

## Change in Biman's winter schedule

Biman Bangladesh Airlines has made some changes in its domestic winter schedule, effective from tomorrow till March 28, says a press release. Passengers who have already procured their tickets for travelling during this period are requested to contact the nearest Biman office for further information on the exact flight times as per the changed schedule, the release added.

## Japanese envoy calls on Yusuf

The Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh, Yoshikazu Kaneko, called on Health and Family Welfare Minister Salah Uddin Yusuf at his office yesterday, reports UNB. During the meeting, the minister appreciated the continuous assistance of the Japanese government for development of Bangladesh. Discussion on mutual interests also came up, said an official handout.



Organisers of the Jatiya Kabita Utsab '97 (National Poetry Festival) held a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday. —Star photo

## Nat'l Poetry Festival '97 begins tomorrow

A two-day 11th national poetry festival begins in the city tomorrow, reports UNB.

The theme of this year's festival is "Poetry: An Eternal Force of Emancipation." More than 300 local and foreign poets are expected to flock to Kabita Chattar of Dhaka University to welcome the advent of spring and sing songs of humanism, paying tributes to the martyrs of the Language Movement.

Organised by the Jatiya Kabita Parishad, the festival will be inaugurated by poet Abul Hossain at 10 am. A message from elderly poet Sufia Kamal will be read out at the inaugural ceremony.

Parishad president Syed Shamsul Haque announced the festival programmes at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday. Its Secretary, Mohan Raihan and other office bearers were also present.

The two-day festival, split into four sessions, will feature recitation of poems and discussions.

Poet Samudra Gupta will present the keynote paper on "Post-Independence Bangladesh" at the festival, which will also be attended by seven poets from West Bengal. They are, Shankha Ghosh, Jaya

Goswami, Krishna Basu, Joydip Basu and Pradip Basu.

The festivities will be followed by an election of new office bearers of the parishad.

Explaining the objectives of the parishad, Syed Haque said they had been arranging the festival since 1985 as part of their struggle against autocracy, communalism, injustice and exploitation.

When attention was drawn to the refusal of national poetry award by poet Shamsur Rahman, he said: "There is no discussion between Shamsur Rahman and the parishad to my knowledge."

He, however, mentioned that shortly after the fall of General Ershad, poet Shamsur Rahman wanted to dissolve the parishad. In this connection, Haque recalled that the Jatiya Kabita Parishad was formed mainly to fight that autocratic regime.

Asked what will be the parishad's reaction if Ershad who claims himself a poet,

comes to the festival, Mohan Raihan said he must be resisted. "Ershad is a killer, corrupt, and a looter. He should be hanged for usurpation of power in violation of the Constitution," he told the reporters.

## HERE and THERE

### Inter-university Officers' Fed

A K M Ruhul Amin Akand and Thander Abdul Hye have been elected president and secretary general respectively of Bangladesh Inter-University Officers' Federation, reports UNB.

The newly-elected federation leaders are the incumbent president and general secretary of the Dhaka University Officers' Association.

The election was held at the federation's annual meeting at Jahangirnagar University campus on Monday.

Other office bearers are: vice presidents — Shahid Dad Khan (Bangladesh Agricultural University) and Dr Mujahid Ali Chowdhury (Sylhet Shahjalal University), treasurer — Aftab Uddin Ahmed (Jahangirnagar University), joint secretary — Sheikh Shahjahan Ali (BUET) and publication secretary — Rezaul Huq Chowdhury (Dhaka University).

### BPATC course

A week-long course on Government-NGO relations, organised by the Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) concluded at Savar yesterday, reports BSS.

Some 35 mid-level officers from different governmental and non-governmental organisations participated in the

### course.

Prof Aminul Islam Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor, Jahangirnagar University, attended the closing function of the course as the chief guest and distributed certificates among the participants.

The function was presided over by Dr Ekram Hossain, Rector, BPATC and addressed, among others, by the course adviser, Prof M Hossain Ali and the course director, Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan.

### Samaj Chetona, FFB workshop

A day-long workshop on "Fishermen of Bangladesh: Struggle for Life and Livelihood" was held at the Engineers' Institution in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

Jointly organised by Samaj Chetona, a monthly magazine, and Fishermen Federation of Bangladesh (FFB) the workshop was attended by leaders of different professional organisations, including fishermen and farmers.

Among others, Dr Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, Dr Ahmed Kamal, Dr Abdul Gafur, Khushi Kabir, Provasgu Chowdhury, Dr Lenin Azad, Saiful Haque, Mesbah Kamal, Anwar Hossain, Anisur Kayum, Moshrefa Misu, Abdul Quddus, Abdul Mannan and Shakhawat Hossain took part in the discussion.

## Weather

### Dry weather may prevail

Dry weather is likely to prevail across the country with partly cloudy sky over Khulna, Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

The Met office forecast no appreciable change in night temperature during the period throughout the country is expected.

In its outlook for subsequent two days, weathermen predicted gradual rise in night temperature and weather may deteriorate in the following five days.

The country's lowest temperature, 7.2 degrees Celsius, was recorded at Srimangal and the highest, 27.5 degrees, at Cox's Bazar.

The sun sets today at 5:44 pm and rises day tomorrow at 6:40 am.



Renaissance, a voluntary organisation, brought out a rally yesterday demanding improvements in the city's traffic system and safer roads. —Star photo

## Minister tells JS Bangladesh has no extradition treaty with any country

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Advocate Abdul Matin Khasru Wednesday informed the Jatiya Sangsad that Bangladesh has no extradition treaty with any country at the moment, reports BSS.

In a written reply to a question from Shamsur Rahman Sharif (AL-Pabna) whether the accused of the killing of the father of the nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family members would be brought back home for holding trial, the minister said the issue of signing extradition treaty with foreign countries was under process.

Replying to another question from the same member, that what steps the government had taken to extradite the accused, the law minister said that the matter was under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Home Affairs. However, the government had continued its diplomatic, political and legal initiatives to extradite the accused from abroad for their trial.

## BOU exam rescheduled

The B Ed assignment examination of the batch '96 of Bangladesh Open University (BOU) will be held at 2 pm on Feb 5 instead of Feb 14, said a press release yesterday, reports BSS.

The time schedule has been changed for the convenience of the examinees, it added.

## Shahriar elected VP of C'wealth Journalists' Assoc

Hassan Shahriar, special correspondent of Ittefaq, has been elected vice-president of London-based Commonwealth Journalists' Association (CJA) at its conference held recently in Hong Kong, a press release said yesterday, reports UNB.

Shahriar, president of Commonwealth Journalists' Association, Bangladesh (CJA,B) and also correspondent of Newsweek, led a six-member delegation to the three-day conference, which concluded yesterday.

CJA vice-president Murry Burt was elected president, while John Mukela of Mozambique, the other vice-president. Shahriar presided over a session on "Human Rights Initiatives: 10 years of action".

## Green Umbrella logo campaign launched in Rajshahi div

RAJSHAHI, Jan 30: The Health and Family Welfare Ministry formally launched the 'Green Umbrella' logo campaign for Rajshahi Division here today, reports BSS.

Rajshahi Divisional Commissioner Rezwanaul Huq formally opened the logo campaign at a simple function, held at local Zila Parishad auditorium.

Presided over by Tafazzal Hossain Chowdhury, the function was also addressed, among others, by Deputy Commissioner of Rajshahi Kazi Farid Ahmed, Dr Mizanur Rahman, Director (Health), Rajshahi Division, Dr Nazrul Islam, Civil Surgeon, Rajshahi and Mohammad Shahjahan, Deputy Country Representative, the John Hopkins University Centre for Communication Programmes.

Later, a grand rally was brought out in the city, which paraded different streets with the slogan to rally round the Green Umbrella logo with the objective to help make the government health programmes a total success.



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**Legal Notice**  
In the Supreme Court of Bangladesh High Court Division (Special Statutory Jurisdiction)  
**Matter No 8 of 1997**  
Harunar Rashid Khan  
—Versus—  
Monno Ceramic Industries Ltd

It is hereby notified that an application under Section 81(2) read with Section 85(3) of the Companies Act 1994 was filed on 23.1.97 before the Hon'ble Company Judge of High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh for condonation of delay and direction and order to call, hold and conduct the Annual General Meeting of Monno Ceramic Industries Ltd for the year 1995-1996 (15th AGM) in the manner as the Hon'ble Court may think fit and proper.

The Hon'ble Court was pleased to admit the application and fix the same for hearing on 20th February 1997. Any persons wishing to contest the aforesaid application may appear in the Court either in person or through a duly appointed Advocate.

A copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned upon payment of requisite fees.

**Syed Refaat Ahmed**  
Advocate  
Cosmos Centre  
69/1, New Circular Road  
Dhaka-1217.

**Bangladesh Bank (BB)**  
Institutional Development Program

This is to invite consulting firms to register interest. Bangladesh Bank (BB) intends to engage consulting firm for the following studies under the International Development Association (IDA) assisted Poverty Alleviation Micro Finance Project (Cr. 2922-BD).

1. Establishing an appropriate regulatory framework and institutions for regulating Micro-Finance Institutions (MFIs) engaged in deposit taking/lending (estimated cost US\$ 60,000) and,
2. Developing financial, institutional and regulatory measures to assist MFIs in becoming formal financial institutions and strengthening the linkage of MFIs with the formal financial sector (estimated cost US \$ 60,000).

A consulting firm would be engaged for the above studies:  
Competent consulting firms are hereby invited to register their interest in undertaking the studies by sending the following information:

- i) Name, address and facsimile number of consulting firm.
- ii) Names and short CVs of key personnel expected to be included in the firm's proposal.
- iii) Ownership and organizational structure of the firm.
- iv) List of assignments, in the above areas, undertaken in recent years.

A short-list of consultants will be prepared from the firms who have registered their expression of interest to this notice. Only firms with demonstrated regional and international experience and excellent track record in the relevant field will be short-listed. Letter of invitation (LOI) will be issued to the short-listed consultants for submission of proposals.

Interested firms should address their enquiries and submit the information requested above to the address below by 20th February, 1997.

**Mr Md Buzrukh Meher**  
General Manager  
Agricultural Credit Department (ACD)  
Bangladesh Bank  
Motijheel C/A  
Dhaka, Bangladesh

**Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority**  
222, New Eskaton Road  
Dhaka-1000

**Re-Auction Notice for Sale of Kashmir Sweater Knitting Machinery and other Materials**

Sealed quotations are invited from local as well as Foreign Investors/Companies for Sale of Kashmir Sweater Knitting Machinery, Equipments and other materials of an enterprise of the Dhaka Export Processing Zone, Building No. 1 (Ground & 1st floor).

**Terms and conditions are as under:**

- i) Proposal for an appropriate project intended to be set up in the building/plots.
- ii) Price offer for the machinery, equipments & materials.
- iii) Acceptance of the project proposal by the Authority is the pre-requisite condition for acceptance of the Tender.

Project proposal forms and the tender documents can be procured from the Accounts Department of the BEPZA/CEPZ/DEPZ on payment of Taka 1,000/- (Non-refundable). No tender documents will be sold on the opening date of the tender.

Intending buyers are allowed to see the machinery and inspect the said factory building at Dhaka Export Processing Zone on any working day between 9-30 am to 3-30 pm upto 8-2-97.

Tenders must enclose Pay Order/Bank Draft of 25% of the quoted value as earnest money (refundable) from any Bank favouring the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority with the offer. Without earnest money tender will be rejected outright.

Successful tenderers are required to make 100% payment of the quoted price within 15 days of the acceptance of the offer by the Authority and thereafter takeover possession of the machinery, equipments & materials in accordance with the procedure of the Authority.

Tenders must be submitted in sealed envelopes in the tender box to be kept in the Office of the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority, 222, New Eskaton Road, Dhaka-1000 before 12.00 Noon on 13-2-97. It will be opened at 12:15 PM on the same day in presence of the tenderers (if any).

The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders/offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.

**AZM Azizur Rahman**  
Dy. General Manager  
Investment Promotion