

Nigeria to back Bangladesh Post of OIC Secretary General

UNB, Dhaka

Nigeria has extended full support to Bangladesh's candidature for the post of OIC Secretary General.

Outgoing High Commissioner of Nigeria in Dhaka, Abdullahi Madaki Bage conveyed his country's support to Bangladesh's candidature for the top post of OIC when he had a farewell call on Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday.

The envoy also assured the prime minister that Nigeria would also help Bangladesh to garner support from other OIC member countries for winning the position.

Bangladesh nominated Prime Minister's Parliamentary Affairs Advisor Salauddin Quader Chowdhury MP as the candidate for the post of OIC Secretary General.

During the meeting economy, commerce and trade, export of manpower to Nigeria and other bilateral issues were also discussed.

Khaleda hoped that Nigeria

would recruit more physicians, engineers, teachers and other professionals from Bangladesh.

Presently some 25 Bangladeshi physicians are working in the African country.

The Nigerian envoy assured that more physicians would be taken from Bangladesh.

Khaleda Zia also requested the Nigerian High Commissioner to import jute and jute goods, pharmaceutical products, leather items and agro-products from Bangladesh.

Some 28 Nigerian students are now taking training at the Textile Technology Institute in Chittagong. Some are also taking training in the garment industry in Bangladesh. Madaki Bage apprised the prime minister.

He lauded the economic achievement attained in Bangladesh under the leadership of Khaleda Zia and said everything is getting into excellent shape, a good

sign for economic uplift.

Responding to a request from the Nigerian envoy, Khaleda said the visa system for Nigerian investors and businessmen who want to visit Bangladesh would be simplified.

The envoy conveyed a condolence message from Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo to Khaleda for the victims of recent launch capsizing in Bangladesh that took a heavy toll of lives.

Khaleda also conveyed her greetings for the Nigerian President through the outgoing High Commissioner.

LGED signs MOU on technical cooperation

Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) yesterday signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Department of Women's Affairs to facilitate technical assistance between them, says a press release.

Both the organisations are committed to the development of women, half of the country's total population, through joint efforts.

Under the memorandum, LGED will take necessary measures to establish and institutionalise women development programmes through intensive and effective coordination with the Department of Women's Affairs.

Both the organisations will assist in venturing programmes related to training and skill development necessary for implementing various projects.

LGED will provide necessary assistance to assess the needs of the stakeholders of the projects and prepare and implement action plans for women development.

Department of Women's Affairs will prioritise the stakeholders of the projects as far as possible in their own programmes.

Md Shahidul Hassan, chief engineer of LGED and Dulal Abdul Hafiz, director general of women affairs department, signed the memorandum on behalf of their respective organisations.



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Health Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain speaks at a seminar on 'Contribution of homeopathy to national health service' at the National Press Club yesterday. Sammilito Homeopathic Jote organised the seminar.

FEJB lecture series begins today

BSS, Dhaka

A lecture series begins here today to celebrate the 20th founding anniversary of the Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB), a pioneer institution of the country for sustainable development.

The first of the FEJB Anniversary Lecture Series titled "Climate Change and Development of Bangladesh" will be held at 10 am at the FEJB conference room.

Dr Atiq A Rahman, Dr Saleemul Haque and Engineer ANH Akhter Hossain will deliver the lecture.

The second lecture session will be held at 10 am on July 26 in the FEJB conference room. Eminent educationist Professor Dr. Sirajul Islam Chowdhury will deliver the lecture.

FEJB Chairman Quamrul Islam Chowdhury will chair the lecture sessions to be participated by policymakers, experts, civil society members, development partners and journalists.

WEATHER TODAY

Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions and at a few places over Dhaka, Khulna, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions till 6pm today.

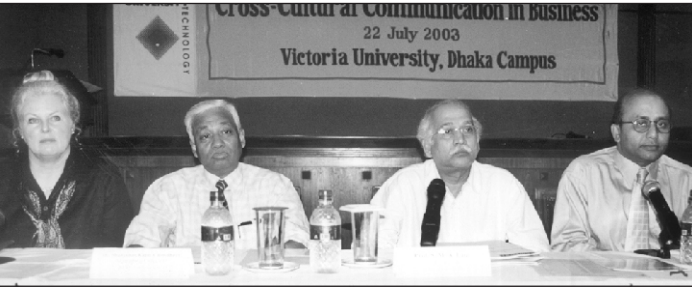
Moderately heavy to heavy falls at places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions is expected during the period, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 34.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and lowest 25.1 degree at Feni.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:46pm today and rises at 5:24am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.6	27.8	80	93
Chittagong	30.8	25.8	78	77
Rajshahi	32.7	26.7	80	--
Khulna	33.0	27.3	90	84
Barisal	30.6	26.5	97	92
Sylhet	34.5	26.5	89	71
Cox's Bazar	31.9	25.5	93	86



Victoria University (VU) organised a seminar on 'Cross-cultural communication in business' on its Dhaka campus yesterday. From left are Dr Fran Siemensma, VU faculty, Dr Shahjahan Kabir Chowdhury, managing director, BETS, Prof. SMA Faiz, vice-chancellor, Dhaka University, and GM Chowdhury, advisor, MBA programme, VU.

VU seminar on cross-cultural communication

Dr Fran Siemensma, faculty of management of Victoria University (VU), Melbourne, Australia yesterday emphasised the need for business people to recognise the situations where there is a potential threat of miscommunication due to cultural differences.

She was speaking at a seminar on 'Cross-cultural communication in business' at Dhaka Campus of VU.

Dr Fran is currently teaching work and organisation systems for MBA programme of the university.

Prof SMA Faiz, vice-chancellor of Dhaka University attended the seminar as chief guest.

He focused on the understanding of cultural values, traditions and norms existing across the cultural frontiers for proper business communication.

He said management practitioners and students should give more attention to English for effective communication.

Dr Shahjahan Kabir Chowdhury, managing director, BETS Victoria Ltd, said culture plays a very vital role in business communication in the global scenario.

Forty-three delegates from leading academic and industrial organisations took part in the seminar.

PREP annual confce held

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The annual conference of the officials and employees of Programme for Research and Elimination of Poverty (PREP), a non-government organisation, was held at its office at Chandgoan in the port city on Friday.

Mallik Z Hasan, chairman of PREP, attended the conference as chief guest. Executive Director MA Malek, Director Moinuddin Qader, Shabbir Ahmed, Kazi Saiful Azam and Badiul Alam were present as special guests.

Chief coordinator of PREP Malik Rahela Pervin presided.

DHAKA TODAY

Movie show

Academy Film Society will screen a Spanish film titled 'Sex and Lucia'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

blood donation camp. Venue: University of Asia Pacific campus, Dhanmondi. Time: 10.00am.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Lecture

On the occasion of its 20th founding anniversary, the Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB) organises a lecture session on 'Weather change and development of Bangladesh'. Venue: FEJB conference room. Time: 10.00am.

Discussion

Nirjaton Birodhi Sangskritik Mancha organises a discussion to mark the first anniversary of black chapter of Shamsunnahar Hall of Dhaka University. It will be followed by a session of recitation and mass-song. Venue: TSC road island. Time: 4.00pm.

Seminar

As part of its weeklong programme on the occasion of its silver jubilee ceremony, Bangladesh National Philatelic Association organises a seminar on philatelic. Venue: GPO auditorium. Time: 4.30pm.

Reception

A reception will be accorded to noted journalist Toab Khan for his outstanding contribution to journalism. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 3.00pm.

BUET 88 club

A meeting of the executive council of BUET 88 club will be held. Venue: BUET Cafeteria. Time: 7.00pm.

Blood donation

Orca blood for life organises a voluntary

Silver jubilee

The inaugural ceremony of the silver jubilee ceremony of Vigarunnisa Noon College will be held with Prime Minister Khaleda Zia as chief guest. Venue: College campus, New Baily Road. Time: 5.00pm.

Conference

An international conference on 'Interrelation between trafficking in women and children and HIV/AIDS: South Asian Perspective', organised by Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association (BNWLA), will be held with Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain as chief guest. Venue: BRAC Centre Inn, Mohakhali. Time: 10.00am.

Seminar

The inaugural session of a two-day seminar on 'Women in challenging situations in Bangladesh', organised by Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit, will be held with Prof SMA Faiz, vice-chancellor of Dhaka University, as chief guest. It will be followed by an exhibition on working women. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium. Time: 4.00pm.

Movie show

Academy Film Society will screen two films titled 'Armaan' and 'Bowling for Columbine'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 3.30pm and 6.30pm.



Chief Engineer of LGED Md Shahidul Hassan and Director General of Women Affairs Department Dulal Abdul Hafiz signed a Memorandum of Understanding on technical cooperation in the city yesterday.



Ten students of Khilgaon Government High School, Dhaka, secured GPA 5 (A+) in the SSC examinations this year. Eight of them pose for photograph yesterday.