

No labourers to go to Malaysia without availability of jobs

Dhaka, KL reach understanding, says Malaysian minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh yesterday reached an understanding with Malaysia to tighten laws to ensure that Bangladeshi labourers are not sent to manufacturing and plantation sectors in Malaysia without the availability of jobs.

global economic challenges. The statement came after Expatriates' Welfare Minister Khandaker Mosharrif Hossain held a meeting with Subramaniam following Malaysia's cancellation of 55,000 work visas to Bangladeshis on March 10.

Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar said yesterday that his government was taking decisions on foreign workers in Malaysia in accordance with the country's law.

WEIGHT MANIPULATION

BSTI plans use of weight sets with security logo

RAIHAN SABUKTAGIN

The council members of Bangladesh Standard and Testing Institute (BSTI) will sit today to decide whether they would use new weight sets with security logo to address weight manipulation.

Hossain. However, BSTI officials said security logo on weight sets has little chance of preventing manipulation of weights.

Experts said availability of faulty weight sets in the market damages consumers' rights domestically and it could affect export of Bangladeshi products as well.

ATTACK ON ERSHAD'S MOTORCADE Sahara asks police to arrest culprits

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Home Minister Sahara Khatun said in the parliament yesterday that she had ordered the police to immediately arrest people behind the attack on the motorcade of Jatiya Party chief HM Ershad in Kurigram on Sunday.

5 killed as coach rams into tea stall in Bogra

UNB, Bogra

At least five people were killed and 15 others injured as a Dhaka-bound coach rammed into a roadside tea stall at Rahhal in Shibganj upazila yesterday.

Akbar Ali, 35, of Talibpur, Abdus Sattar, 60, and Raihan Ali, 12, of Rahhal and Abul Hossain, 40, of Boalbari village succumbed to their injuries on the way to hospital.

TIB hails govt for passing RTI bill

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) yesterday hailed the government for passing the bill on the right to information (RTI) in the Jatiya Sangsad.

Termining the passage of the bill a timely decision reflecting the popular demand, TIB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman said this law is a must for curbing corruption.

BNP to probe assault on Mahbub

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia formed an enquiry committee to identify the people involved with the incident of assaulting party standing committee member Lt Gen (ret'd) Mahbubur Rahman.

Move to give MPs power in UZ parishad protested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different political parties yesterday protested the move to give special powers to Members of the Parliament (MPs) in upazila parishad.



Depositors Forum of Jubak stages a hunger strike in front of the National Press Club yesterday demanding return of their deposits.

Govt to implement CHT Peace Agreement

Says state minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has taken initiative to implement the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Peace Agreement, State Minister for CHT Affairs Dipankar Talukder said yesterday.

administration to work freely, said Prof Ajoy Roy, who presided over the seminar.

Decentralisation of power is a must to ensure the rights of all community, he added.

BY-ELECTION

Campaign banned from tonight

UNB, Dhaka

The Election Commission has imposed restriction on election campaigns, meetings and processions from Tuesday (March 31) midnight in areas where the parliamentary by-elections will be held on April 2.

But this restriction will not be applicable for vehicles plying on the highways, it said, adding that the restriction on plying of motorbikes is imposed from the midnight of March 31 until the midnight of April 4.

BCL factions clash at DU women's hall

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A student was injured in a clash between two factions of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) over occupying a seat at a female dormitory at Dhaka University (DU) last night.

Kazi Samity threatens movement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Kazi Samity yesterday threatened to wage a movement from April unless the government cancels the amendment to the act regarding Muslim marriage and divorce over the appointment of Kazi.

Call to repeal Labour Law (amend) Ord

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of the Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad (Skop) yesterday demanded repeal of the Labour Law (amendment) Ordinance 2008.

amendments are undemocratic and anti-workers and that they are not made in line with the ILO convention.

JS probe body asks for all documents

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Widespread allegations of financial anomalies were also raised against former deputy speaker Akhtar Hamid Siddiqui and former chief whip Khandaker Delwar Hossain.

told reporters after the meeting at JS Bhapan.

could not allocate the money for his own medical treatment.

Grameen Bank medicated mosquito net scheme this year

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

The Grameen Bank is going to launch a new nutritional food and medicated mosquito net scheme in Bangladesh this year in collaboration with German company BASF.

This is another example of social business model that can address poverty alleviation and educational, environmental and child nutritional problems, he added.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Maulana Gias Uddin, founder of Miftahul Ulum Daorah Madrasa, passed away at the Birdem hospital in the city on Sunday at the age of 80, says a press release.

Death anniversary

METRO DESK



Today is the fifth death anniversary of Dr. Fyzennessa, a professor of the IER, Dhaka University, says a press release.

Fakir Shafiruddin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the first death anniversary of Fakir Shafiruddin, founder general secretary of Mirpur Thana Awami League, says a press release.

DHAKA TODAY Seminar: The inaugural ceremony of a two-day seminar on inclusive development and climate change will be held. Venue: Spectra Convention Centre. Time: 10:00am. Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad organised the seminar.

WEATHER TODAY Rain likely UNB, Dhaka Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at a few places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions in next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Table with 4 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

meeting as his party, BNP, alleged the probe body was formed to malign image of Sircar, who is contesting the April 2 by-elections from Bogra-6 constituency.