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Iajuddin, Khaleda greet Turkish President, PM

UNB, Dhaka
President Iajuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday greeted their Turkish counterparts on the occasion of the Proclamation of the Republic Day of that country.
In a message to President Ahmet Necdet Sezer of Turkey, Iajuddin said, "I am confident that the relations between our two fraternal countries characterised by close bonds of cooperation will be further consolidated and diversified in the years ahead."
In a separate message to Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit, Khaleda Zia said, "I have firm conviction that the brotherly relations that so happily exist between our two countries will be further developed and strengthened in the days to come. The president and the prime minister also conveyed best wishes for good health, well-being and happiness of their Turkish counterparts and for continued peace, progress and prosperity of the people of the Republic of Turkey."

Kuwait urged to recruit more workers

UNB, Dhaka
Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday urged Kuwait to recruit more skilled and semi-skilled manpower from Bangladesh for the benefit of both the countries.
The request was made when outgoing Ambassador of Kuwait Ali Hussain Al-Sammak, called on the prime minister at her office.
The ambassador expressed gratitude for the role of Bangladesh during the Gulf War and in rebuilding his country. He specially mentioned the successful de-mining operation conducted by the Bangladesh Army in Kuwait.
Ali Hussain termed the Bangladeshi troops as one of the best in the world in de-mining.
Khaleda mentioned the present investment policy and opportunities provided to foreign investors. She hoped that Kuwaiti businessmen would come forward to set up joint ventures in Bangladesh.
Urging the ambassador to utilise his good offices in raising the

volume of imports from Bangladesh, the prime minister emphasised the exchange of visits at various levels.
Training of Kuwaiti defence personnel in Bangladesh and joint exercise of the defence forces of two brotherly countries also came up during the discussion.
The prime minister requested the ambassador to convey her best wishes to the Ameer and Prime Minister of Kuwait and extended invitation to them to visit Bangladesh.

'No plan to close down any more jute mills'

UNB, Dhaka
The government has no plan to close down any more state-owned jute mill. Jute Minister Hafizuddin Ahmad said yesterday.
He was addressing the officers of the Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) on the occasion of the certificate giving ceremony of a two-year long jute technology training course.
Presided over by the Chairman of BJMC ASM Abdul Halim, the

function was also addressed by the Jute Secretary AFM Sarwar Kamal.
The minister said the government closed down the Adamjee Jute Mills (AJM) to protect other jute mills of the BJMC. As a result, some of the jute mills will earn profit this year, he added.
The closing of AJM did not hamper the country's overall production, he said, adding that the government has taken up tough measures against the corrupt persons.

He said the government has been attaching more priority to human development with a view to proceeding towards diversified jute products and paper pulp from raw jute.
The Institute of Jute Technology, Mymensingh, imparted the training to 56 apprentice officers of BJMC.
Later, the minister gave away the certificates among the participants, said an official release.

15000 flats to be built for the poor

BSS, Dhaka
The implementation of the project for construction of residential flats for the slum-dwellers and lower income group people in the capital city is progressing fast.
A total of 15,024 flats will be constructed on government land under the project that involves an estimated cost of Tk 47.12 crore, land ministry sources told the news agency yesterday.
The sources said the ministry has selected investors from the private sector through bidding for implementing the project and the process of signing the agreement is now in the final stage.
The private sector investors will bear the cost of the project, which was already approved by the ECNEC.
Under the project, 9,024 flats will be constructed for the slum-dwellers and 6,000 for lower income group people on some 47.90 acres of land in the city's Bhasantek area.
It envisages construction of 188 six-storied buildings for slum-dwellers and 250 six-storied buildings for lower income group people of the city, the sources said.
A total of 48 families will be able to live in each of the buildings to be constructed for slum dwellers and each flat will be 215 square feet with one living room, one kitchen and a bathroom.

Peerless hospital provides better treatment at lower cost

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Peerless Hospital and B K Roy Research Centre of Kolkata has been offering better treatment facilities for the outstation patients at an affordable cost for long.
"About 75 patients from Bangladesh go to 300-bed hospital per day for treatment and this figure is expected to reach 100 soon due to high level of service and personal care", said S K Roy, managing director of the Peerless Group at a press conference in the city yesterday.
The press conference was organised by Reflect Media Communication Ltd on the occasion of the 10th founding anniversary of the hospital.
"Any patient from any country can consult our specialist doctors at the hospital at a minimum charge of Tk 50 whereas it would cost Tk 500 at their outdoor chamber", Roy said.
Replying to a query he said they have a plan to set up such a hospital in Bangladesh in future in collaboration with the local entrepreneurs.
The Peerless Hospital was first founded in Narayanganj in 1932 in the name of Peerless Health Care.

Discussion on Abbasuddin today

A discussion will be held at the National Public Library at Shahbagh in the city today on the occasion of the 101st birth anniversary of Abbasuddin, a renowned singer of the sub-continent, says a press release.
The Dhaka Unit of Bangladesh Loksangeet Kendra organises the discussion at the seminar hall of the library at 6.00pm.
Noted cultural personality Mostofa Monowar will attend the discussion as chief guest while columnist Hafizur Rahman, singer Nadira Begum and Dr Nashid Kamal will be present as special guests.
Inu, Sazzad elected president, gen secy of JSD
UNB, Dhaka
Hasanul Haq Inu and Syed Jafar Sazzad were elected president and general secretary respectively of a faction of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD).
A 101-member working committee and 15-member standing committee were formed at the council of the party's two-day national convention that ended in the city on Monday.
The council also expelled ASM Abdur Rob, Noor Alam Ziku and Abdul Malek Ratan from the party for "anti-organisational activities," said a press release yesterday.
Moinuddin Khan Badal was made executive working president.



No change in temperature

UNB, Dhaka
Weather is likely to remain mainly dry over the country during the next 12 hours till 6pm today.
Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.
Yesterday's highest temperature of 31.8 degree Celsius was recorded at Chittagong and the lowest of 15.8 degree at Jessore.
The sun sets in the capital at 5:21 pm today and rises at 6:04 am tomorrow.
The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	30.4	18.3	47	48
Chittagong	31.8	21.7	79	72
Rajshahi	30.8	16.2	61	76
Khulna	31.0	19.2	77	77
Barisal	30.0	19.0	74	80
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Package	Hotels	30 Days Package (Full Board)				20 Days Package (Full Board)				15 Days Package (Full Board)			
		DBLB (INT)	DBLB	TRPL	QUAD	DBLB (INT)	DBLB	TRPL	QUAD	DBLB (INT)	DBLB	TRPL	QUAD
Khogeer Makkah	Aziz Khogeer in Makkah Al Wissam in Medinah	US\$ 3120/-	US\$ 3660/-	US\$ 3255/-	US\$ 3065/-	US\$ 2550/-	US\$ 2770/-	US\$ 2550/-	US\$ 2415/-	US\$ 2265/-	US\$ 2375/-	US\$ 2215/-	US\$ 2135/-
Yamouk	Aziz Khogeer Makkah Al Wissam in Medinah	X	US\$ 3116/-	US\$ 3259/-	US\$ 2759/-	X	US\$ 2492/-	US\$ 2319/-	US\$ 2235/-	X	US\$ 2219/-	US\$ 2092/-	US\$ 2036/-
Sultan	Sultan in Makkah Al Wissam in Medinah	X	US\$ 2750/-	US\$ 2565/-	US\$ 2480/-	X	US\$ 2325/-	US\$ 2210/-	US\$ 2130/-	X	US\$ 2120/-	US\$ 2010/-	US\$ 1980/-
Aziq Al Gazzah	Aziq Al Gazzah in Makkah Al Wissam in Medinah	X	US\$ 2874/-	US\$ 2547/-	US\$ 2453/-	X	US\$ 2270/-	US\$ 2162/-	US\$ 2107/-	X	US\$ 2548/-	US\$ 2433/-	US\$ 1979/-
Al Wissam Makkah	Al Wissam in Makkah Al Wissam Medinah	X	US\$ 2535/-	US\$ 2415/-	US\$ 2755/-	X	US\$ 2199/-	US\$ 2099/-	US\$ 2060/-	X	US\$ 2040/-	US\$ 1999/-	US\$ 1925/-

EID IN MAKKAH

Package	Hotels	15 Days Package (Full Board)			
		DBLB (INT)	DBLB	TRPL	QUAD
Khogeer Makkah	Al Wissam in Medinah Aziz Khogeer in Makkah	US\$ 3396/-	US\$ 4197/-	US\$ 3516/-	US\$ 3344/-
Sultan	Al Wissam in Medinah Sultan in Makkah	X	US\$ 2775/-	US\$ 2513/-	US\$ 2389/-
Aziq Al Gazzah	Al Wissam in Medinah Aziq Al Gazzah in Makkah	X	US\$ 2874/-	US\$ 2462/-	US\$ 2332/-
Al Khaleej	Al Wissam in Medinah Al Khaleej Makkah	X	US\$ 2826/-	US\$ 2433/-	US\$ 2321/-

AFTER EID IN MAKKAH

Package	Hotels	20 Days Package (Full Board)		
		DBLB	TRPL	QUAD
Khogeer Makkah	Aziz Khogeer in Makkah Al Wissam in Medinah	US\$ 2330/-	US\$ 2296/-	US\$ 2145/-
Yamouk	Aziz Khogeer in Makkah Al Wissam in Medinah	US\$ 2264/-	US\$ 2133/-	US\$ 2092/-

All Packages Include:

- Air Fare Economy Class on Saudi Airlines
- Meet & Assist at airport
- Accommodation in Makkah & Medinah as per schedule
- Iftar & Suhroor in Makkah & Medinah
- Transportation from / to Jeddah
- Mazara in Makkah & Medinah

About Hotels

- Al Wissam Hotel in Medinah is 100 meters away from Masjid-i-Nabwi. It has 180 en-suite rooms with all modern amenities & has two restaurants which can accommodate upto 400 guests.
- Aziz Khogeer Hotel in Makkah is next to Bab-al-Malik and has 281 en-suite rooms & 780 beds all fully equipped with 4 star facilities & a basement restaurant - Al-Fardous
- Sultan Hotel in Makkah is 200 Meters from Bab-al-Umrah & has 37 en-suite room & 103 beds. It has a roof top restaurant & is equipped with all modern 3 star facilities.
- Al Wissam Hotel in Makkah is 500 meters to Bab-al-Makkah & has 56 en-suite rooms & 224 beds all fully equipped with 3 star facilities & a Mezzanine restaurant.
- Aziq Al Gazzah Hotel in Makkah is 800 meters from Bab-al-Salam & has 46 en-suite rooms & 111 beds & has all 3 star facilities including restaurant.
- Al-Khaleej Hotel in Makkah is 500 meters from Bab-al-Fahad & has 176 en-suite rooms & 400 beds. It is a 4 star Hotel with Basement & Mezzanine restaurant.

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