



A colourful procession was brought out in Chittagong yesterday marking the inauguration of a three-day conference, on 'Rights and Development'.

## Nightmares in dreamland

Thousands of Bangladeshis yet to get legal status in US

UNB, Los Angeles

Humayun Kabir, in his 30s, drives taxi in downtown Los Angeles and earns over \$ 2,500 a month. But he is not a happy man.

Humayun is always haunted by the fear of being deported because he is an undocumented immigrant.

"I was, in fact, a businessman. I used to earn more than what I do now. But one day my Bangladeshi partner technically drove me out of the business, forcing me to take up the odd job," said a distraught Humayun (not his real name).

He comes from Mirsarai thana of Chittagong district. He migrated to the USA from Saudi Arabia five years ago as a domestic help of a wealthy family and then chose to stay here permanently.

Humayun has long been trying to

legalise his status without any luck.

"I also married a black woman on contract to have a Green Card... but the woman and my lawyer, who is also from the black community, cheated me. The woman even took away all my money from the bank, as I had to open a joint account as part of the process to prove that she is my wife," Humayun recalls.

"But I am not ready to give up. I still dream of going back home with a US Green Card and getting married," he said.

There is nothing unique in Humayun's case. He is among 5,000 undocumented Bangladeshi immigrants in California.

According to Md Shahidul Islam, the Bangladesh consul general in Los Angeles, there are some 40,000 Bangladeshi immigrants living in California, one of the largest states of the USA, and they have reputations as hard workers.

The consul general told UNB that they had put forward a proposal to the US authorities to provide IDs to Bangladeshi undocumented immigrants so that they can open accounts in particular banks and have access to libraries in the USA.

"They (the US authorities) have assured us of looking into the matter," Islam said.

There is, however, good news for the undocumented immigrants, he said. President Bush recently vowed to push a plan that would allow undocumented immigrants to remain in the United States as guest workers.

It would allow three-year work visas for an undetermined number of the millions of immigrants living illegally in the US.

Guest workers could then apply for permanent legal status, but their applications would have to include letters from employers assuring that the migrants were filling jobs that could not be filled by US citizens.

The Bangladesh consul general hopes that after the implementation of Bush's plan, Bangladeshi undocumented immigrants in the USA would be enjoying the same benefits as other Hispanic immigrants.

Whatever may be the case, undocumented immigrants and even some of those who have earned legal status are frustrated after the re-election of President Bush. Hundreds of immigrants, including Bangladeshis, are now trying to migrate to Canada.

"I'm totally frustrated. I couldn't be a US citizen even after living here for the last 16 years. So I'm going to Canada next month to settle there permanently," says Adil, another Bangladeshi.

## Guest birds back to their JU winter home

BSS, Savar

Thousands of guest birds have landed in their traditional sanctuary, the safe lakes of Jahangirnagar University, free from gunshots and tricky hunters.

According to the amateur ornithologists, the guest birds have made long journeys before nesting and resting in the campus lakes. Some of them are from farthest corners of cold Siberia and the valleys of Himalayan mountain range.

Traditionally, the lakes inside the JU campus provide them with food, shelter and bird-friendly students and teachers who take great care in protecting the dignity of their winter guests.

The evergreen campus of JU is also known as the lone full-fledged residential university in the country with a total of 19 big and small lakes and ponds along with bushes, providing safe sanctuary to the guest birds.

Every year, during the winter season, the migratory birds from colder regions, flock to different lakes, haors, bils, and other low-lying water bodies seeking refuge in tropical Bangladesh.

Bird experts said, some 93 percent of the migratory birds, that visited this region, are lesser whistling ducks, a black long-throated duck which is known in our country as small Sharali.

Besides this, Pankaori, Heron, Ducks, Kadakhucha and many more unidentified birds come to the campus every year and live on little fishes,

insects and snails, the experts added.

Amateur ornithologist, AHM Ali Reza said, nearly 8,000 to 10,000 migratory birds of about 25-30 species would fly into the campus even 5 years ago, but now the number has been reduced to 3,000 to 4,000.

Reza, a lecturer of the Zoology Department of JU, also expressed fear that the birds would not visit the JU campus within next five to six years from now because of ecological unfriendliness of the lakes, over population, lack of proper security, extreme sound pollution and insensitivity of the authorities.

Experts hope that the evergreen campus could be an attractive tourist spot, if the university authorities took proper measures to make it a real safe paradise for the migratory birds by preserving its natural structures and heritages.

Hundreds of bird-enthusiasts from different parts of the country visit JU campus just to enjoy the panoramic views of the lakes when the guest birds make it their home.

A colorful bird fair is organised every year on the campus to display domestic and guest birds. A large number of visitors attend the fair to enjoy the sublime nature of the creation.

The university authorities have imposed strong restrictions on hunting on the campus but the birds are not yet completely safe from the hungry hunters.

No remarkable attempt was made to protect these birds by any organisation across the country.



## No change in temperature

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country during the next 24 hours till 6.00pm today.

Light to moderate fog will occur early this morning over the country. Met Office said, adding that night temperature may remain nearly unchanged.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 32.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Cox's Bazar and the lowest of 12.6 degrees at Srimangol.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:11pm today and rises at 6:23am 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	28.7	18.1	63	62
Chittagong	30.5	17.8	75	69
Rajshahi	29.7	16.4	80	80
Khulna	29.0	18.5	64	--
Barisal	29.0	17.4	92	73
Sylhet	29.5	16.6	57	64
Cox's Bazar	22.0	17.6	75	76

## DHAKA TODAY

### Art competition

An art competition for the children will be held to mark the 14th death anniversary of Shaheed Dr Shamsul Alam Khan Milon. Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy. Time: 3.00pm.

### Academy film show

Academy Film Society will screen an American film titled '13 Going On 30' (2004) and a Spanish film titled 'High Heels' (1991). Venue: 21/C Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm and 8.30pm.

### AL meeting

A meeting of the lawmakers of Awami League will be held. Venue: AL President's Office, Dhanmondi. Time: 10.30am.

### Seminar

A seminar on the 'Role of judges, lawyers, politicians, law enforcing agencies and media to ensure justice' will be held with Speaker Mohammad Jamiruddin Sircar as chief guest. Venue: Supreme Court Bar Auditorium. Time: 4.00pm.

### Discussion

Bangladesh Federal Sangskritik Parishad organises a discussion on

Maulana Bhasani. Venue: Bangladesh Photojournalists Association Auditorium. Time: 4.00pm.

### Anti-Tobacco discussion

Bangladesh Anti-Tobacco Alliance organises a discussion to celebrate its fifth founding anniversary with Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain as chief guest. Venue: Atomic Energy Commission Auditorium. Time: 3.00pm.

### BMA discussion

Bangladesh Medical Association will hold a discussion to mark the 14th death anniversary of Shaheed Dr Shamsul Alam Khan Milon with LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan as chief guest. Venue: Dhaka Medical College Premises. Time: 10.00am.

### Lasik seminar

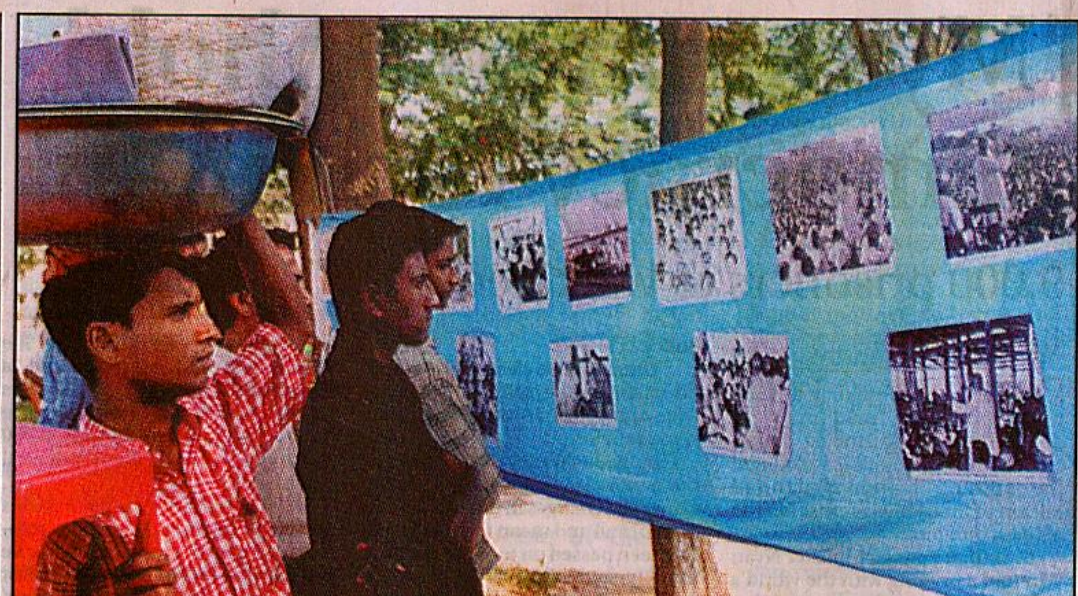
Dream Laser Vision Ltd will hold a seminar on lasik surgery. Venue: University of South Asia Auditorium, Banani. Time: 9.30am.

### Rotary meeting

Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club, Shahbagh. Time: 5.30pm.



Lions Club District Governor Rukhsana Nazir distributes money among the destitute families at the installation ceremony of newly elected executives of the Lions Club of Dhaka Bay of Bengal at a city restaurant recently.



Bhasani Parishad organised a photo exhibition on the life of Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani to mark his 28th death anniversary at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer

Sherpur PWD Division

Sherpur

## Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed tenders are invited for the undermentioned work as per terms and conditions stated below:

1.	Project name	Construction of 1 (one) new building for Sherpur District Judge Court, Sherpur.
2.	Source of funds	Government of Bangladesh.
3.	Tender package No.	Sherpur PWD Division-Tender No. 13 (E/M) (2004-2005).
4.	Invitation for tenders ref. & date	Add. CE Dhaka PWD Zone Dhaka's Memo No. 2664 (24) date 29-8-04 & SE Mymn. vide Memo No. MC/4-60T/2832 (6) date: 29-8-04.
5.	Tender name	External electrification: supply & installation of security light fitting in the compound of Dist. Judge Court at Sherpur.
6.	Time of completion of the work	60 (sixty) days.
7.	Eligibility of tenderers	(a) Special class/class-I (combined)/class-II, III (electric) enlisted PWD contractors. (b) Tender must possess valid ABC contractor's licence from Electricity Licensing Board, Govt of Bangladesh. (c) A physical or juridical individual or body of individuals or company, association or any combination of them under agreement in the form of intended or existing joint venture, consortium or association (JVCA) subject to the condition that all the eligible category of contractor/tenderers stated above have minimum 10 (ten) years of general experience in construction work and also either have successfully completed minimum 1 (one) number of similar construction work amounting to Tk 10.00 lac during last 5 (five) years or have successfully carried out a building construction work amounting Tk 10.00 lac (minimum billed amount) during last 5 (five) years. The tenderers shall have to furnish certificate in this respect from officers not below the rank of Executive Engineer under whom the certified work has been done which will be verified by the Executive Engineer of PWD of that locality/district. Certificate format will be available with tender document (Format A). (d) The tenderer with a consistent history of litigation or a number of arbitration awards against it, shall not be eligible to tender. (Information to be supplied as requested in Para 2.9 of TIS, Form W-2). (e) The tenderer shall not be under a declaration of ineligibility for corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices in accordance with ITT sub-clause 3.2. (f) The tenderer shall not be insolvent, be in receivership, be bankrupt or being wound up, its business activities shall not be suspended, and it shall not be the subject of legal proceedings for any of the foregoing.
8.	Price of tender document	Tk 800/- (Tk eight hundred) only (non-refundable) per set notice inviting tender, schedule of items, special terms and conditions etc.
9.	Amount of tender earnest money	Tk. 6,000/- (Tk six thousand).
10.	Name and address of the office(s) selling tender document	The tender documents may be purchased from the following offices: Sherpur/Mymensingh/Kishoreganj/Netrakona/Tangail/Jamalpur PWD Division.
11.	Name and address of the office(s) receiving tenders	Office of the Executive Engineer, Sherpur PWD Division, Sherpur/Deputy Commissioner, Sherpur/Superintendent of Police, Sherpur. The received tenders will be sent to the office of the undersigned without opening the sealed envelope with a memo mentioning the name of tender & number of tenders.
12.	Name and address of the office of opening tender	Tender will be opened before the tender opening committee at the office of the undersigned in presence of the tenderers those who will remain present during opening tenders.
13.	Last date and time for selling tender document	During office hours up to 5-12-04.
14.	Last date and time for submission of tender document	Tender will be received up to 12.00 Noon on 6-12-04.
15.	Date and time for opening of tenders	Tender will be opened on the same day (6-12-04) at 3.00 PM in presence of the tender opening committee at the office of the undersigned. Intending tenderers may remain present during opening tenders. Tenderers authorised representative are allowed to attend during opening of tenders.
16.	Special instructions	(i) Intending contractors must read carefully and go through the terms, conditions and all relevant points written in the tender schedule and must submit all relevant & supporting papers/documents along with the tender as instructed in the schedule in support of their tender. (ii) Rates are to be quoted both in figures & in words for each items of works in the schedule where the rates have been asked to be quoted. (iii) All tenderers shall have to submit the rate analysis with the tender in support of their quoted rate. If after evaluation the lowest rate is found less than 5% (five per cent) than the engineer's estimate, the lowest tenderer shall have to furnish additional performance security amounting to 10% (ten per cent) of contract price in the form of unconditional bank guarantee to protect the authority against financial loss in the event of default of the successful tenderer under contract before issuing of work order. (iv) The competent authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason whatsoever. This tender notice is brief and the details of the tender can be seen from the office of the undersigned during office hours.
17.	Brief description of works and related services	Security light wiring, PVC pipe, 8 mm PVC NYY, 25mm NYY, control switch etc.

Md. Joydul Abedin  
Executive Engineer  
Sherpur PWD Division  
Sherpur.

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Smriti Sangsad.

The executive committee of the Sangsad took the decision in this regard unanimously at a meeting recently.

The post fell vacant after the death of noted journalist Santosh Gupta.



Demra thana BNP and its front organisations took out a procession in the city yesterday protesting the killing of Naim Sikdar Bindu, a BNP leader of ward No 90.

## Islami Bank Laldighirpar Branch Office Shifting

Honourable clients, well wishers, patrons and all concerned please be informed that the banking operations of our Laldighirpar Branch is going to be resumed at a new address given below from today Saturday, 27 November 2004

### Old Address

Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited  
Laldighirpar Branch  
Homid Mansion  
(1st & 2nd floor)  
Laldighirpar, Sylhet

### New Address

Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited  
Laldighirpar Branch  
Al-Karim Plaza  
(1st floor)  
Laldighirpar, Sylhet

Valued clients and patrons are requested to carry out their banking transactions at the new address.



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## Obituary

BSS, Dhaka

Mustafizur Rahman, deputy director of public relations of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), died of a cardiac arrest at Suhrawardy Hospital yesterday at the age of 47.

He is survived by his mother, wife, a son and a daughter.

A member of BCS information cadre, Mustafiz was recently posted to Rab on deputation.

Mustafiz joined the BCS information service in 1984. He served as the district information officer of Comilla and as public relations officer under different ministries.

He was also the vice-president of BCS Information Association.