

Ban on sending female workers abroad lifted for 6 months

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The government has finally permitted Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies (Baira) to send trained female domestic workers to all the Middle Eastern countries on an experimental basis for six months under a set of conditions regarding pre and post migration management.
Presently, only eight recruiting agencies are permitted to send female workers abroad. **SEE PAGE 2 COL 6**

ROHINGYA Refugees being registered

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The process of registering the remaining Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh has begun amidst their sluggish repatriation to Myanmar over the last two years and a rising number of Myanmar living outside the two government-run refugee camps.
"On Tuesday this week, we started a two-month long registration campaign of Rohingya refugees from Myanmar in the two government-run refugee camps in Bangladesh. **SEE PAGE 15 COL 4**

Prayer Timing		
November 27		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-10	5-45
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-19	5-22
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

UNIFIED EDUCATION SYSTEM

Group opposing it to meet civil society

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
"National Committee to Resist Proposed Unified Education" yesterday announced various programmes with a vow to resist the proposed "unified education system" at the secondary level that they said will degrade the country's standard of education.
Without changing the madrasa and English medium education systems, the move to change the secondary education system will be a great cheat for the nation, Prof Mohammad Zafar Iqbal, convener of the resistance committee said at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club in the city.
The committee's programmes include exchanging views with professionals including members of parliament, teachers, students, socio-cultural organisations and women organisations from December 2 to 8, holding view exchange meetings with people from all walks of life in six divisional towns and forming human chains there from December 9 to 17, and observing a token hunger strike and holding rally at the Central Shaheed Minar on December 17.
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Children take out a procession organised by Dhaka Ahsania Mission and Resource Integration Centre at Kamrangir Char in the capital yesterday, demanding an end to child labour. PHOTO: STAR

Dhaka against terrorism

FM says at C'wealth meet
UNB, Malta

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan, at the Commonwealth foreign ministers meeting, reiterated Dhaka's position against terrorism in all forms and manifestations and called for addressing the root causes of terrorism.

The Bangladesh delegation emphasised on dialogue and understanding among the Commonwealth countries to improve the quality of life and minimise the socio-economic disparities to combat terrorism.

The Bangladesh delegation also made a number of interventions on different issues including Information and Communications Technology (ICT), trade, natural disaster and terrorism at the two-day foreign ministers' meeting ending on November 24.

Khan is leading the Bangladesh delegation. **SEE PAGE 15 COL 2**

COMMONWEALTH

Heads go to retreat to tackle terrorism

AFF, Valletta

Commonwealth leaders meeting on the Mediterranean island of Malta slipped out of the public eye at the weekend to tackle the growing and elusive menace of terrorism.

The leaders also locked in discussions yesterday on a "road map" to world trade for poor countries and achieving closer cooperation in the fight against terrorism.

Discussions were largely focused on achieving closer cooperation on fighting terror, and with World Trade Organisation (WTO) talks looming in Hong Kong next month, "trade and where does the Doha Development round leave us."

Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz said governments must ensure that liberalisation of markets should be achieved gradually.
"We need to have a road map and a timetable, to transition from where we are to a more free and open market," he told a news conference during a break in the talks.
"If the curtain falls overnight then countries will go into severe pain. And the Caribbean countries and the smaller states have made this point."
"The advantage of discussing these at the Commonwealth level is that we flesh out our ideas, we understand each others' position and perhaps try to prepare before we get into the Hong Kong round."
On terrorism, Aziz said that liberalisation of markets should be achieved gradually. **SEE PAGE 15 COL 4**



Lara atop the Test world

AFF, Adelaide

West Indian Brian Lara broke the world record for most Test runs during his innings against Australia in the third cricket Test at the Adelaide Oval here Saturday.

Lara, 12 runs off the record on his overnight score of 202, surpassed Australian Allan Border's aggregate of 11,174 runs with a flick off the hip to fine leg. **SEE PAGE 15 COL 3**

14 killed, 59 hurt in road crashes

STAR REPORT

At least 14 people were killed and 59 others injured in separate road accidents in Dinajpur, Tangail, Sirajganj and Sathkhirayesterday.

In Dinajpur, a road crash killed at least seven people and injured 9 others yesterday noon, our Dinajpur correspondent reports.

According to police, the dead are Md Abdur Rashid, 32, Principal of Ambari Degree College, Sujoy Kumar Chakraborty, 28, teacher of Dinajpur High School and Shohag Chakraborty, 32 of Khetripara. Identities of the other three could not be known immediately.

Witnesses said, the accident occurred when a Dinajpur-bound passenger bus from Gobindaganj collided head-on with a truck at Kodaldah village of Pachbari Hat under Dinajpur Sadar Upazila.

The driver of the bus managed to flee from the spot.

Our Tangail correspondent reports that, four people were killed and 10 others were seriously injured in an accident on Tangail-Mymensingh Highway at Porabari yesterday.

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