

Iftekhar leaves for UK April 16

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Foreign Affairs Adviser Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury will leave for the UK on April 16 on a 4-day visit at the invitation of British Foreign Secretary Margaret Beckett.

They are expected to meet on April 19 for bilateral discussions, said a release of the foreign ministry.

"Britain is a key development partner of Bangladesh and a very good friend. Bangladesh and Britain share many common values. We also have a large Bangladeshi community living in Britain," the adviser said while speaking to the media.

He said Foreign Secretary Margaret Beckett is known to be a great advocate of environmental causes. "I am, therefore, keenly looking forward to the visit and my talks with her."

Tank lorry with jet fuel seized: 3 held

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Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday seized a tank lorry laden with jet fuel from Jatrabari area in the city yesterday and arrested its driver and helpers as they were selling fuel from the lorry illegally, which was imported for Biman Bangladesh Airlines.

They also recovered Tk 44 thousand from their possession.

Rab sources said the tank lorry was going to Zia International Airport after taking nine thousand litres jet fuel from the Padma Oil depot of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation located at Godainal at

Shiddhirganj in the morning.

When the lorry reached Barma Eastern area at Godainal, the driver and helpers sold one thousand litres of fuel in exchange of Tk 44 thousand.

Acting on a tip off the Rab members seized the lorry at Jatrabari area and recovered the money from their possession.

The arrested driver and helpers are Hakim, 38, Faruk, 36 and Billal, 34.

Confessing stealing of fuel before the Rab members, they said they have been selling jet fuel imported for Biman illegally during transportation with help of a section of 'corrupt' Biman officials.



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A mobile court led by Metropolitan Magistrate Rokon Ud-Doula fined 150 shops at South Plaza in the city's Sadarghat area Tk 10000 each for selling duty-free clothes meant for the garment industry.

800 bottles of Phensidyl seized: 3 arrested

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Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday seized a covered van with 800 bottles of Phensidyl and arrested three people at an inter-district truck stand near Kanchpur Bridge.

On secret information, Rab seized the covered van and

arrested Jahangir Alam of Chandpur, Abdul Malek and Abul Khayer alias Akash of Comilla early in the morning.

The covered van carrying goods from Chittagong loaded the phensidyl from a place close to Comilla border, said a Rab press release.