

20,000 women likely to get jobs in Kuwait

The government has taken a "vigorous move" to boost manpower export to different countries, particularly in the Middle East, reports UNB.

Besides the middle-eastern countries, delegations will also visit a number of countries in Africa, Europe, Latin America and the Pacific to explore the possibility of manpower export. State Minister for Labour and Manpower Rafiqul Islam Mia said in Dhaka Thursday.

He said that more than 20,000 Bangladeshis had already been employed in Kuwait after it was freed from Iraqi occupation. About 70,000 Bangladeshi workers had to be evacuated from the oil-rich Emirate following the Iraqi invasion 13 months back.

Kuwaiti authorities have already indicated that they would take back all Bangladeshis who lost their jobs in the Emirate after the Iraqi aggression, the Minister said.

Besides, he said, they are reported to have offered to employ about 20,000 Bangladeshi women in hospitals, clinics, schools and garment factories.

An inter-ministerial team

from Kuwait is expected in the capital next week to discuss the matters with Bangladesh officials, the Minister said.

Shahabuddin greets President of Brazil

The Acting President, Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, has felicitated Fernando Afonso Collor De Mello, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil on the occasion of Brazil's Independence Day, reports BSS.

In a message of felicitation to Fernando the Acting President expressed confidence that the existing friendly relations between the two countries would be further strengthened in the years to come.

Khaleda

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Friday felicitated Fernando Afonso Collor De Mello, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil on the occasion of the country's Independence Day.

The delegation is likely to be composed of officials from four Kuwaiti Ministries of Electricity, Water Supply, Communication and Works — the sectors implementing massive reconstruction and rehabilitation programmes in the war ravaged Emirate.

Four flights a week — two by Biman and two by Kuwait Airways — are carrying the workers to the region, sources said.

According to latest break up, one lakh 20 thousand Bangladeshi personnel are working in Saudi Arabia, while 85,000 in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), 10,000 in Bahrain, 50,000 in Oman, 35,000 in Qatar, 9,000 in Iran and 8,000 in Libya.

Ustad Alauddin's creation milestone in music : Khaleda

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Friday said the memorable creations of the Sursamrat, Ustad Alauddin Khan, in classical music would remain as milestones for the future generations, reports BSS.

In a message on the occasion of the late legendary musical maestro's 19th death anniversary, Begum Zia expressed her deep respect to Ustad Alauddin Khan and said his role in promoting classical music and creating worthy disciples in the field was widely recognised.

The vast and versatile contribution of Ustad Alauddin Khan in the continuous flow of traditional oriental notations and music will remain ever memorable in the world, the Prime Minister said.

Begum Zia said the late Ustad was an honoured figure in the world musical arena for his utmost devotion, sincerity to and perseverance in the practice music.

Badruddoza

Minister for Education and Culture Prof. A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury in another message on the occasion said late Ustad Alauddin Khan, who was an expert in playing on all musical instruments, had acquainted Bangladesh with the world.

The minister stressed the need for wide publicity on the late maestro's life and work.

Solution to ATAB problems assured

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan has said that any problem between the travel agents and different airlines could be solved through unified and co-ordinated efforts, reports BSS.

He was addressing a meeting of Board of Airlines Representatives (BAR) arranged by the Association of Travel Agents of Bangladesh (ATAB) at a city hotel Thursday.

Touching on the different problems being faced by the ATAB members, Mannan assured that he would continue his efforts to solve those on the basis of mutual understanding like in the past. Later, reintroduction of the agency rebated tickets for the travel agents was announced in the meeting amid cheers.

Welcoming the guests ATAB President Dr. H B M Iqbal mentioned some longstanding problems regarding reservation system, counter facilities, Advance Ticket Money (ATM) and seat problems between travel agents and the airlines.

Dr. Iqbal sought cooperation of the airlines and the government to solve those. He thanked the State Minister for the announcement of reintroduction of agency rebated tickets.

Presided over by ATAB President Dr. Iqbal, the meeting was addressed, among others, by the Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism Habibur Rahman, the Managing Director of Biman, Mofazzal Karim, the BAR chairman, Kamal Sayeed and the Secretary Masudus Zafar.

Chiefs of Dhaka offices of the Saudia, Singapore Airlines, Thai International, K.L.M and Air India and leaders of ATAB executive committee were present on the occasion.

TV Saturday

- 5.00 Opening announcement, Al Quran
- 5.15 Programme summary
- 5.15 Reading from the Tripitak
- 5.20 News in Bangla
- 5.30 Sports world
- 5.55 Documentary film
- 6.30 Matti-O-Manush
- 7.05 Banshari
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 Chenasur
- 9.00 Arirban
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Drama series: Dallas
- 11.30 Khabar/The News
- 11.45 Closing



Nilufar Yasmin rendering classical music at a function arranged in observance of the death anniversary of Ustad Alauddin Khan at Bangla Academy Friday. —Star photo

'We are yet to materialise Ustad Alauddin's dream'

Director General of Bangla Academy Prof. Mohammad Harun-ur-Rashid Friday called for awarding state honour to the great musician late Ustad Alauddin Khan for his outstanding contribution to the field of music, reports BSS.

In his welcome address at a discussion organised on the occasion of the 19th death anniversary of the musical legend of the subcontinent at the academy auditorium, Prof. Harun-ur-Rashid said we could not give even a part of the honour which the Indian government and people awarded to Ustad Alauddin Khan.

Mobarak Hossain Khan read out a piece on "Ustad Alauddin Khan's life and dedication" in the discussion while Ashrafuzzaman Khan spoke on it.

The Director General said the observance of the death anniversary of the world famous musician in the academy for the first time was significant for various reasons.

Prof. Harun-ur-Rashid said late Ustad Alauddin Khan came here to settle permanently and establish a fine arts academy. "But we did not let his dream be materialised," he said.

Mobarak Hossain Khan said Ustad Alauddin Khan had dedicated his whole life to music. "He had seen the world through music," Hossain said.

Mobarak Hossain Khan called for publication of the songs with notations composed by Ustad Alauddin Khan. He said Ustad Alauddin Khan had broken the artificial barrier created by the musicians in the name of "Gharana" and he had improved Sarod and invented an instrument named "Chandrasaranga."

Ustad Alauddin Khan was the first musician of the subcontinent to combine European music with the country music here, Khan said.

Plea to motivate people on preventive diseases

Education Minister Prof. AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury Friday called upon the physicians to impart health care education, particularly the cardiovascular diseases to the common people, reports BSS.

He, however, said that it was not an easy job to give lesson on medicine to the people of a country where only 5.6 per cent have education over primary level. "But the physicians who have easy access to the masses can easily motivate and inspire them on preventive diseases," he added.

The Education Minister was addressing as chief guest at a discussion on "Heart Disease in Bangladesh" and its Prevention" organised by Bangladesh Cardiac Society.

Held at Suhrawardy Hospital the function was also addressed, among others, by Health Secretary M Mokammel Haq and Society Secretary General Prof. RK Khandkar while society President Prof. Brig (Retd) Abdul Malek presided.

Mokammel Haq said, unless the ever-expanding cardiovascular diseases could be thwarted the society would be torn by restlessness and evils. He said, the government was considering long, medium and short-term programmes to expand the ICVD for facilitating the treatment of patients having heart-diseases.

In his presidential speech, Brig Malek put forward a number of suggestions including upgradation of the ICVD into a 400-bed complete hospital and opening of cardiology centres in all the existing medical college hospitals of the country.

Weather Moderate rain likely

By Staff Correspondent. Light to moderate rain or showers with a few moderately heavy fall accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at most places over Chittagong, Khulna and Dhaka divisions and at many places over Rajshahi divisions. Day temperature remained nearly unchanged over the country.

Rain or thundershowers occurred at most places over the country on Friday. The chief amounts of rainfall were reported from Mymensingh 11 cm, Chuadanga, Cox's Bazar, Rangamat and Hatya 5 cm each.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Rainfall intensity may gradually decrease. Extended outlook for another five days: Little change. The temperature and humidity of some cities on Friday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	31.7	25.7	92	92
Chittagong	27.7	24.3	90	92
Khulna	32.8	25	90	89
Rajshahi	32.4	25.5	86	96
Rangpur	29	25.5	92	94
Sylhet	27	24.1	98	99
Comilla	30	—	—	97
Jessore	34.2	25.6	—	—

Dhaka Day by Day

Patterns For One's Pleasure

by Fayza Haq

Mira Karim learnt printmaking while watching the workers as a senior programme officer for BRAC for five years. Her task was to supervise programme designing and staff work. She dealt with destitute women who were involved in income-generating products. Their outlet were places like 'Aarong'. She gathered ample knowledge of marketing research, while at work.

Mira comes from a family where individuals have gone in for creative work. Her father was an engineer. Her sister Nasreen designs dolls for 'Aarong' and other centres. Another sister has the 'Joya' boutique at Sheraton. Her two brothers are artists — one having gone in for film and publication while the other is in advertising. A sister-in-law is in the BSC design centre.

Another sister-in-law is in Paris studying art. Her younger sister is a textile designer, who is well-travelled. Mira herself has gone to Madras, Bangalore, Bombay, Gujrat, Delhi and Calcutta. She studied women's programmes in these places.

While based in BRAC she had ample opportunities to find out a skill that would sell well in Dhaka. She felt block printing was one such art. As a married woman, who does not go out to work now, she has plenty of time in hand to do something creative and constructive. While her sisters make dolls and flowers, she has put in her skill into the print of 'saris', 'shalwar-kameez', 'kurta-pajama', bed-sheets, table-cloth and curtains. She also makes dress materials which other boutique owners buy from her, which they themselves, in turn, sell as finished products.

She finds it too much of a hassle to compete with shops or even have contact with shopkeepers in New Market, Gousia and Hawker's Market. She also finds it 'below her dignity' to sit and bargain with shop-owners. Her customers are her acquaintances from places like Sunbeams and Scholastica school, or the Jahangirnagar University teachers. "It hurts my pride to go looking for work. This way I have sufficient work to take up my spare time and I enjoy dealing with my customers." The one hour that I was with Mira I found her inundated with customers with their various demands.

Mira, who has taken tips from the Vegetable Dye Centre in Dhanmanjil, does the design layout herself. Her family members then draw it out for her. It is she who decides whether she wants in the form of flowers, or paisley or elephant or peacock motifs and they fit in the patterns. This is in the case of items like bed-sheets or new patterns for 'saris'.

prizes for her 'sari' patterns three times in places like the 'Bichitra' and 'Jogajogbata' competition. Her 'shalwar-kameez' pattern too has won a prize as well.

If, by any chance, the material is ruined, she replaces it. On a rainy day she might be able to print only one 'sari' instead of the usual three or five.

Talking to Tajul Islam, 28, the main worker, I found that he had been doing block print work in Mirpur for 12 years with the Biharis. "Now they have all left and gone to India or elsewhere. I then worked in Islampur for two years. I've been in this profession for 16 years and I thoroughly enjoy it. I prefer working on 'saris' than on 'shalwar-kameez' as that is easier and less time consuming," he said.

Hazrat Ali 21, the other hand, worked before as a vendor of vegetables and fruit. He comes originally from Mymensingh. As he has a family, he does not sleep on the premises like Tajul, and brings his own lunch. He gets much less than Tajul but is contented with his work, and enjoys his routine of buying colour from Islampur or writing down the orders according to the pattern books.

HERE and THERE

Democratic League

The central committee meeting of Democratic League on Friday adopted a resolution saying the crisis prevailing in all spheres of life would put the nation in a turmoil.

The meeting, presided over by Oli Ahmad, said the lack of direction is the reason for the present economic crisis. It viewed that the government has failed to check corruption.

The meeting observed that no steps have been taken to salvage the farmers. So, the agricultural sector will plunge into deep crisis, the meeting viewed.

JSD

The President of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD), Nur Alam Ziku and General Secretary Humayun Kabir in a joint statement on Friday urged the government to fix the price of jute at Taka 600 per maund and said government should directly purchase jute from the growers.

They also demanded the formation of agricultural policy with the participation of the farmers and concerned professionals.

ML (Ayenuddin)

The President of Bangladesh Muslim League, Muhammad Ayenuddin in a statement on Friday condemned the comment of the Minister of State for External Affairs of India in the Lok Sabha that the sovereignty of Tin Bigha corridor will be under India.

He urged the government to take necessary steps for takeover of Tin Bigha corridor.

BSD

The President of Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (BSD), Khalequzzaman in a public meeting on Friday at Narayanganj urged the people to cast "Yes" vote in the September 15 referendum.

He said it is necessary to make the referendum successful for fulfilling the aspirations of the people. The BSD chief also demanded the repeal of all the black laws to make the parliamentary system of government a success.

Janata Dal

Chairman of Janata Dal, KM Obaidur Rahman on Friday said honest and able leadership is now the need of the nation to salvage it from the crisis existing in all spheres of life.

Speaking at a workers meeting of the party at Mirpur, he said unless the corruption is rooted out, the nation cannot witness any development.

Nagarik Adhiker Jote

A 101-member Convening Committee of Nagarik Adhiker Sanrakhan Jote was formed on Friday with Syed Sirajul Huda as Convener.

The Jote will arrange country-wide rally and tours to create public opinion against all kinds of corruption, unemployment and economic disparity. Compiled by IA

BCIC Tender Notice
 Khulna Newsprint Mills Ltd., Town Khalishpur, Khulna, invites sealed tender No. PD-27.339/90-91 for purchase of "SIZE WOOD" which will be opened on 18-09-1991 at 3.00 P.M. Tender documents will be available on payment of Tk. 25.00 per set from (1) KNM Ltd., (2) BCIC Bhaban, 30-31, Dilkusha, Dhaka-2 and (3) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad, Chittagong. No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening.
 BCIC-791-2/9
 DFP(BA)7207-3/9 G-491

Directorate General Defence Purchase
 Ministry of Defence
 New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-15

Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders in foreign currency are invited from bonafide Manufacturers/Suppliers/Dealers/Indentors (Not necessarily enlisted with DGDP) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Air Force:

Sl No.	Description of items	Selling date upto	Opening date
1	03 Line Repairable (R/D) of Helicopter.	26-9-91	29-9-91

2. Tender schedules with detail specifications will be available on payment in respective value (Non-refundable) on any working day between 0800 hrs and 1200 hrs. The tenders will be opened on the specified date at 1000 hrs in presence of the bidders (if present).

ISPR-37(Misc) 91/1018
 DFP(G) 9996-2/9
 G-483

Wing Commander
 For Director General.

International Tender Notice for Supply of Superior Kerosene Oil (SKO) during 26-30th October, 1991.

Ref : No. 22.16/20 Dated : 02-09-1991

I) (a) Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) hereby invites offers for supply of 1,45,000 Barrels of Superior Kerosene Oil (SKO) on C & F Chittagong basis in accordance with the terms and conditions set out hereinafter :

(b) Volume mentioned at (a) will be subject to an operational tolerance of 5 (five) per cent for each grade.

(c) Barrel means 42 United States Standard Gallon each of two hundred thirtyone (231) cubic inches at sixty degrees (60°) Fahrenheit.

II) Entire quantity as mentioned above must be delivered at Chittagong between 26-30th Oct, 1991 in one shipment.

III) Tender will be received up to 1200 hours (BST) on 05, October, '91 and opened at 1205 hours BST on 05 October, '91 at Buyer's Head Office, HBFC Building 1/D, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong in presence of the bidders or their authorised agents who would wish to be present.

IV) Other terms and conditions will be as per BPC's general terms and conditions of Supply of Petroleum Products (Ref : 22.16 dated 27 March, 1991).

V) Offers must be valid up to 1800 hours BST 12 October, 1991.

VI) Local Agents of reputed buyers interested in the tender with proper application and due authorisation of principal may collect tender documents on all working days during office hours from :

(a) The Commercial & Operations Division of the Corporation at its Head Office HBFC Building, 4th Floor, 1/D, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong - 4100.

(b) Jamuna Oil Company Limited (JOCL), Dhaka Office at 28, New Eskaton Road, Dhaka.

(c) Bangladesh Mission in Singapore.

VII) No rights of any kind shall be created in favour of any person by virtue of having obtained the tender documents, nor shall any right be created in favour of any persons by virtue of submitting a tender. The Corporation reserves right to accept or reject any or all offers in part or in full, without assigning any reason.

Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation
 1/D, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong.
 DFP (G) 10020-3/9 G-492