

Significant progress towards democracy: Draft ERD report

BSS, Dhaka
The country has achieved significant progress towards a viable democratic transition while many observers terming Bangladesh's experience as a role model of "moderate Muslim democracy".
On many counts, Bangladesh's performance has been better than the initial anticipations after the country's political independence, said a draft report of the Economic Relations Division (ERD) released in Dhaka yesterday.
The report said, notwithstanding the early negative predictions, Bangladesh has achieved considerable success in several spheres such as population control, reduction in child mortality and malnutrition, mainstreaming women in the development process, catalysing grassroots activism through NGOs and CBOs and in making democratic transition.

The draft report will be finalised after a series of consultations with different professional groups.
These successes, the draft report said, show the importance of undertaking public action through the government and non-government sectors at low-income level to realise higher social possibilities.
The report pointed out that ensuring free and fair elections through non-partisan caretaker government has been a noteworthy political innovation in the backdrop of weak democratic institutions in the country.
There have also been important gains in terms of increased political and electoral participation of women, enhanced press freedom and increasingly active civic movements, the draft report added.
The report said Bangladesh's progress also stands out in cross-country comparison and supports

the proposition that higher social and human development outcomes can be achieved even at a lower level of per capita national income.
Notwithstanding the relatively slow per capita income growth of about two per cent per annum and modest pace of income poverty reduction, Bangladesh's achievements in the broad area of human development were faster and, in some respects, remarkable, the draft report observed.
Bangladesh, the report said, witnessed significant success in overcoming the phenomena of mass starvation and the threat of famine syndrome in the backdrop of endemic vulnerability to natural disasters.
Bangladeshi women, have played an important role in the success of micro-credit, ready-made garment exports, reducing population growth, increasing child nutrition, and in the spread of primary education.

Luggage lost at ZIA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Gold ornaments and other valuables of a home coming passenger were lost amid police-BDR surveillance at the Zia International Airport (ZIA) yesterday.
Sources said one Harunur Rashid, son of Abdus Sattar Bepari of Mehendiganj, Barisal went to Saudi Arabia three years ago. He returned home in the morning flight of Bangladesh Biman at about 8:30am.
On completion of airport formalities, he kept his luggage in the canopy area and went outside to hire a taxicab. But minutes after he came back and found his luggage missing.
He filed a case with Airport Police Station in this connection.
In the FIR, he alleged that his hard-earned valuables worth about Tk 1.73 lakh were lost despite tight security measures in the airport area.



Awami League leaders took out a procession in the city yesterday protesting Jatiya Sangsad resolution condemning Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and party chief Sheikh Hasina.

JFCL resumes production

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Jamuna Fertiliser Factory Ltd (JFCL) of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) resumed its production on Friday.
The production of granular urea resumed after completion of necessary repair work of Secondary Reformer of Ammonia Plant, a BCIC press release said yesterday.
The factory had to shut down its production a few months back due to sudden breakdown of the Secondary Reformer of Ammonia Plant of the factory.

Fazle Imam sick

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Fazle Imam, senior vice-president of the Bangladesh Newspapers Press Workers' Federation, will leave for Bangkok today for treatment, says a press release.
President of the federation Mosharrar Hossain and secretary general Mozammel Haq, in a statement yesterday, urged all to pray for his early recovery.

Oman will recruit more Bangladeshi doctors

UNB, Dhaka

Gulf country.
At present, a large number of Bangladeshis are working in Oman which so far recruited 2.24 lakh Bangladeshis since 1976.
The state minister informed the delegation that 1,500 Bangladeshi graduate doctors and 100 dental surgeons enter into the job market every year after completing standard education.
He said some 2,000 doctors and 47,000 paramedics are now eligible for taking job abroad. Besides, 38 training institutes in the country are creating skilled nurses through four-year diploma course.

Birth anniversary

The 80th birth anniversary of eminent artist Safiuddin Ahmed will be observed today, says a press release.
On the occasion, the Shilpakala Academy will hold a function at its gallery. Noted artist Mohammad Kibria will preside over the ceremony.
A musical soiree will also be held on the occasion.

Remarks about Zia BNP announces fresh programme

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ruling BNP has announced fresh programme in protest of 'filthy' remarks on the founder of the party late president Ziaur Rahman by Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina.
According to the programme, Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal, a front organisation of the BNP, would organise rallies and processions today while the BNP would observe similar programme at thana level in Dhaka tomorrow.

Call to withdraw ban on Matir Moina

Geographical Society AGM June 27

Annual general meeting and day-long conference of Bangladesh Geographical Society will be held at 9:30 am on June 27 at the conference room of Bangladesh Institute of Administration and Management (BIAM) at 63, New Eskaton road in the city, says a press release.
President of Society and Professor, Department of Geography and Environment, Dhaka University Dr Amanat Ullah Khan will chair the inaugural session. Prof. Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor, BRAC University, will attend the function as chief guest, and Prof Yusuf Haider, dean, Faculty of Science, University of Dhaka as special guest.
Professor Nazrul Islam, Department of Geography and Environment, University of Dhaka will present the key-note paper.

Other front organisations - Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Jubodal, Jatiyatabadi Krishak Dal, Jatiyatabadi Mahila Dal, Jatiyatabadi Muktiyoddha Dal, JASAS, and Swechhashebak Dal would organise similar programmes on June 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 respectively.

Call to withdraw ban on Matir Moina

More cultural activists, teachers, poets and others have urged the Film Censor Board to withdraw its ban on the feature film 'Matir Moina', says a press release.
In a statement yesterday, they said the ban on screening the film deprives the people of their democratic right.

The signatories to the statement include Mostafa Monwar, Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, Selim Al Deen, Mamunur Rashid, Dr Akhter Ahmed, Farida Parveen, and Selina Hossain.
The film has been submitted to the Appeal Board for reconsideration of the ban.
Matir Moina, directed by Tareque Masud, was screened at Cannes Film Festival and selected as best film by the jurists.
It was also invited to film festivals at Venice, Toronto, Delhi, Argentina and Morocco.

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