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Outgoing British High Commissioner Dr David Carter called on President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday.

POST OF OIC SECRETARY GENERAL

No Malaysian request to withdraw from race: FM

BSS, Dhaka

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan yesterday expressed optimism of winning the coveted post of OIC Secretary General.

"We have not received any request from Malaysia to withdraw our candidate in return for man power export, he told the newsmen at the airport on his return from Morocco.

He said if there is a consensus, well and good. It not,

Bangladesh is ready to go for election. Replying to a question, he said, "We expect Malaysia will extend its support to Bangladesh's candidature withdrawing from the race.

He said that the relations with Malaysia would improve in the days ahead and the contest for the top OIC post has nothing to do with the bilateral relations.

Describing the Morocco visit as very fruitful, Morshed said Bangladesh values its friendship

with it as both the countries have historical close relationship.

Expressing thanks to Morocco for its support to candidature for the OIC post, he said his Moroccan counterpart Mohammed Benaissa would visit Bangladesh late this year while the Monarch next year.

During the first ever bilateral meeting between the two sides, Morshed said Morocco to import jute and leather goods from Bangladesh.

Obituary

BSS, Dhaka

Rahima Khatun Chowdhury, mother of senior staff reporter of Dainik Dinkal Mahmuda Khatun, died of kidney failure at a hospital in Oklahoma, USA on Saturday at the age of 72.

Rahima left behind her three sons and three daughters.

She will be buried at Banani graveyard.

Bangladesh Women Journalists Forum President Rasheda Amin in a statement condoled the death of Rahima Khatun Chowdhury and expressed her deep sympathy to the bereaved family.

CYPRUS PROBLEM

Dhaka disappointed at rejection of UN plan

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh has expressed deep disappointment at the rejection of the UN plan for the reunification of Cyprus by one community in Cyprus.

"Bangladesh feels that a great opportunity has been missed for reunifying the two communities under a UN plan," says a foreign ministry press release.

Bangladesh has also urged the international community and the UN to continue their efforts to achieve a peaceful resolution of the Cyprus problem.

Dhaka believes that those who voted for the UN plan in Cyprus should now be given the opportunity to restore immediately their economic and trade activities internationally without any restriction, the release added.

FNB executives

Abdul Mueyed Chowdhury, executive director of Brac, has been elected chair of the Federation of NGOs in Bangladesh (FNB) unopposed, says a press release.

The election to the 21-member national executive board of the FNB was held at its first annual general meeting in the city on Friday.

Kamaluddin Akbar of RDRS and Rasheda K Choudhhury of Ganosakkharta Avijan were elected vice-chairs and Abul Hasib Khan of Resource Integration Centre was elected treasurer unopposed.

The members are Md Abdul Kader (Samata), Dr Md Ibrahim (CMES), Syeda Rizwana Hasan (Karmasuchi), Zakir Hossain (Buro Tangail), MA Kader (Setu), Md Azharul Islam (FDA), Shamsunnahar Rahman Paran (Ghasful), Shahidul Haque (SARPV), Zehin Ahmed (FIVDB), Shah-e-Mobin Zinnah (CDA) and Sheikh Asaduzzaman Khokan (ESO).

Other members are Kazi Mizanur Rahman (Chittagong), Nasima Begum (Khulna), Moazzem Hossain (Rajshahi), Belal Ahmed (Sylhet), Michael PK Bar (Barisal) and Majibur Rahman (Dhaka).

M Tajul Islam is the member secretary (ex officio).

Dr Mahmudur Rahman new PSC member



Public Service Commission (PSC) recently, says a press release.

Earlier, he was the head of epidemiology department at Nipsom.

Professor Dr Mahmudur Rahman, director of National Institute of Preventive and Social Medicine (Nipsom), has been appointed a member of the

Intensify oustgovt movement: Hasina

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina has called upon the people to intensify the movement for unseating the government.

She was addressing two unscheduled wayside gatherings at Chashara of Narayanganj and Kashipur of Fatulla on her way to Munshiganj yesterday.

Hasina said the government has no right to stay in power as life of the people has become unbearable due to its misrule.

She promised to visit

Narayanganj on May 1 to lead a rally.

President of Narayanganj City Awami Legue Anwar Hossain, General Secretary Advocate Khokon Saha, Dr Selina Hayat Ivy and Advocate Anisur Rahman Dipu also spoke.

Reunion

A day-long fourth re-union programme of Dhaka University Political Science Department Alumni Association (DUPDAA) will be held on April 30 from 9.30am to 7pm at the teachers' students centre, says a press release.

WEATHER TODAY

Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions till 6 pm today.

Day temperature may rise slightly over the country, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 33.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Patuakhali and the lowest 19.9 degree at Srirongal.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:25 pm today and rises at 5:27 am tomorrow.

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	31.0	23.7	71	62
Chittagong	33.0	23.0	69	61
Rajshahi	33.5	21.1	69	64
Khulna	33.5	23.8	73	70
Barisal	32.9	23.5	71	72
Sylhet	32.2	22.2	54	68
Cox's Bazar	--	25.4	77	--

