

# Expatriates urged to invest in country

BSS, Dhaka

Dr Mtekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, ambassador and permanent representative of Bangladesh has called upon expatriate Bangladeshis in the United States to support development efforts by investing in the country.

He also urged them to invite their American friends to do so as the market in Bangladesh will now offer adequate returns.

He was speaking at the inaugural function of a Street Fair in New York, organised by the local Lalalabad Association on Sunday.

Ambassador Chowdhury said "Bangladeshis today can justifiably take pride in their country being a progressive, forward-looking and modernising polity which is also one of the largest democracies in the world."

He said the situation today is vastly different from the time when in 1974 Henry Kissinger had described it as "a bottomless basket case". Bangladesh has a long way to go, he pointed out and urged the expatriates to become involved in the country's development.

## Thai envoy meets commerce minister

BSS, Dhaka

Thai Ambassador to Bangladesh Pithaya Pookaman called on commerce Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury at his secretariat office.

They discussed different aspects of mutual interest during the meeting.



Canadian High Commissioner David Preston and British High Commissioner Dr David Carter called on Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina at her Sudha Sadan residence in the city yesterday.

# Unicef lauds Dhaka's commitment to cause of children

UNB, Dhaka

The Unicef lauded Bangladesh government's commitment to the noble cause of children, particularly the girls, for their sound upkeep.

Executive Director of the Unicef Carol Bellamy, in a letter to Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, said, "We share, as you know, a particular concern for girls' education, and I was truly impressed by both your achievements and ambitions in this priority area."

The head of the UN children's organisation thanked Khaleda for her contribution to the Special Session on Children held in New York May 8-10 this year.

"Your participation in this landmark event was again a clear demonstration of your commitment to the noble cause of children and your support to UNICEF", Carol Bellamy said.

She also expressed her gratitude for Khaleda's participation in the supporting event "Smart Start

for Children: the Network for the Sustainable Elimination of Iodine Deficiency" and for the enthusiastic support of Bangladesh's youth delegate Toukir Ahmed of UCEP, who presented the introductory statement to roundtable-2.

The UNICEF chief lauded the PM's statement to the Plenary where she stated that increased investment was needed to save children from the scourge of poverty, malnutrition, diseases, con-

flicts and war.

Bellamy said she was happy to learn that the present government has plans for vastly expanding the programme for reducing severe malnutrition among children under two years of age.

The Executive Director thanked for the government's support to UNICEF, and hoped for continued cooperation on behalf of the children of Bangladesh and of the world.

# Two Biman officials, employee suspended

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Biman Tuesday suspended two of its officials and an employee for negligence of duties during landing of two international flights and ordered investigation into another incident causing passengers inconvenience in Bangkok.

The action was taken following a meeting of the officials of Biman Bangladesh Airlines and the Civil Aviation Authorities in the presence of State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Mir Mohammad Nasir Uddin, a Biman press release said here on Tuesday.

Rahman to investigate the incidents and give his report within seven days.

Meanwhile, a one-member probe committee headed by Director Flight Operation Captain Kamal Mahmud was formed to investigate the alleged negligence of Biman crew in registering the inconvenience of passengers of 'J' class of a Biman flight after it landed in Bangkok on June 27.

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(ii) He/she should have minimum 5 years experience working on microfinance related issues in Bangladesh.  
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- 3. Quantitative Research Specialist:**  
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Responsibility: The incumbent will be responsible for overall activities of the Management Information System (MIS) of the project.  
Requirements: (i) Minimum Masters Degree with Second Class/Division in all examinations or a graduation degree with outstanding professional skills.  
(ii) He/she must know Excel while knowledge in Oracle will be preferable for selection.  
(iii) Any Degree/Diploma and institutional attachment/experience in the relevant area will be taken into consideration in selection.  
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For exceptional candidates, conditions may be relaxed.  
All appointments would be on contract basis for initial period of 01 (one) year renewable, subject to satisfactory performance and requirement of PKSF, up to the project period (i.e. 30 June, 2005).  
Women are specially encouraged to apply.  
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The state minister went to the Zia International Airport soon after he was informed about the three incidents linked to international flights.

Junior Operation Officer Sirajul Islam and Duty Manager Nowsad Hossain were suspended for their failure to immediately arrange alternative stairs for a Malaysian Airlines flight that landed at ZIA, which faced problems to unload passengers due to problems of the boarding bridge on Monday.

Scheduling Assistant of Motor Transport Department, Monir Hossain was suspended for not providing bus and other vehicles for a Biman flight that came from Bangkok via Myanmar on Monday.

The meeting asked the Joint Secretary of the Civil Aviation Ministry Mohammad Mostafizur

## Jamiruddin, Khaleda greet Bush

BSS, Dhaka

Acting President Barrister Muhammad Jamiruddin Sircar and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday greeted US President George W Bush on the occasion of the Independence Day of the United States of America.

In his message, Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar expressed the hope that existing bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two countries would be further strengthened in the years to come.

He wished good health and happiness of George W Bush as well as continued peace, progress and prosperity of the people of the United States.

In a separate message, Khaleda Zia hoped that the bonds of friendship between the two countries would be further developed and strengthened in the years to come.



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