

Bringing discipline in land management Cabinet okays draft bill

The Cabinet on Monday approved the draft of Urban and Zone Planning Bill, 2017 aimed at bringing discipline in land management and restricting the misuse of land in the country, reports UNB.

The Cabinet gave the approval in principle at its regular weekly meeting held at the Bangladesh Secretariat with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

Cabinet Secretary M Shafiu Alam briefed reporters after the meeting.

He said there will be a high-powered 27-member advisory council with the Housing Minister as its chief. This council will give policy support to various institutions that are now involved in land management in the country.

The Cabinet Secretary said a 25-member executive council will also be constituted with the Housing Secretary as its head.

He said there is a provision of five years' imprisonment in the bill with a fine of Tk 50 lakh as the highest punishment for violating the law.

The Cabinet also approved in principle the draft of 'The Textile Act, 2017' aiming to bring the textile industry under a legal framework as industries are running under administrative orders of the government, said

Shafiu Alam.

All the industries related to textiles like garment factories, production and marketing industries of textiles must be registered with the Directorate of Textiles, he said adding that the Directorate will look after, supervise and monitor textile industries.

The Cabinet also approved a proposal for the inclusion of the 25th

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