pm yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## Protect the future from terrorism

Pranab Mukherjee tells closing session of Bangla literature conference

UNB, Dhaka

Former Indian president Pranab Mukherjee yesterday urged writers, artists, poets, novelists and cultural activists to work for global peace and protect future generations from the poison of terrorism.

"Innocent people are being killed. People are becoming living human bombs," he said pointing finger at the loss of innocent lives to terrorism worldwide.

While addressing the closing session of "International Bengali Literature Conference" at Bangla Academy in the capital, the former Indian president said it is not clear what the terrorists want, but they are becoming living human bombs.

"Not only environment pollution,

the biggest pollution is in people's thoughts, languages and minds," he said, adding only writers, artists, poets, novelists and cultural activists can take the responsibility to protect people from such pollution, not the international institutions of the United Nations.

Pranab, a family friend of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, said the terrorists had even attacked the Pentagon challenging the US.

"We're determined to saving the new generations from the poisonous world and poison of terrorism," he said.

Recalling the contributions of the 1952 Language Movement heroes, Pranab said they all should stay grateful to them each and every moment.

"Where will you find a more suitable place than Dhaka to arrange such a

conference?" he said appreciating the efforts made by the organisers in successfully completing the conference. "I feel honored to be here," Pranab said.

Convenor of the conference Prof Anisuzzaman, Finance Minister AMA Muhiut, Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor, State Minister for Foreign Affairs M Shahriar Alam, key coordinator of the conference Nasiruddin Yousuf, and Bangla Academy Director General Shamshuzzaman Khan also spoke on the occasion.

Muhiut said the conference was a big event and such an event had taken place back in 1974 initiated by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Prof Anisuzzaman said the conference gave an opportunity to know and learn from each other and hoped that

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Election can't be fair under present govt  
Says Nagorik Oikya Convener Manna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nagorik Oikya Convener Mahmudur Rahman Manna yesterday rejected Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's proposal of holding the next general election under her government.

"We believe the election under the present government cannot be free, fair, participatory and acceptable. The prime minister will have to give a clear proposal in this regard," he told a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club.

"The prime minister will have to clarify immediately what she meant by the election-time government because there is nothing mentioned about it in our constitution," Manna said.

In her address to the nation on Friday, the PM said the next election will be held under an election-time government in line with the constitution.

The BNP-led 20-party alliance termed her proposal ambiguous and unclear, saying her speech will lead the country towards further crisis.

In a written statement, Manna also said there cannot be any election with the current parliament operational.

He said the prime minister has to ensure a level playing field if she wants all parties to take part in it.

WAR CRIMES IN MOULVIBAZAR  
Trial of four men nears final stage

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The trial proceedings against four Moulvibazar men is set to enter the final stage as the International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday fixed February 18 for recording closing arguments in a war crimes case.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Md Shahinur Islam fixed the date after defence counsels for the accused declined to produce any defence witness.

Earlier in the day, the tribunal completed recording the cross-examination of Hari Debnath, the investigation officer and also the last (13th) prosecution witness in the case.

After prosecution's closing argument, defence will complete their arguments and then the tribunal will keep the verdict waiting for delivery.

On May 7 last year, the court framed two charges against the four in the case filed for allegedly committing crimes during the Liberation War in 1971.

The accused are Akmal Ali Talukder, 76, Abdun Nur Talukder alias Lal Miah, 62, Anis Miah, 76, and Abdul Musabbir Miah, 64, of Rajnagar upazila in Moulvibazar.

Of them, Akmal Ali has been in jail since November 26, 2015 while the rest are on the run.

They were allegedly involved in killing, looting, arson, rape, abduction, confinement and torture between May 7 and November 24 in 1971, according to charges.

Meanwhile, the tribunal directed the prosecution to press charges, if any, on March 15 against a Rajshahi man in a case filed over wartime offences.

Yesterday, Prosecutor Zahid Imam said they have received a probe report and other documents related to the case on Sunday and need three months to prepare formal charges.

On Sunday, tribunal's investigation agency completed investigating Abdus Samad Musa, 61 of Puthia upazila of the district, and said to have found evidence against him over wartime crimes.

The agency said Musa, an alleged Razakar member, was

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HC bans parking inside New Market

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday banned entering and parking of all types of vehicles including rickshaws and cars inside New Market in the capital for the next six months.

The court also issued a rule asking the authorities concerned and the market authorities to explain why their inaction to restrain such parking should not be declared illegal.

The HC bench of Justice Quazi Reza Ul Hoque and Justice Mohammad Ullah passed the order and rule after hearing a writ petition filed by Imtiaz Ahmed, a resident of Old Dhaka, challenging the legality of the parking of vehicles inside the market.

Imtiaz, president of rights organisation Samajer Proti Jabor Udyog, said in the petition that people have been suffering due to vehicles entering and parking inside the market premises.

This has been causing hindrance to shoppers movement in the market -- a violation of the shoppers' rights, he added. The petitioner's lawyer, ABM Altaf Hossain, told The Daily Star that no vehicle can enter New Market and be parked there following the HC order.



Former Indian president Pranab Mukherjee addresses the closing session of the "International Bengali Literature Conference" at Bangla Academy in the capital yesterday.



## Public Notice for Auction

Chittagong Port Authority  
Office of the Director (Traffic)  
Bandar Bhaban, Bandar  
Chittagong-4100, Bangladesh

Ref. No- TM/AC/CONT/HANJIN SHIPPING/2016

Date: 27/12/2017

- This public notice for auction ("the notice") is hereby published in compliance with the order dated 31.01.2017 passed by the Honorable High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh in Admiralty Suit No. 89/2016, directing the Chittagong Port Authority to invoke its power under the provision of Section 24 of The Chittagong Port Ordinance, 1976 read with Regulation 122 of Regulations for working of the Chittagong Port (Cargo and Container), 2001.
- In accordance with the above direction passed by the Honorable High Court Division on Admiralty Suit No. 89 of 2016, and for securing the national interest and clearing huge occupied premises, Chittagong Port Authority is hereby taking necessary steps as per the Chittagong Port Authority Ordinance, 1976 and Regulations for Working of Chittagong Port (Cargo and Container), 2001 to sell through public auction a total number of 176 (one hundred seventy-six) empty containers of Twenty foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) equivalent to 88 boxes (types-40' Reefer) belonging to the Hanjin Shipping Bangladesh Limited, which are now lying within the port premises.
- The main features of the auction procedure are as follows:
  - Time, date and place of Auction: 22 Jan 2018 at 12.00 noon Office of the Director Traffic, Chittagong Port Authority, Bandar, Chittagong-4100, Bangladesh.
  - Specification of items/containers: Name of the product: Empty Containers, Quantity-88 Boxes. Type-40' Reefer.
  - Total Numbers of Lot-02 (Two).
  - Eligibility and required documents: Any individual, company or firm, including foreign entity, can apply. For more details please refer to the schedule of Auction Documents available from the office of the undersigned.
  - Last date for collection of auction schedule/catalogue and fees: 21/01/2018 (During Office Hours). Price of Schedule: Taka 1000 (one thousand) for each lot.
  - Place for collection of auction schedule/catalogue: Office of the Director (Traffic), Chittagong Port Authority, Bandar Bhaban, Chittagong-4100, Bangladesh.
  - Last date for submitting tender bid: 22 Jan 2018 at 11.30am.
  - Security amount: 10% of the total quoted price of each lot as Bank Draft or Pay Order in favour of "Chittagong Port Authority" from any schedule bank of Bangladesh.
- This notice is hereby put simultaneously in the notice board of the Chittagong Port Authority and other conspicuous places of the Chittagong Port Authority Bandar. Further, this notice shall also be published in widely circulated national newspaper(s).
- This notice is hereby published for all concerned.

Director (Traffic)  
Chittagong Port Authority  
Phone: 031-2510878

## Barisal land office staffer held with bribe

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday caught a staffer of Ujjipur upazila land office in Barisal red-handed with bribe.

Faruque Hossain, a bench clerk, earlier collected Tk 30,000 from one Nazem Ali Howlader for preparing his land related documents, said Md Sifat Uddin, deputy director of ACC Barisal office.

Being informed by Nazem, ACC officials yesterday held Faruque while he was collecting an additional Tk 10,000 as bribe from the complainant, he added.

The ACC official lodged a case with Ujjipur Police Station.

## Teachers on hunger strike

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Kazi Keramat Ali around 3:00pm yesterday.

"The minister assured us that they will try their best to meet our demand and urged us to return home," said one of the teachers wishing anonymity.

He added they would sit again with the minister today.

Asked about the matter, Qazi Ruhul Amin Chowdhury, president of Bangladesh Swatantra Ebtedai Madrasa Shikkhak Samity, the organisation leading the movement, said they would disclose their decision today.

He added 177 teachers fell sick and 12 of them were given intravenous saline drips.

Earlier on Sunday, the teachers met the education minister who urged them to call off their strike assuring that their demand would be placed before the prime minister and the finance minister.

But the teachers rejected the call and continued with the strike. There are around 48,000 teachers in about 10,000 madrasas who have not been receiving any government pay since the institutions got registered with the Madrasa Education Board in 1984.

In 1994, some 6,776 teachers of 1,519 madrasas started getting Tk 500 as allowances.

In 2013, the government raised the amount to Tk 1,000. In 2016-17, the government increased the allowances of the headteachers to Tk 2,500 and assistant headteachers to Tk 2,300. But the rest of the teachers have never got any government allowance, said the teachers.

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শেখ হাসিনার মূলমন্ত্র

Date: 14/01/2018

## Invitation for Tenders

## IFT Identification No: 02/2017-18

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the bona fide service providers for non-consulting/outsourcing services. Necessary information is given below and in the tender documents.

1	Procuring entity name	:	Executive Engineer (Procurement), LGED.
2	Procuring entity district	:	Dhaka.
3	Invitation for	:	Procurement of Non-consulting/Outsourcing services.
4	Procurement method	:	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
5	Budget and source of funds	:	GOB and World Bank Financed Project Assistance.
6	Project/programme name	:	Digitizing Implementation Monitoring and Public Procurement Project (DIMAPP).

## List of Services

Package No.	Package description	Brief description of services	Document Fee (Tk.)	Tender security (Tk.)	Duration
LGED/NCS-01	Service Provider Firm for Hiring Vehicles and Transport Facilities	Hiring of Jeep (1 No.), Car (4 Nos.) and Microbus (2 Nos.)	4000.00	8,50,000.00	53 months
LGED/NCS-02	Outsourcing Firm for Hiring Office Support Staffs for PMU, LGED	Office Support Staffs			