

Malaysia urged to recruit more Bangladeshis

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Newly appointed Malaysian High Commissioner Abdul Malek Abdul Aziz made a courtesy call on Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at Prime Minister's Office yesterday.

The High Commissioner said he will make best efforts during his tenure to strengthen the existing excellent relations especially to expand trade relations between the two countries as well as try to increase Malaysian investment in Bangladesh.

During the meeting, the envoy said he will also try so that Malaysia

takes goods in a bigger way from Bangladesh to help balance the trade imbalance between the two Asian countries as presently trade balance is against Bangladesh.

Khaleda assured the envoy of all possible cooperation in the discharge of duties during his tenure here.

Abdul Malek said he is impressed so far seeing Bangladesh and its hospitable minded people.

He appreciated Bangladesh's achievement in poverty reduction, education and other areas under the leadership of the Prime Minister.

He praised Bangladeshi people working in Malaysia and termed them

as hardworking and disciplined.

Khaleda requested the Malaysian envoy to recruit more manpower from Bangladesh.

Cultural exchange and cooperation between the two countries also featured in the meeting.

The envoy conveyed warm greetings of Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi to Khaleda.

Khaleda also reciprocated the sentiment of her Malaysian counterpart and reiterated, through the High Commissioner, the invitation to Ahmad Badawi to visit Bangladesh.



Youth Ending Hunger Bangladesh stages a demonstration in front of the High Court in the city yesterday demanding enforcement of anti-tobacco law. PHOTO: STAR

Valuables worth Tk 9.4 lakh looted

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Armed robbers looted gold ornaments, cash and mobile phone sets worth about Tk 9.4 lakh from a house at Demra in the early hours yesterday.

Sources said a group of robbers entered the house of Delwar Hossain Dilu, a wholesaler at Kaptan Bazar, at about 3:00am cutting grills of the house.

Confining family members in a room at gunpoint, the robbers looted 80 tolas of gold ornaments, Tk 43,000 in cash and four mobile sets.

N'ganj poura chairman to face people today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

For the first time in the country, a municipality chairman and ward commissioners will face the people of their constituencies today to answer their questions and listen to their grievances.

Narayanganj pourasava will arrange the 'face the people' event on Chashara Shahid Minar premises at 3:00pm with a view to ensuring transparency, accountability and good governance.

The news of this unusual event has generated curiosity among the people who are waiting to participate in the session and ask questions and raise their problems directly to their representatives.

Dr Selina Hayat Ivi, chairman of the pourasava, said people have right to talk about all their problems and complain to the representatives, as it is run by their tax money.