

Uzbekistan Airways sign agreement with Benison Int'l of Bangladesh

By Special Correspondent
Uzbekistan Airways and Kumush ASR of Uzbekistan have signed an agreement with the Benison International of Bangladesh to operate a freight service to carry mainly dry cargo like garments to Europe and US markets.

The flights would be operated from mid-April by an Ilyushin-76 freighter, hauling 35 tonnes of cargo per flight, according to Benison International, the GSA (General sales agent) of Uzbekistan Airways.

This is the second such arrangement between a foreign airline and a local company. Earlier, Bangladesh Biman entered into an agreement with Korean Air to operate a freight service carrying garments mainly to US.

ROK interested to install private container terminal in Ctg port

By Staff Correspondent
CHITTAGONG, Apr 1: South Korean organisations evinced interest to install a private container terminal in Chittagong.

This was disclosed today by the South Korea envoy Tai Kayu Han when he made a courtesy call on president of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCC&I).

The ambassador said that Chittagong is fit for shipping related business because of its convenient geographical location.

Earlier, president of CCC&I Kamal Uddin Ahmed talked about the importance of modernisation of the existing ports.

Father of Satish Chandra Roy dead

Pohatu Ram Roy, father of State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Satish Chandra Roy, died on Wednesday at Dinajpur Sadar Hospital. He was 92, reports BSS.

Water treatment plant at Sayedabad: construction work begins Saturday

The construction work of the long-awaited water treatment plant at Sayedabad begins on Saturday, reports BSS.

Badruddoza not allowed to meet Obaid in jail

By Staff Correspondent
Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury was refused by the Dhaka Central Jail authorities to meet the jailed BNP leader IM Obaidur Rahman MP on Tuesday last.

Prof. Shahaed Obaid, wife of BNP leader Obaidur Rahman, said in a press release yesterday that she had written to the jail authorities a couple of days before the Eid-ul-Azha to allow Prof. Chowdhury, along with herself, to meet her husband.



As part of tour of SAARC countries organised by the NGO Jubo Shakti in Delhi, a sixteen-member SAARC youth team visited the Moitree Samaj Kalyan Sangha yesterday. Popular Indian film actor and noted social worker Sunil Dutt is leading the team. He is seen speaking at the meeting in the office of the Sangha.

30 allotted BSCIC plots remain 'unused' in Rajshahi

By Nurul Kabir, back from Rajshahi
A large number of industrial plots remain 'unused' in the BSCIC areas of Rajshahi district, while prospective investors are desperately looking for plots to set up factories in the industrial zone.

Some 30 plots, allotted to different people in the mid-eighties, still remain unused, says an official of BSCIC's Rajshahi office. 'On the other hand, a similar number of applications are pending with us since 1994.'

Resist all anti-development activities: Kibria

HABIGANJ, Apr 1: Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria has called for resisting unilaterally all anti-development evil designs of the opposition for the sake of maintaining the current pace of development, peace and stability in society, reports BSS.

BSF to handover Bangladeshi youth today

COMILLA, Apr 1: Indian Border Security Force (BSF) today assured handover of an abducted Bangladeshi youth by 10 am tomorrow, reports UNB.

Faridpur-Dhaka road link snapped

FARIDPUR, Apr 1: Road communications between Faridpur and Dhaka snapped from early today as transport workers of Rajbari blocked traffic on the Dhaka-Barisal highway, reports UNB.

Seminar held at NSU

Dr Abu Jafar Mohammad Sufian, a Professor in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at King Faisal University, Saudi Arabia, presented a talk on his newly published book titled 'Methods and Techniques of Social Research' at a seminar at North South University yesterday, says a press release.

One beaten to death in Ctg

By Staff Correspondent
CHITTAGONG, Apr 1: One person was killed following a family feud at Charfarij village under Bandar thana here on Wednesday night.

JCD extended meeting Apr 5

A two-day extended meeting of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of BNP, will begin at Engineers' Institute on April 5, reports UNB.

Navy seizes alcohol worth Tk 3 lakh in Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, Apr 1: Bangladesh Navy seized 480 bottles of whisky and 360 cans of beer worth Tk three lakh from two engine boats at the mouth of Karnaphuli river on March 29, an official source said today, reports BSS.

9 more Rohingya refugees return to Myanmar

COX'S BAZAR, Apr 1: Nine more Rohingya refugees went back to Myanmar on Wednesday, reports APB.

Jessore DC admits law, order worsens

JESSORE, Apr 1: The Deputy Commissioner of Jessore has admitted that the law and order situation in the district has deteriorated worrying the administration, reports UNB.

Terrorists attack village in Jessore

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Separate incidents claim two in Sylhet

SYLHET, Apr 1: Two people including a minor girl died in two separate incidents in the district, police said today, reports UNB.

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Reception accorded to Sunil Dutt

The Indian High Commission accorded a reception for legendary film star Sunil Dutt and members of the expedition team 'Hands Across Border' in the city yesterday evening, reports BSS.

Commemorative stamp on Dr F R Khan

Bangladesh Post Office will issue a commemorative postage stamp valued at Tk 4 on the occasion of the birth anniversary of the late Dr F R Khan, an eminent architect, tomorrow, reports APB.

Half-day hartal observed in Kalapara poura area in Patuakhali

BARISAL, Apr 1: A half-day hartal was observed in Kalapara poura area under Patuakhali district today in protest against the postponement of pourasava election for three months, reports APB.

CMP arrests 34 on different charges

CHITTAGONG, Apr 1: Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) arrested thirty four people on various charges and recovered some arms and ammunition from different parts of the city today, reports BSS.

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Clashes leave 24 injured in Madaripur, Chuadanga

MADARIPUR, Apr 1: Twenty-two people including two police personnel were injured in an encounter between rickshawpullers and lawenforcers here today, reports APB. Sources said the clash took place when rickshaw peddlers surrounded the local police station at 11 am, demanding release of one of their colleagues.

What's on today

Meeting: The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Venue: Surma, Dhaka Club Ltd. Time: 1:30 pm.

Condolence meeting: A condolence meeting will be held by Dhaka University Satirha Sammelan (58-62) to mourn the death of its members Aminul Islam Dutt and Munzur Ahmed. Venue: Dhaka Officers Club. Time: 5:00 pm.



A solo magic show by promising young magician Ali Rajtinged with a colourful fashion show entertained spectators at the performers' applause recently at the Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi R/A. The unique show was arranged at the courtesy of Castrol.

BNP patronising anti-democracy activities: Zillur

BELABO, Narsingdi, Apr 1: District unit president of the party advocate Asaduzzaman, general secretary Mahubur Rahman and Belabo thana Awami League president Shamsheer Ali Bhuiyan also spoke on the occasion.

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NARAYANGANJ, Apr 1: Former Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury today observed that the police administration had collapsed due to interference of the ruling party, reports UNB.

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Khaleda protests attack on party MP

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Mofazzal says Infrastructure dev in rural areas priority of govt

MATLAB, Chandpur, Apr 1: State Minister for Shipping Mofazzal Hussain Chowdhury Maya, Bir Bikram, has said the present government has given top priority to infrastructure development in the rural areas, reports BSS.

Scouts team to attend course in Australia

Mihir Kanti Majumder, Deputy National Commissioner (Community Development) and Md Zahedul Haque, Assistant Field Commissioner, Bangladesh Scouts left the city Wednesday by Thai Airways to attend the 19th Course for Leader Trainers to be held in Melbourne, Australia from April 1-6, says a press release.

3 killed in Sylhet road accident

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SYLHET, Apr 1: Three people including a father and son were killed in a road accident in the suburbs of Sylhet town on Dhaka-Sylhet Highway this afternoon.

Sylhet petroleum suppliers assoc calls for strike from April 5

SYLHET, Apr 1: Sylhet Petroleum Suppliers' Association has called an indefinite strike in the petrol pumps of the district from April 5, reports UNB.

New committee formed

A five-member new committee of Anabik Shakti Samabaya Griha Nirman Samity (ASSGNS) has been formed recently with former Chhaganaiya Central Cooperative Samity Limited chairman Hafez Ahmed as its president, reports BSS.

Obituary

Razia Malika Rahman, a former headmistress of Dhanmondi Government Girls High School, died on Saturday last in Makkah after performing holy Hajj there. She was 63, reports BSS.