

Staff Reporter

State Minister for Home Affairs Asaduzzaman Khan has said additional police have been deployed across the country to maintain law and order ahead of the upcoming Eid-ul-Fitr. He said the decision was taken at a meeting with the chiefs of the law enforcement agencies at his ministry on Wednesday.

The leaders of FBCCI and BGMEA also attended the meeting, the minister told reporters. He said law enforcers have been asked to remain alert to ensure peaceful celebrations of Eid-ul-Fitr.

The Highway Police will be on 24-hour duty so home-bound people can make safe journey, he said.

Police, BGB, ambulance and fire service men will be on stand by for any emergency.

Security has been beefed up at bus, launch and rail stations, the minister said.

Replying to a question about extortion on highways , the Minister said punishment will be given to any security man found guilty of the allegation.

Responding to another question about BNP's threat to launch a movement after Eid, the minister said "We are now concentrating on issues related to Eid".

During the meeting, the BGMEA leaders assured the minister that they would provide the salary and Eid bonus to their workers before Eid.

The industrial police will remain alert to maintain law and order in the garment factories, the meeting was told.