

Call for special building code

Experts at Star-BSRM roundtable suggest specific rules for infrastructures in coastal zones

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government should formulate a comprehensive coastal zone-specific building code as the country's maritime areas witness massive development activities, experts said yesterday.

The existing building code, adopted in 1993, has no specific rules about constructions in coastal zones. As a result, different

agencies and individuals have been setting up infrastructures haphazardly in those areas, they said.

According to them, infrastructures in coastal zones must be designed specially and should be built with special kinds of rods and cements as there is a possibility of corrosion and decay of the structures due to adverse factors like wind, salinity and flood.

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HC bans 2-finger test

Terms it unscientific

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday banned the controversial two-finger test or 'virginity test' of rape victims, a medical exam victims had to go through to prove their complaint before their case was ready for trial, declaring that it is unnecessary, unscientific and invalid.

Female physicians, forensic experts, nurses and police must be present during examinations of

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RAMPAL PROJECT

Special kind of construction materials not being used

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Lifespan of the proposed Rampal coal-based power plant in Bagerhat is feared to be shortened by almost two-thirds (25 years instead of expected 75 years) due to corrosion and other weather factors, as the construction materials required to withstand coastal corrosive weather are not being used as they are not specified for the scheme, said noted engineers and businessmen yesterday.

Besides, unlike Padma bridge project, there is no national-level technical

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Repatriation 'very soon'

Myanmar minister says in Dhaka

UNB, Dhaka

Myanmar Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Minister Win Myat Aye yesterday hinted at taking actions against senior Myanmar military officials if they had violated laws to avoid recurrence of atrocities in Rakhine State.

"We are emphasising having a rule of law. According to the rule of law, we can take actions if they break the law," he told reporters at a joint briefing at the State Guest House Padma in the evening.

The Myanmar minister said their new president has declared that the country must have a rule of law.

About starting the repatriation of Rohingyas, Myat Aye said, "I am very sure that we can start the repatriation process as soon as possible."

Asked about a specific date, he said it would happen "very soon".

Earlier, he had a meeting with Bangladesh Foreign

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US-BANGLA CRASH

Communication inconsistencies found in probe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The committee probing the US-Bangla plane crash found that there were communication inconsistencies between the pilot and the Air Traffic Control at Tribhuvan International Airport for a few moments.

"The aircraft [pilot] was saying something, but, may be due to overlapping disturbances, the control tower did not respond," said Capt Salahuddin M Rahmatullah, member of the probe body, while briefing journalists on the preliminary investigation report.

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Demonstrators flash V-sign as they bring out a procession on the Dhaka University campus yesterday welcoming Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's announcement that there will be no quota in government jobs.

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Demo called off

Quota protesters hail PM's speech, demand gazette notification; DU VC's house attackers are professionals, police say

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hundreds of students brought out a joyous rally and paraded through the Dhaka university campus area after hearing the announcement of scrapping of

quota privileges. The students had been demonstrating for a reform in the quota system in public service recruitments for the past four days

The demonstrations were called-off

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PROTEST TIMELINE

SUNDAY
2:00pm:
Protesters bring out a procession from DU central library to press home their five-point demand. They march on TSC-Nilkhet-Kantaban road and then rally at Shahbagh intersection.

2:30pm:
Protesters block Shahbagh intersection. Dhaka-Aricha, Chittagong-Rangamati, Dhaka-Mymensingh, and Dhaka-Rajshahi highways are also blocked.

7:30pm:
Demonstrators refuse to clear Shahbagh intersection.

8:00pm:
Police charge truncheons, fire teargas shells, and rubber bullets. The clash between police and protesters go on for five and a half hours.

MONDAY
1:20am:
Half the protestors go towards TSC while some

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