

Tourists make Maldives S Asia's richest nation

AFP, Kurumathi Islands
Sabrina Chang decided this year to treat herself to a fancy vacation, opting to stay in a thatched bungalow over a lagoon in the Maldives where a swim with exotic fish is as common as taking a stroll.

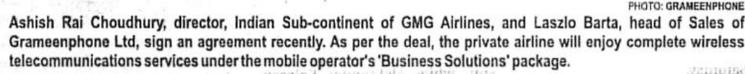
Mahamoud Shougeet told AFP.
Guests do not even need to change their hard currency into the local rufiyaa as dollar purchases are permitted and the few Maldivians they meet will often be resort staff.

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AFP, Paris
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Holidaymakers like Chang have made Maldives the richest nation in South Asia with a per capita income of \$2,674 dollars.

But most holidaymakers are package tourists from Italy, Germany and Britain -- with countries like China, India and the Gulf fast emerging as the next big growth market, said Shougeet.

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Ashish Rai Choudhury, director, Indian Sub-continent of GMG Airlines, and Laszlo Barta, head of Sales of Grameenphone Ltd, sign an agreement recently. As per the deal, the private airline will enjoy complete wireless telecommunications services under the mobile operator's 'Business Solutions' package.

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The annual conference-2007 of Bangladesh House Building Finance Corporation (BHFC) was held recently in the capital. Managing Director of the corporation AKM Sajedur Rahman, among others, was present at the meeting.



Islami Insurance Bangladesh Ltd (IBL) Managing Director S A Khan hands over documents to Credit Rating Information and Services Limited (CRISL) President Muzaffar Ahmed after signing an MoU in Dhaka recently. Under the deal, CRISL will conduct credit rating for the insurance company. IBL Executive Committee Chairman Tofazzal Hossain was present among other senior officials.

APEC urged to pave way for Pacific free trade zone

AFP, Singapore
member states closer together.
At the same time, analysts suggest the zone could serve as a Plan B should the stalled Doha Round of talks, aimed at breaking down global trade barriers, eventually collapse outright.

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