

## Hajj delegation returns home

A six-member Hajj delegation led by State Minister for Religious Affairs returned home from Makkah Saturday night, reports UNB.

The delegation supervised food and lodging arrangements for Bangladeshi pilgrims at Mina-Arafat, said an official handout yesterday.

This year 7,700 Bangladeshi pilgrims performed the Holy Hajj under government arrangement.

The return Hajj flights will begin on March 21 and continue till April 4.

The other members of the delegation were: Altaf Hossain Golanad MP, Rangpur District AL president Shah Abdur Razzaq and vice president Mir Anisul Peera, freedom fighter of Natore Dr Saibor Rahman and a member of Board of Governors of Islamic Foundation, Moulana Sheikh Mohammad Bin Sayeed Jalalabadi.

## Shin Sakurai due today

Shin Sakurai, Member of the House of Representatives and Vice President of the Japan-Bangladesh Parliamentary League, will arrive in the city today on a three-day visit to Bangladesh, says a press release.

During the visit, Sakurai is expected to pay a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. He will also meet Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury, Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, Finance Minister S A M S Kibria, Communication Minister Anwar Hossain Manju, and State Minister for Planning Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir. Sakurai will also meet Khaleda Zia, Chairperson of BNP, H M Ershad, Chairman of Jatiya Party and Abdul Awal Minto, President of Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industries (FBCCI).

## Fire at EPZ in Savar

A fire damaged valuable machinery kept inside wooden boxes in front of a mill at the Export Processing Zone in Savar on Saturday, reports UNB.

Fire Brigade sources said the fire gutted 12 wooden boxes and damaged the machinery kept inside the boxes. They could not say how the fire started.

The EPZ fire unit brought the fire under control. The loss was estimated at about Tk 8 lakh.

## Exhibition

A six-day long exhibition of military equipment jointly sponsored by the Army, Navy and Air Forces will begin at Old Airport area from March 26 in celebration of Independence Day, reports BSS.

The exhibition will be opened by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at 10:30 am on Independence Day.

## US urged to declare general amnesty for 50,000 Bangladeshis

American-Bangladesh Friendship Society yesterday urged the US authorities to adjust the status of some 50,000 Bangladeshis staying in the United States without valid papers, reports BSS.

"We hope the visit of US President will help realise our demands," convenor of the Bangladesh chapter of the society and former naval chief MN Islam told a press conference.

Committee leader Kazi Abu Taher Monoz said a bill on their status was tabled in the US Congress last year seeking to obtain the status of those who arrived in the United States until 1989.

"But we want the status of all Bangladeshis who entered the USA until 2000 to be adjusted," he said.

The Society had pursued the US Congress to table a bill last year by Republican Congressman and chairman of its International Committee Benjamin

Gilman. He is also the chief patron of the society.

The New York-based Bangladesh Society earlier voiced the same demand ahead of the Clinton's visit to Dhaka.

The bill is currently under the scrutiny of the Congressional Judicial Sub Committee of the Immigration Committee. The Society leaders said Gilman has apprised the US President in person of the plea and that the government and the opposition leaders in Bangladesh were informed of the development in the US for further pursuance of the demand.

The leaders of expatriate Bangladeshis said those who entered into the US after 1989 were unable to secure the status as Lawful Permanent Residents (LPR).

They appealed to the US President to declare a General Amnesty for these undocumented Bangladeshis in the USA.

## 8 robbers arrested in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Mar 19: Eight robbers were arrested, along with firearms and ammunition, from the sea port's outer anchorage on Friday, reports UNB.

Officials said a patrol team of the Coast Guard on suspicion chased a Sandwip-bound engine boat and caught the dacoits at about 5 am.

The coast guards seized a shotgun, pistol, three bullets, three sharp objects and recovered goods the dacoits looted earlier.

"Six of the robbers were identified as Mohammad Abdullah, Farid Alam, Mahmud, Rafiquddin, Delwar Hossain and Kabir Hossain.

## Obituary

Shaheed Ahsan Chowdhury, Finance Manager of JAMES FINLAY PLC, Bangladesh, died of cardiac arrest on March 17 in Chittagong. He was 43, says a press release.

Chowdhury left behind his wife, two children and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his death.

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### 1) Coordinator

#### Nature of responsibilities:

The successful candidate will be responsible to provide technical and managerial support to the Reproductive Health programme of the HPSP of the Government of Bangladesh, in planning, implementation and monitoring of the component of women's right to life and health targeted at reducing maternal deaths as a woman's right.

#### The ideal candidate should have:

- Advance university degree in social sciences, preferably public health.
- 5 years of progressively responsible professional work experience at national/programme level in programme development, monitoring and implementation of large scale programmes, including experience in field based implementation, but preference will be given to experience with programmes related to women's health and rights.
- Current knowledge of issues, policies and procedures in the field of reproductive health, particularly in the field of reduction of maternal mortality and women's rights.
- Managerial, analytical, negotiating, communication and advocacy skills.
- Knowledge and use of standard office automation applications related to word processing, graphics presentations, etc. as well as MIS and databases.
- Fluency in written and spoken English and Bangla.
- Ability to work harmoniously with government counterparts and development partners.

#### Remuneration:

Remuneration is at NOC level of United Nations local salary scale.

### 2) Project Officer (Monitoring)

#### Nature of responsibilities:

The successful candidate will be responsible to provide technical and managerial support to monitoring and review component of the project on women's right to life and health targeted at reducing maternal deaths as a women's right.

#### The ideal candidate should have:

- University degree preferably social sciences.
- At least 2 years of professional work experience at national/programme level in development and monitoring of indicators, including experience in field based implementation, but preference will be given to experience with programmes related to women's health and rights.
- Current knowledge of issues, policies and procedures in the field of programme monitoring, particularly in the field of reduction of maternal mortality and women's rights.
- Managerial, analytical, negotiating, communication and advocacy skills.
- Knowledge and use of standard office automation applications related to word processing, graphics presentations, etc. as well as MIS and databases.
- Fluency in written and spoken English and Bangla.
- Ability to work harmoniously with government counterparts and development partners.

#### Remuneration:

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### 3) Project Officer (Training)

#### Nature of responsibilities:

The successful candidate will be responsible to provide technical and managerial support to training component of the project on women's right to life and health targeted at reducing maternal deaths as a women's right.

#### The ideal candidate should have:

- University degree preferably social sciences.
- At least 2 years of professional work experience at national/programme level in development and monitoring of training programmes, including experience in field based implementation, but preference will be given to experience with programmes related to women's health and rights.
- Current knowledge of issues, policies and procedures in the field of training, particularly in the field of reduction of maternal mortality and women's rights.
- Managerial, analytical, negotiating, communication and advocacy skills.
- Knowledge and use of standard office automation applications related to word processing, graphics presentations, etc. as well as MIS and databases.
- Fluency in written and spoken English and Bangla.
- Ability to work harmoniously with government counterparts and development partners.

#### Remuneration:

Remuneration is at NOB level of United Nations local salary scale. Full details of the terms of reference on above positions may be obtained from the office of Human Resources, UNICEF Bangladesh Country Office, Dhaka.

Applications with full bio-data and recent passport size photographs should be forwarded to the Chief of Human Resources Section, UNICEF-Bangladesh, Sheraton Annex, 1, Minto Road, Dhaka-1000, by 1 April 2000. On the envelope mention the post applied for. Only short-listed candidates will be called for interview.

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Tenders will have to be submitted in the tender box kept at the 1st floor, Room No 44 in the above-mentioned address on 30/3/2000 by 12:00 Noon and will be opened the same day at 12:30 pm (before those if anyone remains present).

The authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject all tenders without assigning any reason.

Md Mosleh Uddin Deputy Director (Administration)  
DFP-6372-15/3/2000 G-489

## Bangladesh Jatiya Sangsad Secretariat Administration Section

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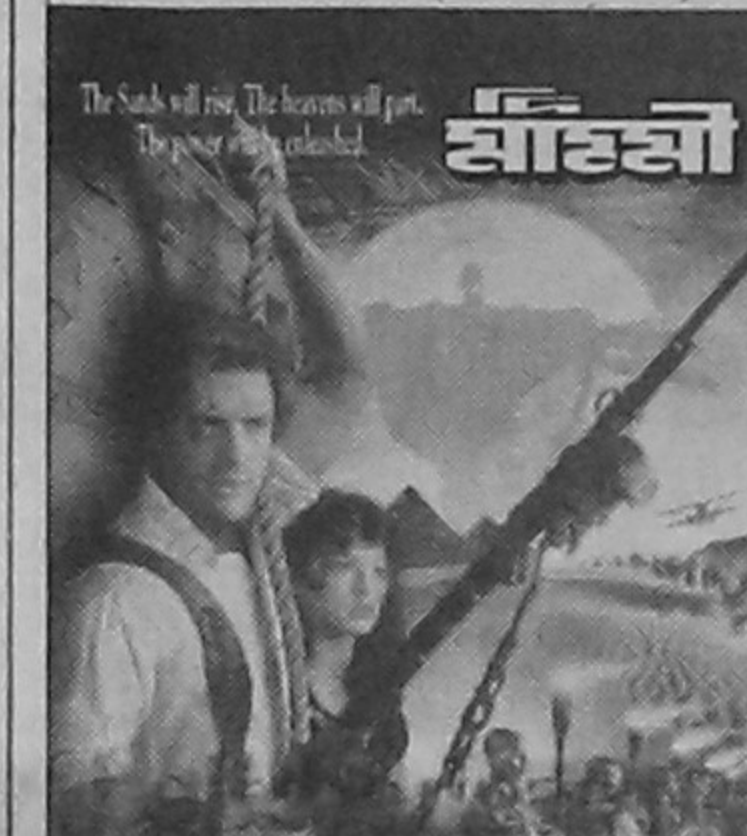
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