

Action to be taken against corrupt officials

State minister assures Biman employees

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday assured the employees of Bangladesh Biman of taking action against the corrupt officials of the organisation.

The assurance came when leaders of the Biman Sammilita Sangram Parishad met him at his secretariat office in the city and demanded immediate removal of some top officials involved in corruption, meeting sources said.

"The state minister has assured us of taking immediate action to remove the corrupt officials within two or three days," said a Biman employee, who was present at the

meeting, preferring anonymity.

"I know who are corrupt and will take steps to remove them within next two days," he quoted the state minister as saying.

At the three-hour meeting, Mirza Fakhrul Islam also assured the Parishad leaders that proper steps would be taken soon to provide a fund of Tk 550 crore for the Biman, the national flag carrier.

He also said that steps would be taken to procure 10 new aircraft – four Boeing 777s and six Airbus 330s – for the Biman fleet, the sources added.

The Parishad leaders told The Daily Star last night that if the state minister fails to keep his promises by October 10, they would launch a fresh agitation.



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia inaugurates Kanchan Bridge at Rugganj in Narayanganj yesterday.

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FM urges Norwegian cos to explore gas in Bay

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan yesterday called upon the Norwegian companies to come to Bangladesh especially for exploration of gas in the Bay of Bengal.

He made the business offer when the newly appointed Norwegian

Ambassador to Bangladesh, Ingebjorg Stofring, met him at his office.

Morshed Khan lauded the role played by Norway immediate after liberation of Bangladesh in rehabilitation work. "Both Bangladesh and Norway have been working together for global peace and prosperity," he said.

DANISH AMBASSADOR

Meanwhile, new Danish Ambassador Einar H Jensen also paid a courtesy call on the Foreign Minister at his office.

The FM expressed gratitude for the contribution of Denmark in economic and infrastructure development of Bangladesh and appreciated the support of Denmark for increasing Bangladeshi exports.

The envoy briefed the FM about

Bangladesh-Denmark Partnership plan for 2005-2009.

In this regard, the foreign minister said there are a number of areas to cooperate each other for mutual benefit and emphasised more interactions between the private sectors of the two countries.

Director General (Europe) Nazmul Quanine was present on the occasion.

President assents to three bills

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday assented to three of the bills passed in the just concluded 23rd session of the 8th Parliament.

The bills are the Information Communication Technology Bill 2006, the Asian University for Women Bill 2006 and the Administrative Tribunals (Second Amendment) Bill 2006.

Caretaker of city house found dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered body of a caretaker from bathroom of Caneez Plaza, a house, at Bakshi Bazar in the old part of the city last night.

The dead identified as Mohammed Mohsin aged about 22 was caretaker of the house, police said quoting local people.

He was found hanged with a pipe of bathroom and his body bore marks of several assault injuries. Police suspect that Mohsin might have been killed over illicit relations with a woman.

Owner of the house is now staying in Italy along with her family members.

Death anniversary

BSS, Dhaka

Today is the 21st death anniversary of Amin Ahmed Chowdhury, former assistant editor of the now defunct The Bangladesh Times.

On the occasion, a doa mahfil will be held and foods will be distributed among the poor at his residence.

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

Varsity Students' Assoc of Raipura

The convening committee of University Students Welfare Association, Raipura (USWAR) was formed at Dhaka University campus recently.

SM Qaiyum of Dhaka University and Awlad Hossain of Chittagong University were made convener and member secretary respectively, says a press release.

USWAR, a non-political student platform, will primarily serve the interests of the university going students from Raipura Upazila of Narsingdi, SM Qaiyum, the convener of the student body, was quoted as saying.

Other members of the committee are: Abdullah Al Mamun, Shibir Ahmed Jubayer, Manik, Rakibul Hassan, Sumon Mollah, Iktiar Uddin Bhuiyan, Sohel Parvez, Nazrul Islam, Forkan Sirkar, Sakhawat Ahmed, Ismail Hossain Joni, Mehdi, Monir and Mujahid.