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### Bangladeshi workers in Malaysia earn about \$ 7m a month

High Commissioner of Malaysia in Bangladesh Ahmed Fuzi Bin Haji Abdul Razak has said the rapid growth rates of his country during the last several years has caused a tremendous demand for foreign workers to meet the requirements of the plantation, construction and manufacturing sectors, reports BSS.

Razak termed the export of Bangladeshi manpower to Malaysia a mutually beneficial exercise and observed that the remittance sent back by the Bangladeshi workers had contributed significantly to narrowing the trade gap between the two countries.

He said the recruitment of workers had now become an industry but the two countries have to ensure that activities of 'unscrupulous' manpower agencies might not jeopardise the industry itself.

Razak felt that the Bangladeshi workers in Malaysia come from the different parts of Bangladesh and so the remittance sent back by them seems to have a nationwide impact in this country.

The continued interest shown by the Bangladeshi workers in Malaysia indicate that the terms and conditions enjoyed by them are attractive enough to work in Malaysia, Razak said.

Addressing a seminar here Wednesday, he said more and more Bangladeshis were now going to Malaysia to be absorbed in these sectors of his country. Malaysian Embassy has issued more than 70,000 visas since January of the current year alone, he said.

In this connection, he referred to a rough estimate of his government which shows that Bangladeshi workers in Malaysia are currently remitting about seven to 10 million US dollar per month, through established financial institutions or personal arrangements.

### Press Council forms nine committees

The inaugural meeting of the newly-constituted 8th council of Bangladesh Press Council (BPC) held in the capital yesterday with its chairman Justice Sultan Hossain Khan in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting constituted nine committees for smooth conduct of the activities of the council as per its terms of reference.

The committees are: Judicial committee, appointment committee, discipline committee, finance committee, law evaluation committee, rule committee, seminar committee, publication committee, and code of conduct committee.

The government earlier formed a 14-member council of BPC for two-year term through a gazette notification.

The members of the council are: L K Siddiqui, MP, Abu Yousuf Mohammad Khalilur Rahman, MP, Gias Kamal Chowdhury, Manzur Ahmed, Zahurul Hoq of BFUJ, Abul Asad, Mahbub Anam and D P Barua of Editors Council, Chowdhury Mohammad Farooq, Prof Majidul Islam and A M M Bahauddin of BSP, representative of Bangladesh Bar Council Advocate Ahmed Ali, representative of University Grants Commission Professor K A A Kamruddin, and Director General of Bangla Academy Professor Harun-ur-Rashid.

Welcoming the members of the newly-constituted council, BPC Chairman Justice Sultan Hossain Khan expressed his confidence that sincere cooperation and dedication of the council members would provide impetus to the activities of the organisation.

D P Barua, Chief Editor and Managing Director of BSS and Chowdhury Mohammad Farooq, Editor of the Daily Meilaji, spoke on behalf of the council members. They assured all-out support towards bringing in dynamism in the activities of the council.

### Kenyan minister calls on Yusuf

Kenyan Minister for Home Affairs, Population and National Heritage FPL Lotodo called on Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf at his office yesterday, reports UNB.

During the meeting they discussed on family planning programmes of Bangladesh, hospital management system, field activities in family planning sector, human resources development and some other common issues.

Director General of Health Services Prof Nurun Nabi was present in the meeting.

### Discussion on women repression held

By Staff Correspondent

A group of women journalists yesterday observed that a particular quarter of reactionary elements was creating hindrances on the path to the women's emancipation in the country by misinterpreting religion.

They called upon all reasonable persons to be active against the reactionary moves of this quarter.

The women journalists made their observation during a discussion on the 'Repression on Women in the Name of Shalish (village court)' held at the editorial office of the fortnightly Anannya at the Ittefaq Bhaban in the city.

The discussion was presided over by Anannya editor Tasmina Hossain while it was participated by Bangladesh Women Journalist Forum president Setara Musa, playwright Begum Momtaz Hossain, Nasrin Jahan, Gulshan Akhter, Baby Moudud, Munni Shaha, Maleka Begum, Farida Akhter Kanon and others.



Visiting Minister for Home Affairs of the Republic of Kenya H E F Lotodo (L), paid a courtesy call on Mahbubur Rahman, President of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) Wednesday at the FBCCI office.

## Dhaka Day by Day

### Chill and Charm of Winter

By A S M Nurunnabi

The heat of summer, rains of monsoon and humidity of autumn have all receded into the times past. There is already a cold nip in the air. And with it the early promise of a variegated scenario in nature. Along with the fruits and vegetables, which are part of the winter's charm, there are other aspects which present a medley of colours.

Have you lately seen the rows of shops in the Nikhet area, specialising in making quilt, mattress and pillow? The motley materials out of which these are fabricated present a eye-catching vista. In front of some shops, quilts are in the process of being made in colourful fabrics on the pavements. As they take shape, it appears as if the pavements are covered with multi-coloured carpets.

At other corners, a colourful phenomenon presents itself at this time. Makeshift markets in old clothes begin to sprout in large numbers with the gradual drop in temperature.

This presents no less an attractive spectacle, though this shrouds an edifying aspect of our social life. In summer, the poor sections of our people can make do with the minimum of clothing. But on the onset of cold weather, though not so severe in this part of the world, these people, particularly the Children and the aged, need thicker covering especially at night and until the warmth of the sun's rays make them buoyant.

In a tropical country like ours, the sun is looked upon with unfriendly eyes except during a prolonged spell of rainy days when one pines

for the sun with all heart. The situation, however, dramatically changes on the onset of winter. As mercury drops, our craving for sunshine concomitantly registers a rise. We then tend to forget how punishing sun-shine can be in other seasons.

In winter there comes a marked change in our outlook, food and dress. An urge for outdoor activities seize even the introverts. For the extroverts the opportunities are unlimited. This is the season for picnics with family and friends. Perhaps the mellow sunshine of winter leaves none of us untouched. This is the time we feel like letting ourselves go with gay abandon, throwing the tensions of life to the winds.

In our ethos of life, enjoyment of our leisure outdoors as a form of entertainment has a low priority. Perhaps there are several factors for such an outlook. But certainly there will be little difference of opinion if it is said that climax conditions have a lot to do as a causative factor.

From that standpoint a welcome change takes place with the advent of winter. Just as migratory birds in response to a natural urge fly out from cold regions to warmer climes, a similar instinct in a somewhat reverse order, also seems to influence our people here normally subject to high temperature in other seasons.

Such seasonal bursts of change creates needed breaks for many of us from the busy, tension-filled existence of everyday life, infusing in it a new zest and energy, however temporary such a phase may be.



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### Gulshan College freshers' reception held

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Jahan-Ara Begum yesterday said it is essential to increase the number of educational institutions for spreading education, reports UNB.

Addressing a freshers' reception at Gulshan College premises she stressed the need for private initiative as well as the government's efforts to help spread education.

### Imposter held

By Staff Correspondent

One imposter identifying himself as a secret service officer was nabbed by police yesterday noon from Baitul Mukarram market in the city centre.

The accused Akhtarul Islam, according to police, went to a Sharif Leather Store and demanded a camera declaring himself as a sub-inspector of the Detective Branch.

Earlier, Akhter reportedly collected, two cameras from the same store two months ago but gave rise to suspects in his third attempt.

The shopkeepers held the fake DB man and handed him over to Motijheel police where a forgery case has been lodged.

### Azimpur Unnayan Samity team meets Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas stressed the need for private initiative to alleviate poverty and minimise unemployment problems, reports UNB.

The President was talking to a 14-member delegation of the Azimpur Unnayan Samity near Uttara model town who called on him at Bangabhaban yesterday.

He said the gap between the urban and rural life should be gradually reduced so that the rural people also could receive the facilities enjoyed by the city people.

"The present government had been trying to bridge the gap day by day through development of the rural and suburban areas."

Referring to the development of the rural areas, Biswas emphasised the need for setting up of more cottage industries and other income-generating projects to make people interested to live in villages.

The delegation apprised the President of some of their problems and lack of civic amenities including pure drinking water and gas. President Biswas assured them to look into their problems.



### BTV Morning Session

- 8.00 Opening announcement
- Al-Quran
- Programme summary
- 8.10 News in Bangla
- 8.15 Alor Dishari
- 8.40 Natun Kuri
- 10.15 Moner Mukurey: Ayomoy (3rd episode)
- 11.25 Film show: Tarzan
- 11.45 Shikha Dikkah
- 12.00 Documentary programme: Images

### Afternoon Session

- 3.00 Opening announcement
- Al-Quran
- Programme summary
- 3.10 Recitation from the Triptak
- 3.15 Cartoon show: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- Movie of the Week: The Test of Love
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.25 Sports programme
- 7.00 Open University
- 7.25 Malancha
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 Comedy series: Perfect Strangers
- 9.00 Magazine: Antorango
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Drama series: L A Law
- 11.30 Khabar/The News
- 11.40 Tomorrow's programme summary
- 11.45 Closing



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### Weather

### Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent

The sky may remain partly cloudy over the country during the next 12 hours commencing 6 am today (Friday) while light rain or drizzle may occur at one or two places over Dhaka division and weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country.

The Met office forecasts, night temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The country's highest temperature yesterday of 31.5 degrees Celsius was recorded in Kutubdia and the lowest 17.0 degrees in Jessore.

The sun sets today 5:12 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:17 am. The maximum and the minimum temperatures and the maximum and minimum relative humidity recorded in some of the major cities and towns of the country yesterday are:

Cities/Towns	Temperatures in Degrees Celsius		Humidity in Percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	29.4	20.4	76	77
Chittagong	29.2	19.0	89	72
Rajshahi	28.8	17.7	91	88
Khulna	31.0	19.4	80	77
Barisal	30.8	19.6	89	88
Sylhet	28.5	19.5	79	86
Cox's Bazar	31.0	20.0	79	86

## Institute of Modern Languages University of Dhaka Admission Notice

Short Intensive courses on Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Japanese & Russian are going to be offered by the Institute of Modern Languages in co-operation with the Economic Relation Department (ERD), Ministry of Finance. The courses will be funded by Sweden-Bangladesh Trust.

Informations regarding admission:

- 1) Minimum qualifications: Bachelor Degree/Equivalent (with 2nd division) (both SSC & HSC 2nd Division).
- 2) Only officers and employees of Government and Private organisations can apply.
- 3) Duration of Course: 48 hours.
- 4) Class: 4-6 days a week (including Friday if necessary) 12 hours a week, 2-3 hours per day from 6 pm to 9 pm.
- 5) 20 candidates will be selected for each Language (10 from Government & 10 from Private organisations).
- 6) The decision of the selection committee of the Institute for selecting candidates will be treated as final.
- 7) Admission test of English Language will be held on 26 November 1993 (Friday) at 9 am at the Institute. Admission tests will not be necessary for other languages.
- 8) Last date for submitting application: 25 November 1993.
- 9) Class starts: 1 December 1993.
- 10) The list of selected candidates will be placed on the notice board of the Institute on 28 November 1993. Application in plain paper stating name, father's name, date of birth, nationality, permanent and present address, academic qualification along with attested copies of marks sheet of SSC, HSC & Bachelor's Degree/equivalent and two recent passport size photographs should reach to the Institute's office on or before 25 November 1993. Candidates should mention the name of his language choice both on the envelope and in his application. One cannot apply for more than one language. Successful participants will be awarded certificates by the Institute after the completion of the course.

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## WOMEN FOR BUSINESS

Are you an enterprising and efficient woman?  
Are you thinking of starting your own business?  
Have you already established a business organization but can't cope with the financial burden?

**THEN YOU ARE THE PERSON FOR WHOM WE HAVE ORGANISED THIS WORKSHOP**

To become an entrepreneur and get all the facilities including financial support this workshop is ideally planned to help and guide you.

DATE: 18TH & 19TH DEC 1993

ORGANISERS: BANGLADESH EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION (BEA)

Management: Brotee

Last date of confirmation: 5th December 1993

Contact: BROTEE

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## Chittagong University Notice of First Convocation

Dated: 16-11-1993, 2 Agrahayan 1400 BS

It is hereby notified for information of all concerned that the first general convocation ceremony of Chittagong University will be held in the first week of January 1994 to award the degrees to the undermentioned category graduate/post graduate degree holders of this university.

The date, time & place of the convocation ceremony will be announced in due course.

1. **Eligible degree holder:**

MA/MSc/M Com/BA (Hons)/BSc (Hons)/B Com (Hons)/BA (Pass)/BSc (Pass)/B Com (Pass)/MBBS/BSc Engg/LLB/B Ed/PhD/M Phil	Period of degree
	From 1968 upto 1982 examinations (which, as per calendar, was held next year/time.)
2. **Rules for participation in the Convocation:**
  - A) Registration fee Taka 500/- (five hundred) per degree. An individual having more than one degrees should submit registration fee & application separately for each degree.
  - B) Application for registration should be submitted in plain paper in the under-mentioned form to the Registrar, Chittagong University, Chittagong by 09-12-1993. No application will be received after 09-12-93.
  - C) Registration fee will be received in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of "Registrar" Chittagong University. Bank Draft should be payable only on Agrani Bank, University branch & Janata Bank, Fatchpur branch. No fee will be received in cash or by Money Order or Postal Order.
  - D) Those among the degree holders from 1968 to 1982 who have already received the original certificate will be treated as in eligible for application. Those among the degree holders from 1968 to 1972 who earlier deposited money for registration and have not received the original certificate in the meanwhile, need not submit the fee again. But they shall have to apply as per the undermentioned form to the undersigned by the above date. However, the words "Re-application" should be superscribed on the application. Otherwise the application will be treated as invalid.
  - E) Application without Bank Draft for registration fee or application with any column not filled in or with wrong information, will be treated as rejected without any notice.

Abdur Rashid  
Registrar  
Chittagong University

### Application Form

To  
The Registrar,  
Chittagong University,  
Chittagong.

Name of the degree obtained	
Examination year	

Sub: Application to participate in the First Convocation Ceremony

1. Name of candidate (as per certificate) .....
2. Father's Name .....
3. Name of the Degree obtained (A) ..... (B) Roll No. in the examination ..... (C) Year of examination ..... (D) Year of holding the examination ..... (E) Division/Class obtained. .... (F) College/name of hall/Out sider .....
- (G) Name of subject .....
- (Applicable for Honours & Master degree holders)
4. Present address of communication .....
5. Amount of money in Bank Draft for registration fee ..... No. .... Dated ..... Name of bank ..... Branch .....
- (Registration fee should be paid at the rate of Taka 500/- for each degree.)

Full name signature in own handwriting of the candidate (in Bangla)  
Date: .....

N B: Separate application & registration fee should be submitted for each degree.

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