

# China eagerly waits to receive Khaleda

Says Chinese envoy

UNB, Dhaka

The Chinese government and people are eagerly waiting to receive Prime Minister Khaleda Zia who embarks on a five-day visit to China on August 17.

Chinese Ambassador in Dhaka Chai Xi, who is going home today to do the preliminary work for making Khaleda's visit successful and fruitful, paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday afternoon.

Khaleda hoped that the relations

between the two countries would get a further boost following her visit.

According to officials, this visit carries a "special dimension" as this year is the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

The anniversary celebrations got off through the bilateral visit of Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao to Bangladesh last April and the declaration of year 2005 as Bangladesh-China Friendship Year. And Prime Minister Khaleda is also

going to China within this year on a bilateral visit that signifies much for the diplomatic and bilateral relations.

On her arrival in Beijing, Khaleda, on the first day of the tour, would attend a function marking the 30th anniversary of diplomatic ties.

It would be the third visit of Khaleda to China. Two other bilateral visits she had undertaken previously after her assumption of office in 2001.

# Aftab allowed to join DU pol science department

DU CORRESPONDENT

Prof Aftab Ahmed, discharged vice chancellor of the National University, yesterday joined the Department of the Political Science after getting clearance from Dhaka University Syndicate on Monday night.

Earlier, the Co-ordination and Development Committee and the Academic Council of the department urged the Vice Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz not to allow him to join the department. They said Aftab should not be allowed to join the political science department as he had left the department to join the Development Studies department before joining the NU on deputation.

But the syndicate unanimously approved the decision to give the job back to Prof Aftab, who went for a two-month long leave just after joining.

Prof Aftab joined the NU on July 5 in 2003 on deputation for a four-year term, and was discharged on July 20 following allegations of sexual scandal, corruption and nepotism.

# Generation E launched

Generation E, the first international Internet magazine in Bangladesh, has been launched recently, says a press release.

The website address of the magazine is www.generation-e.info.

The aim of this magazine is to create a platform within which the youth, from all around the world, can share their talents in writing, music and photography.

The magazine is a blend of entertainment and information tuned for the young generation. The site contains a downloadable PDF, which has the articles, write-ups and contributions of the writers.

Tanvir Hafiz from Stamford University is working as the editor-in-chief of the magazine, while Manzoorul Abedin, faculty of East West University, Tasneem Tayeb from Stamford University and Mohammad Tasnim Chowdhury, faculty, Stamford University, are working as managing editor, executive editor and supervisory editor respectively.

The Generation E aims to create a forum of young people who are talented and want to show off their creativity.

Interested contributors can contact at generation.editor@gmail.com. Visitors can also share their opinions about the magazine with the editorial panel at generation.editor@gmail.com.

# Obituary

Abdus Salam, a newspaper agent and bookshop owner, passed away due to old age complications at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital in Mymensingh on August 6 at the age of 80, says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad and doa mahfil will be held at his residence at 20/a Bagmara Road in Mymensingh after Asr prayers today.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the mahfil.

Meanwhile, Syed Fahim Munaim, managing editor of The Daily Star, on behalf of the employees of the newspaper, expressed condolence and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members of late Abdus Salam, who had been involved in newspaper industry for 56 years.

# Death anniversary

BSS, Dhaka

Today is the 29th death anniversary of Matur Rahman, former chief reporter of The Bangladesh Times and The Weekly Holiday.

On the occasion, Khatme Quran and milad mahfil will be held after Maghrib prayers at the residence of his sister at House # 16, Block # F, Section # 2 at Mirpur in the city.

Friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the milad.

# Syed Altaf Hossain

Today is the 12th death anniversary of Syed Altaf Hossain, former GM and Country Manager of Rupali Bank Ltd, Pakistan, says a press release.

He died at the Aga Khan University Hospital in Karachi on August 10 in 1993.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.



Visitors at a fish fair that began at the Shilpakala Academy in the city yesterday. Fisheries and livestock ministry organised the fair.

PHOTO: STAR



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# Economic ties with Dhaka to expand, hopes Indian president

Bangladesh High Commissioner presents credentials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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While handing over his letter of credence, Liaquat conveyed the greetings and good wishes of President Iajuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia to the Indian President, the government and the people, according to a message received here yesterday.

President APJ Abdul Kalam said that he was happy to welcome the new High Commissioner of the friendly neighbouring country of Bangladesh. The President hoped that bilateral cooperation between the two neighbours, especially economic cooperation, would be further strengthened in the years to come.

The two countries were bound together by bonds of friendship and common history and traditions, he added.

The President and the High Commissioner also discussed about the possibilities of greater cooperation in the field of science and technology between the two countries. The Indian President extended his greetings to the Bangladesh President and Prime Minister through the High Commissioner.

Earlier, Liaquat served in several important positions both at home and abroad.

Prior to his appointment in New Delhi, he was the ambassador in The Netherlands. He was promoted to the rank of Secretary and Grade "A" ambassador, earlier this year.

Meanwhile, six envoys other countries also presented their credentials to the President of India at the same ceremony.

They are ambassador of Cambodia Cheoung Buntheng, High Commissioner of Lesotho Dr. Shabbir Hoosen Peerbhai, Ambassador of Djibouti Youssef Omar Doualeh, Ambassador of Morocco Larbi Moukharriq, High Commissioner of South Africa Shehloho Francis Moloi and Ambassador of Uruguay William Ehlers.

Senior members of the missions, senior officials of the Ministry of External Affairs and Rashtrapati Bhavan were present.



# CNA roundtable

The Council for National Agenda (CNA) will hold a roundtable on "The role of the Election Commission in holding general election and its reforms", with Justice Md Abdur Rouf in the chair. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 4:00pm.

# Roundtable on media

Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) organises a roundtable on "Problems & prospects of print and electronic media in Bangladesh". Venue: National Press Club. Time: 10:00am.

# Medical directory launch

D.Net, a research organisation, and Health 21 will launch the "A-Z Medical Directory", with Prof Muhammad Yunus as chief guest. Venue: Biam auditorium. Time: 10:00am.

# Bangladesh-Japan joint seminar

A Bangladesh-Japan joint seminar on "Advances in bridge engineering" will be held, with Communication Minister Nazmul Huda as chief guest. Venue: Engineers' Institution auditorium. Time: 10:00am.

# Workshop

A three-day workshop of Padakhep Manabik Unnayan Kendra on "Annual Work Plan and Budget 2005-2006" will begin. Venue: Milky Auditorium at Dhaka district office of DAE, Farmgate.

# Sammilita Ainjibi Samannaya Parishad

The Sammilita Ainjibi Samannaya Parishad will form a human chain to press home its demands, including separation of the judiciary and resignation of the law minister. Venue: Supreme Court Bar Association premises. Time: 1:00pm.

# Prize giving ceremony

The prize giving ceremony of annual music and drawing competition 2004 of Bulbul Lalitkala Academy will be held. Venue: Shishu Academy. Time: 7:00pm.

# Seminar on healthcare

The Eastern Hospital & Medical Research Centre organises a seminar on "Present healthcare services in the country: Our duty". National Professor of Dr MR Khan will present a keynote paper. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Time: 11:45am.

# Discussion

The United Federation of Garments Tailors Workers will hold a discussion to mark the 30th anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 10:30am.

# Krishak Samity

Bangladesh Krishak Samity will stage a sit-in demanding measures to protect jute and jute industry. Venue: Muktangan. Time: 3:00pm.

# Atab programme

The Association of Travel Agents of Bangladesh (Atab) organises a cultural programme and a get-together. Venue: Officers' Club. Time: 8:00pm.



# Heavy to heavy falls likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at most places over the country with moderately heavy to heavy falls at places till 6:00pm today.

It said day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 33.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and Srimongal and lowest 24.3 degree Celsius at Maizdi Court.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:36pm today and rises at 5:32am 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	30.8	25.3	97	81
Chittagong	29.3	25.5	87	90
Rajshahi	30.7	26.5	93	84
Khulna	32.2	26.2	91	82
Barisal	31.2	25.0	--	84
Sylhet	33.0	26.4	89	80
Cox's Bazar	29.0	--	--	92



# Appeal for help

DU CORRESPONDENT

Siddique Ashraf Sadman, a student of KG-2 at Gulshan International School, has been suffering from cancer in his brain for the past five months.

He had been treated at the CMA Hospital in India for the last four months. Doctors said the boy needs surgery to remove the tumours detected deep inside his brain cells.

They also advised his parents to take Sadman to France or the USA for the surgery.

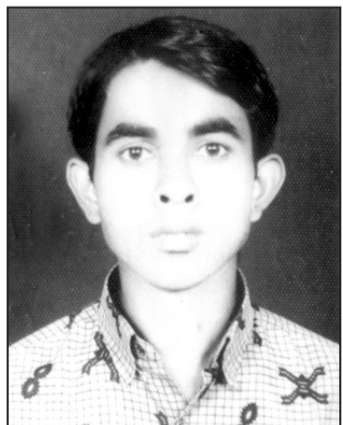
In the meantime, he also needs radiotherapy and chemotherapy, which involves over Tk 7 lakh, but his family cannot afford it.

Sadman's father has appealed to the generous people to extend a helping hand to save his son.

The Gulshan International School has also urged well-off people to come forward to donate money for his treatment.

Contributions can be sent to Ashfaq Siddiqui, House # 6, Road # 116, Gulshan, Dhaka or to the following account: Savings A/C No.-150-180-031-275, BRAC Bank, Gulshan Branch, Dhaka-1212.

Interested persons can also contact his family at 0172-120215 or 0191-297112.



# Nasir Uddin

Nasir Uddin, a 20-year-old youth, has been suffering from serious heart disease as both of his heart valves became damaged, says a press release.

Doctors at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital said his valves need to be replaced immediately.

The treatment involves a huge amount of money, which his poor family cannot afford.

His family appeals to the generous people and charities to come forward to save Nasir Uddin.

Contributions can be sent to the following account: Savings Account No.-00-2064206, Sonali Bank, Banani Bazar branch, Dhaka.

# Two get death, two life term for killing businessman in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

A Chittagong court yesterday sentenced two people to death and two others to life imprisonment for killing a businessman about 14 years ago.

However, eight other people were acquitted of charges.

First Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge Md Shahjahan handed down the death sentence to Nasiruddin alias Nasira Dakait and Abdul Malek.

The two other convicts are Abdul Khaleque and Rasul Amin. Of the convicts, Nasiruddin, Malek and Khaleque were tried in absentia.

Court sources said the convicts

shot dead businessman Mohammad Azad at a brick field of one Shahadat Company at Chandra Nagar at around 7.30am on October 16, 1991. They also injured Azad's father Shafiqur Rahman.

The gang came to the brick field to abduct Babar, elder brother of Azad. But they attacked Azad and his father when they tried to resist them.

A case was filed with the Panchlaish Sub Station the same day. Police submitted the charge sheet on July 31 in 1998 accusing 12 people, and the charges were framed against them on August 01, 2000.

# BMA Long Course exam results

Results of the written examination of 57th BMA Long Course of Bangladesh Army were published yesterday, says an ISPR press release.

Candidates qualified in the exams will have to appear before the Inter-Services Selection Board (ISSB) for test/interview. The ISSB will send call-up letters to the candidates in phases.

Following are the roll numbers of successful candidates:

11012	11029	11068	11076	11083	11093	11116
11122	11123	11127	11129	11133	11144	11156
11172	11174	11188	11197	11221	11254	11265
11268	11289	11304	11332	11352	11362	11419
12007	12013	12035	12042	12063	12077	12079
12080	12104	12113	12114	12128	12129	12130
12131	12132	12150	12196	12199	12200	12221
12295	12305	12307	12308	12326	12335	12343
12399	12398	13005	13018	13032	13042	13044
13045	13059	13067	13068	13069	13104	13120
13130	13131	13133	13149	13155	13160	13168
13169	13170	13186	13191	13196	13218	13241
13242	13252	13261	13264	13265	13266	13270
13278	13286	13288	13289	13290	13295	13298
13302	13304	13311	13329	13335	13339	13368
13370	13371	13393	13397	13399	14021	14024
14033	14035	14037	14038	14075	14095	14096
14109	14122	14137	14154	14180	14261	14285
14295	14329	14359	14362	14382	14397	15016
15051	15055	15056	15059	15067	15068	15081
15083	15094	15100	15101	15104	15106	15109
15114	15116	15117	15118	15123	15126	15129
15138	15140	15141	15143	15149	15157	15163
15169	15185	15191	15210	15238	15252	15267
15276	15277	15279	15280	15301	16007	16012
16013	16015	16017	16024	16025	16034	16053
16056	16069	16078	16089	16120	16124	16125
16135	16140	16155	16173	16211	16212	16219
16236	16247	16250	16253	16253	16260	16268
16270	16289	16292	16308	16318	16349	16352
16389	16390	16395	16397	17007	17014	17025
17055	17065	17066	17067	17072	17073	17074
17079	17102	17105	17116	17117	17119	17124
17132	17135	17138	17139	17142	17143	17144
17150	17159	17161	17184	17190	17192	17196
17197	17201	17212	17227	17231	17237	17252
17257	17260	17261	17265	17269	17271	17273
17279	17285	17282	17288	17299	17327	17381
18001	18015	18029	18032	19016	19021	19028
19050	19055	19097	19105	19106	19123	19131
19132	19142	19168	19169	19185	20014	20052
20054	20090	21011	21020	22011	22017	22022
22025	22023	22029	22055	22073	22078	22084
22158	22163	22169	22166	22203	22209	22231
22232	22236	22238	22242	22267	22267	22280
22287	22267	22297	22467	23190	23216	23225
24010	24037	24101	24117	24134	24150	24165
24191	24221	24222	24230	25004	25007	25014
25015	26002	26005	26018	26024	26025	26026
26031	26033	26034	26043	26045	26052	26067
26081	26084	26087	26065	26106	26111	26116
26117	26118	26133	26139	26141	26147	26195
26233	26256	26257	26258	26260	26272	27001
27049	27056	27085	27108	27120	27127	27176
27181	27182	27187	27193	28001	28003	28005
28014	28020	28024	28032	28033	28046	28081