

President seeks UAE help to tackle floods permanently

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Ambassador of United Arab Emirates (UAE) Saeed Mohammad Sultan Al-Za'abi made a farewell call on President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday.

The outgoing envoy expressed his gratitude to the president as well as the government of Bangladesh for their full support in discharging his duty during the tenure of his office.

He lauded the role of Bangladeshis working in UAE and laid emphasis on extending increasing facilities to them.

He said the UAE would continuously work with Bangladesh in development of both the countries and other common

PM for Bangladesh-Indonesia joint chamber to expand trade

Outgoing envoy meets Khaleda

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Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday emphasised expansion of trade and other bilateral relations with Indonesia and suggested establishment of Bangladesh-Indonesia joint chamber of commerce to that end.

Her suggestions came when the outgoing Indonesian Ambassador Mansjur Maddolangeng made a farewell call on her at the Prime Minister's Office.

The Indonesian envoy, who goes on retirement after completing his last assignment of three years in Bangladesh, expressed his confidence that political, cultural and trade relations between the two friendly countries would further improve through the first meeting of Bangladesh-Indonesia Joint Commission to be held in Dhaka soon.

Maddolangeng appreciated the existing investment-friendly atmo-

sphere in Bangladesh, a country with "huge potential". He particularly lauded the quality of some Bangladeshi products, including ceramics, medicine, melamine, jute goods, and readymade garments.

The prime minister and the envoy both observed that the recent exchange of visits between Bangladesh and Indonesia at the highest level further strengthened ties between the two nations.

They referred to the commonalities in history, heritage and culture of the two countries and hoped that the existing bilateral cooperation would expand further.

The outgoing ambassador said he would try personally in his retired life to improve trade, commerce and other bilateral cooperation between Bangladesh and Indonesia.

Khaleda requested the envoy to convey her best wishes to the Indonesian President. Bilateral and regional issues of common interest came up for discussion during the meeting.



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Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) Chairman Prof Rehman Sobhan and Executive Director Debapriya Bhattacharya called on Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina at her Sudha Sadan residence yesterday to express sympathy.



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Carrying sticks, traders of New Market area stage a demonstration in the city yesterday demanding an end to extortion and crime.

Sandhani's appeal

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The Dhaka Medical College (DMC) unit of Sandhani has sought financial help for purchasing blood-bags and blood examining reagents.

A huge quantities of blood is required for the victims of the bomb blast on August 21, said a press release yesterday.

The Sandhani unit has collected 400 bags of blood so far and said scores of people are ready to donate blood. The shortage of blood-bags and reagents has been hampering the blood procurement process, it added.

The unit also called upon the people to donate AB+ve and negative blood because of shortage of the two groups.

It urged the intending blood donors to contact over telephone numbers: 0189-238884, 0172-856495, 0172-263940 and 0171-2806693.

1,430 more held

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Police arrested some 1,430 people on various charges from different parts of the country in the last 24 hours ending at 6.00am yesterday.