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New Japanese envoy presents credentials

The newly-appointed Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, Kazuyoshi Urabe, presented his credentials to President Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB. Welcoming the new Japanese envoy, the President said relations between the two friendly countries could be strengthened further through greater bilateral cooperation. He appreciated the Japanese assistance for the socio-economic and infrastructural development of Bangladesh. As members of many international organisations, both the countries cooperate closely on matters of mutual interests, he said.

President Shahabuddin mentioned the liberal and transparent economic and investment policies of the government and expressed the hope that there would be increased Japanese investment in Bangladesh in the coming years.

Termining the relations between Japan and Bangladesh as cordial, Urabe expressed his optimism that the existing bilateral relations would be strengthened and diversified further in future.

Earlier, on his arrival at Bangabhaban, the ambassador was given a guard of honour by the President's Guard Regiment. He took salute and inspected the guard.

Secretary to the President Muhammad Ismail Hossain and Foreign Secretary in-charge Mohiuddin Ahmed were present on the occasion.

Hasina pays homage to freedom fighter M A Aziz

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday visited the Lalmitia residence of M A Aziz to pay her last respect to this valiant freedom fighter, who played a heroic role in the country's War of Liberation, reports BSS.

Founder Chairman of the Central Command Council of Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad M A Aziz died of heart attack on Tuesday at his residence and his body was kept at BIRDEM Hospital. The coffin was brought back home yesterday morning and will be buried at the Azimpur graveyard after his *namaz-e-janaza* at the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque after *Zohr* prayers.

The prime minister placed wreath the coffin of the deceased and stood for some time in solemn silence as a mark of respect towards the departed soul.

The prime minister spent some time with his bereaved family members and consoled them.

BNP protests killing of JCD leader in Pabna

BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan has strongly protested the killing of a JCD leader in Pabna by "Awami" terrorists, reports UNB.

In a statement yesterday, he said the "Awami" goons are trying to thwart the out-governments movement by killing their political opponents. "But their desire will never come true."

Bhuiyan demanded immediate arrest of the killers of Mohammad Amir Sakib, convener of JCD's Ishwardi poura unit.

Assistant organising secretary of BNP and former president of Chhatra League Habibur Rahman Habib in a separate statement also demanded arrest of Sakib's killers.

Govt urged to probe into Sathi's implication in murder case

By Staff Correspondent Sanghati, a human rights organisation, urged the government to make a proper investigation into Sathi's implication in a murder case.

Sathi, a leader of the evicted sex workers from Tanbazar and Nimtali brothels in Narayanganj.

Sanghati was formed to protest human rights violation of the sex workers evicted from the two brothels. It also expects that proper investigation would be conducted before giving any verdict to cases filed against sex workers, says a press release.

Hasina asks BKL leaders to ensure proper utilisation of agri loans

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon the Krishak League leaders to assist in proper utilisation of agricultural loan and help ensure integrated use of agro-inputs for the benefit of the country's peasantry.

Talking to a 14-member delegation of the Awami League-backed peasant organisation who called on her at her office, Sheikh Hasina said the government is committed to transforming each and every household of the country into a farm house.

Stressing the need for revitalising cooperatives movement in the country, Sheikh Hasina urged upon the BKL leaders to strengthen the farming societies through cooperatives to give the rural economy a greater push.

"We are building marketing mechanism of farm products through cooperatives so that the growers get the prices of their commodities," she said.

Earlier, the delegation, led by the president of the BKL and State Minister for Land Rashed Mosharraf and General Secretary Harun-ar-Rashid Howladar, apprised the prime minister of various organisational issues.

Referring to arsenic contamination of ground water which poses a serious threat to public health, the prime minister called for selecting at least a pond in each village for drinking water. The responsibility of managing this pond would be vested in the woman members of respective union parishad.

Among others, delegation members Rahmat Ali, MP, Mohammad Giasuddin, Mohammad Motahar Hossain and Azizur Rahman were present on the occasion.

Parliamentary delegation from Germany due Sunday

A six-member parliamentary delegation of Germany led by Brigitte Adler MP will arrive in the city Sunday for a six-day visit, reports BSS.

Dr Mohammed Selim MP and chairman of the standing committee on Ministry of Foreign Affairs will receive the delegation at the Zia International Airport.

During the visit, they will call on President, Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Leader of the Opposition, ministers and other high dignitaries.

The delegation will also call on Mayor of Chittagong City Corporation and visit Chittagong Port, Kaptai Hydro-electric Power Plant and Karnaphuli Paper Mills as well as the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

During their stay in the city they will also exchange views with the chairman and members of the standing committee on Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Other members of the delegation are Ingrid Holtzvetre MP, Holger Ortel MP, Morie Luise Doett MP, Clemens Schwabe MP and Guido Lorge, Secretary General.

Teenage maid allegedly commits suicide

A teenage maid allegedly committed suicide by jumping from the rooftop of a four-storey building in the city's east Rajabazar area yesterday, reports UNB.

Following her employer, hospital sources said Amena, 13, jumped onto the ground from the rooftop of their house number 122 at East Rajabazar at about 11 am.

She was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, where the attending doctors declared her dead. The employer claimed that the girl committed suicide, but he could not elaborate.

The body was sent to the hospital morgue for autopsy.

Aziz's qulkhwani today

The qulkhwani of M Abdul Aziz, founder secretary general of the Central Command Council of Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad, will be held today at 4:30 pm at his residence at 2/18, Block-B, Lalmitia, in the city, reports BSS.

M Abdul Aziz died of cardiac arrest on Tuesday at his residence. He was laid to rest at the Azimpur Graveyard yesterday after *namaz-e-janaza* at Baitul Mokarram National Mosque.

Hasina shocked at Nyerere's death

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed her profound shock and sorrow at the death of former Tanzanian president Julius Nyerere, reports BSS.

In a condolence message, the prime minister recalled with deep respect the charismatic leadership of the great African statesman who liberated his country from colonial rule.

A man on integrity and intellect, Nyerere would be ever remembered by his countrymen, she added.

Biman to start London-Dubai-Sylhet flight from Nov 3

Biman Bangladesh Airlines will start operation of its London-Dubai-Sylhet flight from November 3, reports BSS.

Initially, there will be two flights in a week departing from London for Sylhet on every Wednesday and Friday, BG-016 of Wednesday will depart London at 21:05 hrs (local time) and reach Sylhet via Dubai at 16:00 hrs (local time) next day and BG-018 of Friday will start for Sylhet via Dubai at 21:15 hrs (local time) to reach at 16:00 hrs (local time) Saturday.

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Invitation for Bids

Bids are invited by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) from reputed firms for the following sub-contract related to the establishment of two computer centres in the Parliament of Bangladesh. The activity is being organised under the "Strengthening Parliamentary Democracy" Project of the Parliament of Bangladesh and UNDP.

Terms of Reference:

Period of work: One year from the initiation of the contract

Main tasks:

- 1) Procuring all computers, Printers and necessary accessories for both Computer Centres;
- 2) Delivering and installing all equipment in the two Computer Centres;
- 3) Networking of the two computer centres ;
- 4) Providing one full-time computer and networking technician to Provide technical support to both Computer Centres; and
- 5) Designing and implementing, for the one-year duration, appropriate computer training courses targeted at two groups : Members of Parliament and Parliament Secretariat Officials.

The detailed Request for Proposals, including the complete Terms of Reference, can be collected from the UNDP Registry Office, 18th Floor, IDB Bhaban, E-8/A Begum Rokeya Sharani, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka.

Bids should be submitted to the above address in a sealed envelope (Attn. Project Implementation Specialist) stating the Project number "BGD/97/003" and the name "Strengthening Parliamentary Democracy". The envelope should also state the title of the sub-contract - COMPUTER CENTRES. Bids should reach the above -mentioned address not later than Thursday, 28 October 1999 at 4:00 pm.

UNOPS reserves the right to reject any or all bids without Providing any reason whatsoever.