



We are very delighted to publish the second issue of Legal Counsel News Bulletin with some important updates. In pursuit of excellence, we have adopted a number of internal policies and procedures to strengthen our professional engagements with different organizations and to deliver the best quality of services. We have also established professional relationship with top law firms in 15 jurisdictions so that cross-border legal matters can be dealt with more efficiently. We take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our clients for trusting us for decades and wish a very happy and prosperous new year.

ON A SERIOUS NOTE

A man in an interrogation room says



NEW LEGISLATION (OCTOBER 2019-DECEMBER 2019)

No new legislation has been enacted in the Parliament during the last quarter of 2019.

PRO-BONO WORKS: PUBLICATIONS AND TV SHOWS (OCTOBER 2019-DECEMBER 2019)

- ✓ Legal Recourses for Delayed Annual General Meeting | The Daily Observer | October 05, 2019 | by Advocate Afrin Jahan Khan. <https://www.observerbd.com/details.php?id=221083>
- ✓ Implementing labour laws to ensure maternity benefits | The Daily Observer | October 19, 2019 | by Barrister Shah Ifran. <https://www.observerbd.com/details.php?id=223564>
- ✓ Alcohol consumption related laws of Bangladesh | The Daily Star | November 11, 2019 | by Barrister Omar H. Khan. <http://bit.ly/376nlqQ>
- ✓ Establishing Partnership firms in Bangladesh | The Daily Observer | December 07, 2019 | by Ms. Noreen Nawal Prianka. <https://www.observerbd.com/details.php?id=232138>
- ✓ Laws about Interfaith Marriage | The Daily Star | December 24, 2019 | By Barrister Omar H Khan. <http://bit.ly/2Q6PgkA>


TV SHOWS AND INTERVIEWS


- ▶ "Why it is important to know the details about Kabin Nama?" | DBC News | October 6, 2019 | by Barrister Miti Sanjana. <http://bit.ly/35S8yj7>
- ▶ Laws regarding maternity leave | DBC News | October 20, 2019 | by Barrister Miti Sanjana. <http://bit.ly/2rkLc6K>
- ▶ Marriage and Divorce laws | ATN Bangla | November 27, 2019 | by Barrister Miti Sanjana. <http://bit.ly/2Zj6ka0>
- ▶ Interviewed Barrister Miti Sanjana by Ekattor TV in relation to the legal aspects of the notorious murder case of Abrar Fahad | November 14, 2019. <http://bit.ly/2F4MC8Q>
- ▶ Property Law | DBC News | November 10, 2019 | by Barrister Miti Sanjana. <http://bit.ly/2QkyuNM>
- ▶ Interviewed Barrister Miti Sanjana with Ekattor TV in relation to the legal aspects of the notorious murder case of Abrar Fahad | November 14, 2019.
- ▶ Declaration of Heba, on the grounds of the Muslim Laws | DBC News | November 24, 2019 | by Barrister Miti Sanjana. <http://bit.ly/39jPCfj>
- ▶ Barrister Miti Sanjana had a discussion on Diya-Rajib killing case verdict and newly enacted Road Transport Act, 2019 | Ekattor TV | December 01, 2019. <http://bit.ly/2EQOQRA>
- ▶ Muslim Divorce law | DBC News | December 01, 2019 | by Barrister Miti Sanjana. <http://bit.ly/34VoiAC>
- ▶ Barrister Miti Sanjana's Interview with Channel-i program, namely, 'Enlightened Women', | December 11, 2019. <http://bit.ly/37plGNf>
- ▶ Laws in relation to post-divorce rights, DBC News | December 23, 2019 | By Barrister Miti Sanjana. <http://bit.ly/2Sy7ygq>
- ▶ Special year-end program on situations of women in 2019 and expectations in 2020, Ekattor TV | December 28, 2019 | By Barrister Miti Sanjana. <http://bit.ly/2ZC9rdC>

CURRENT AFFAIRS

HSBC  The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC) has managed USD 1.3 billion to finance the Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) for setting Ghorasal Polash Urea Fertilizer Project (GPUFP);

 China will be signing agreements by June 2020 to provide \$2.13 billion in loans for two more projects, which involves \$ 1.15 billion over the construction of the Dhaka-Ashulia elevated express way while the other \$970 million for strengthening the Power Grid Company of Bangladesh's power grid network;

 The first edition of Dhaka Global Dialogue was held from 11th to 13th November 2019. More than 150 delegates from 50 countries participated in the conference to discuss some of the most vital global imperatives in the context of the Indo-Pacific region; and

 Bangladesh has become the second-fastest growing economy in South Asia after Bhutan as per the report released by World Bank on "South Asia Economic Focus, Making (DE) Centralization Work".

CONFERENCES

- The Head of Chambers presented a paper on Trust Laws at the Asia Pacific Trust Law Conference held at the Melbourne University, Australia in December, 2019.
- The Head of Chambers and another senior associate attended annual lawyers gathering at Tokyo in October, 2019.

DO YOU KNOW?

General Diary (GD) can be filed online now on "not very urgent things" like snatching, loss or theft of certificates, ID cards and documents, or issues involving security guards, servants, caretakers and tenants.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Legal Counsel believes in giving everyone equal opportunities in terms of employment, pay and promotion without any discrimination as to gender, race, religion, color etc. Empowering women and promoting gender equality is one of the key factors to accelerate sustainable development. Legal Counsel not only believes but has also implemented the same into reality as the male and female ratio of lawyers working at Legal Counsel is currently 50:50. It is believed that with the great participation and advancement of women in the legal field, the ratio will soon change in favour of female lawyers in no time.

LEGAL COUNSEL IS NOW GREEN



Legal Counsel believes in being "Green" and hence adopted an

"Environmental Policy" by signing a petition in order to reduce the carbon footprints as part of its responsibility. Legal Counsel has also substantially reduced the use of paper and uses recyclable papers for carrying out regular work. "Legal Counsel" takes pride in being the first "Green Law Chambers" in Bangladesh.