

158 cell phone sets recovered at ZIA

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Customs officials at Zia International Airport (ZIA) yesterday recovered gold ornaments weighing five and half kilograms and 158 mobile phone sets worth about Tk 75 lakh.

The gold and phone sets were found in an abandoned suitcase brought in Dhaka by a Biman flight from Dubai that landed at 10:00am.

The name of one Shamsuddin, a Chittagong-bound passenger, was on the sticker tagged with the suitcase.

But after consulting Biman, the officials learnt that Shamsuddin was not among the passengers in the flight.

The items include 256 pieces of churi, 51 rings, 37 chains, 15 bracelets, 14 pairs of earrings and 158 Samsung mobile phone sets.

'Build up social force to realise objectives of liberation war'

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Eminent lawyer Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday called for building up a social force comprising people from all walks of life to realise the objectives of the liberation war.

He was addressing the 6th Ujjibak Samabesh organised by the Hunger Project Bangladesh (HPB) at Mirpur Indoor Stadium in the city.

Dr Kamal said it is very unfortunate that even after 32 years of our independence, most of the objectives of the liberation war were not achieved, rather the country is facing new multiple problems due to lack of proper leadership.

Speaking at the conference as chief guest, Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka said a vested quarter is con-

spiring to create anarchy in the society through criminal activities.

He said country's development could be geared up if the young generation were properly motivated to nation building activities.

State Minister for Local Government and Rural Development Ziaul Hoque Zia lauded the activities of Ujjibaks for involving the local government in their rural uplift projects.

Noted economist Dr Atiur Rahman said economic emancipation of the people could not be achieved due to wrong policies of the successive governments.

"Privatisation of the state-owned enterprises is not the lone solution to country's economic problem, rather it is the pro-people economic

policy which could expedite the overall development," he added.

Former finance minister AMA Muhiit said a strong local government is essential to maintain close relationship with the people at grassroots level and ensure rural development.

HPB Country Director Dr Badiul Alam Mazumder said all of us must contribute to the development of the country.

Economist Mozaffar Hossain, singer Ferdousi Ahmed, film actor Ilias Kanchon, GM Quader MP and former director general of education directorate Dr Ayesha Khatun also spoke at the function attended by

around seven thousand Ujjibaks from across the country.

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Exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of a two-day exhibition titled 'Beautiful Bangladesh', organised by the National Association of Unesco Clubs, will be held. Venue: Central Public Library. Time: 3:00pm.

Painting exhibition

The opening ceremony of a solo painting exhibition, titled 'Nature of Bangladesh' by Abu Selim, will be held. Venue: Drik Gallery, Dhanmondi. Time: 4:30pm. The exhibition will remain open till December 24 from 3:00pm to 8:00pm daily.

Folk dance

The High Commission of India will present an evening of folk dance of Jammu and Kashmir. Venue: Plot-2, UN Road, Baridhara. Time: 7:00pm.

Film show

Academy Film Society will screen an American film titled 'Eyes Wide Shut'. Venue: Society auditorium, 21/C Jigatola. Time: 6:30pm.

Convocation

The third convocation of Darul Ihsan University will be held with President

Iajuddin Ahmed as chief guest. Venue: Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 10:30am.

Short film seminar

Bangladesh Short Film Forum organises a seminar on 'Problems and prospects of alternative cinema in Bangladesh'. Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal auditorium, National Museum. Time: 4:00pm.

Networking seminar

A networking seminar on 'Development and Mass media', organised by Mass-Line Media Centre, will be held. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium. Time: 11:00am.

BCS meet

A meeting of the central executive committee of Bangladesh Civil Service Coordination Committee will be held. Venue: BCS Agriculture Association Office, Farmgate. Time: 4:30pm.

Rally

Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon will hold a rally demanding not to organise a fair on the playground. Venue: Western side of Dhanmondi playground. Time: 4:00pm.

Diabetes confce begins

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A two-day Diabetes and Endocrine Conference began at Biam auditorium in the city yesterday.

President of Diabetic Association of Bangladesh (DAB) Prof Wahiduddin Ahmed presided over the inaugural session.

Apart from Bangladesh, 500 researchers and doctors from India, Pakistan, Malaysia and Oman are taking part in the conference.

Death anniversary



Today is the second death anniversary of poet and lyricist Kazi Latifa Haque, wife of late Kazi Nazmul Haque, editor of weekly Kafela and former president of Abahani Ltd., says a press release.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to pray for salvation of the departed soul.

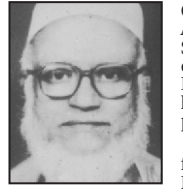
Chehlum



Chehlum of Kazi Mohammad Eha, former president of Ran-gpur district BNP, will be held to-day, says a press release.

He died on November 11 at 84. A doa mahfil will be held at his residence at Munshipara in Rangpur at 11:30am.

Abu Bakar Siddique



Chehlum of Alhaj M Abu Bakar Siddique, chairman of Bangla Cement Industries, will be held toady, says a press release.

He was the founder member of Narayanganj Chamber of Commerce and Industry, former chairman of Islamic Society of Narayanganj, and founder chairman of Adarsha School.

A milad mahfil and distribution of food among the destitute have been arranged at his Narayanganj residence at 259 BK Road.