



PHOTO: ZIA
Turkish President Abdullah Gul and his spouse Hayrunnisa Gul wave prior to their departure at Zia International Airport in the city. Gul left Dhaka last night, ending a two-day official visit. Foreign Minister Dipu Moni, Commerce Minister Faruk Khan and high civil and military officials saw them off at the airport.

Harkatul Jihad man arrested on charges of bomb threat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday arrested a member of Harkatul Jihad who threatened to blow up the Hotel Westin in the city by bombing.

A team of Rab-1 arrested Md Anisuzzaman Rajib, 26, during a raid at his residence in the city at about 3:30 pm.

Rajib, who hails from Raipura in Narsingdi, confessed that he threatened to make a bomb attack on the hotel, Rab sources said.

"Rajib admitted that he gave the threat at the instruction of his organisation in order to foil the SAF Games," said a Rab press release.

On February 4, Rajib gave the threat over phone several times, creating panic among the players and guests, the release added.

LEGAL AID PROJECT '359 prisoners released in one year'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some 359 poor and helpless prisoners have been released from three jails in Dhaka, Bogra and Madaripur in the last one year after quick disposal of their cases under a legal aid project of the government.

This was revealed at a workshop on the work plan of the Directorate of Prisons at a city hotel yesterday.

The legal aid project titled 'Improvement of the Real Situation of Overcrowding in Prisons in Bangladesh' organised by the workshop. The home ministry, Directorate of Prisons and German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) are jointly implementing the project.

The workshop recommended ensuring coordination among all related to the criminal justice system, enforcing the existing laws properly, making an integrated database of prisoners and amending the jail code.

Justice Syed Rezaat Ahmed, Justice M Anwarul Haque, additional secretary to the home ministry Iqbal Khan Chowdhury, acting secretary to the law ministry M Anwarul Haque, Deputy Solicitor M Shamsul Huq, DGGI Director AHM Mokbul Hossain, Inspector General of Prisons Brig Gen Ashraf Islam Khan and Principal Adviser of the project Pramita Sengupta spoke at the workshop.

Obituary

A CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

Md Abul Fazal, a Language Movement veteran and organiser of the War of Liberation, passed away at his residence in Chandpur town due to old-age complications early morning yesterday at the age of 80.

Fazal, a member of Chandpur Bar Association, left behind his three sons and two daughters. He was buried with state honour at the municipal graveyard.

Naomi Mondol METRO DESK

Naomi Mondol, mother of Edward Probr Mondol, senior assistant registrar of public relations division of Northern University Bangladesh, passed away at National Institute of Diseases of Chest and Hospital in the city yesterday at the age of 64.

She left behind her two sons and a host of relatives to mourn her death.

Turkey keen to help build new wing at BSMMU

BSS, Dhaka

Turkey showed keen interest to help Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) become a state-of-the-art tertiary healthcare facility as well as a world-class medical institute.

Turkish Health Minister Prof Recep Akdag gave the assurance in this regard during his visit to the university-cum-hospital yesterday morning.

Prof Recep, who is accompanying Turkish President Abdullah Gul, visited outdoor and indoor facilities, intensive care unit, neonatal intensive care unit, operation theatre and post-operative ward of BSMMU, the country's lone medical university.

"Turkey would be happy to help BSMMU build a separate and new unit on its vacant lands," Prof Recep was quoted as saying to BSMMU Vice Chancellor Prof Pran Gopal Datta.

The Turkish minister said his country would send a four-member delegation to

Bangladesh soon to assess the needs of BSMMU, a facility now looking to find partners to improve its overall structure and services both for academic and healthcare purposes.

Prof Pran Gopal Datta expressed his gratitude for the Turkish assurance and said BSMMU is ready to provide any of its four vacant plots for such developments.

He said the university has vacant lands on its own premises, near Aziz Market, adjacent to BCS Training Academy and behind the Shahbagh gas station.

"We also sought Turkish support in the fields of technology transfer that include high-tech medical equipment and exchange of medical professionals," said the vice chancellor, adding that he was happy with the warmth of reciprocity from the Turkish health minister, also a physician by profession.

Prof Ahmad Amin, chairman of ENT department, said the modalities of the Turkish support would be finalised after visits of delegations from both sides to

Bangladesh and Turkey, but insisted that the proposed new wing at BSMMU is likely to be named as 'Turkey-Bangladesh Friendship Wing'.

He also said the Turkish health minister appreciated the 'cleanliness' of the hospital-cum-university and said Prof Recep has commented that "good management and good wishes together can lead to offer good services even under resource constraints".

"Turkey offers healthcare as good as other European countries with much lower per capita budget for medicine," the minister was quoted as saying. According to Prof Recep, Turkey spends US dollar 500-700 per person per year as against US dollar 3,000-4,000 in western European countries and US dollar 7,000 in the United States.

Prof Amin said the minister has talked to ailing people, especially elderly and children, and wished their early recovery. He also sought doa from the people for peace and prosperity of the peoples of Bangladesh and Turkey.

BNP threatens 'oust-govt' movement

UNB, Dhaka

Main opposition BNP yesterday threatened to launch 'oust-government' movement, saying that the ruling party has resorted to politics of killing, repression and plunder and also failed to fulfill its election pledges.

Senior leaders of the party and its front and associate organisations also demanded immediate resignation of Home Minister Sahara Khatun for her 'total failure' to maintain law and order, 'irresponsible' statements and 'partisan role' in dealing with law and order situation.

At a rally, the party announced countrywide seven-day programmes beginning February 14 to protest the killing of DCC councillor Ahammad Hossain, who was also the president of Dhaka city south Jubo Dal.

Dhaka city BNP organised the rally at Muktangan in protest against the killing of the DCC councillor, ending its three-day protest programmes. Ahammad was killed in the old part of the city on Tuesday night.

BNP Standing Committee member Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain announced the fresh programmes.

On February 14, demonstrations will be staged in district headquarters and memorandums will be submitted to the district administrations.

On February 15, protest rallies will be held in divisional headquarters and in Dhaka city.

On February 16, protest rally will be held in Dhaka city besides submission of memorandum to the home ministry. On February 17, protest rally will take place in all wards of Dhaka city.

Addressing the protest rally, Khandaker Mosharraf said a befitting reply to the government's acts of repression and killing to suppress the opposition will be given through ousting the government.

The former minister said, "Awami League had tried to remain in power permanently through establishing one-party Baksal and suppressing opposition through killing and repression, but they had failed."

Presided over by BNP leader and Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka, the rally was also addressed by Moudud Ahmed, Brig Gen (ret'd) ASM Hannan Shah, Rafiqul Islam Mia, Amanullah Aman, Zainul Abidin Farooque, Syed Moazzem Hossain Alal, Khairul Kabir Khokon, Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anie and Habib-un-Nabi Khan Sobel.

Shirin Sultana demanded immediate resignation of the home minister and the state minister for Home. "Otherwise, a tough movement will be launched for their resignation," she said.

Death anniversary of Asaf-ud-Dowla today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 27th death anniversary of noted journalist Muhammad Asaf-ud-Dowla Reza,

who was the news and executive editor of the Ittefaq, says a press release.

He had set an example of honest and fearless journalism.

Apart from his journalism Asaf-ud-Dowla Reza is remembered for his contribution in social and pro-people activities.

He was declared a 'national broadcaster' in the then Pakistan during the 1960s.

A special discussion programme will be aired on Bangladesh Television this evening.



Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country in the next 12 hours until 6:00 pm today.

Light fog may occur over the river basins of the country during late night till morning, Met Office said.

It also said night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:53 pm today and rises at 6:32 am tomorrow.

Country's highest temperature 31.7 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and lowest 11.7 degrees Celsius at Srimongal.

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	28.5	18.8	57	47
Chittagong	30.3	16.8	61	45
Rajshahi	27.7	14.0	85	62
Khulna	29.7	17.2	79	63
Barisal	29.6	15.7	77	65
Sylhet	28.5	15.5	65	58
Cox's Bazar	31.7	16.5	45	55

Breast milk supplements discourage breastfeeding

Speakers say at a seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar yesterday said aggressive marketing and business of breast milk supplements, including instant cereals and powdered milk, need to be controlled in order to promote breastfeeding, which is the ultimate solution to malnutrition of children.

They pointed out that only Tk 17 crore is needed annually to promote breastfeeding, which is beneficiary for the child as the best source of nutrition, for mothers because breastfeeding curbs breast cancer and eventually the entire nation.

However, a huge sum of Tk 3,200 crore is spent annually to import supplementary foods, which can be easily saved by promoting breastfeeding and home cooked complimentary foods.

The speakers said about 90,000 children under the age of five die of malnutrition every year in Bangladesh. The

number stands at 240 daily. About 45 percent deaths of infants under six months result from inadequate breastfeeding while only 43 percent of mothers prefer breastfeeding.

Breastfeeding and Complementary Feeding Marketing Forum (BCMF) organised the seminar titled 'Invest more on breastfeeding and home cooked complimentary food' at the National Press Club in the city.

Dr Khurshid Talukdar, paediatric consultant of Women and Children Health Kendra (Savar), presented a keynote paper.

He said supplementary food does not contain all the nutrients provided by breast milk. Yet aggressive marketing breast milk supplements are often chosen by mothers or even prescribed by doctors.

Investing on children is the best investment for a nation, he said, adding that the ratio of breastfeeding is so low

due to lack of awareness and support for mothers.

Investment on breastfeeding is tremendously meagre, because it does not provide instant profit. This attitude needs to be changed. Even Unicef allocates only 0.13 of its annual budget to promote breastfeeding.

Khurshid suggested increasing budgetary allocation to create a community support group for mothers.

National Prof MR Khan was present at the seminar as the chief guest while Prof Muzaffer Ahmed, chairman of Sushashoner Jonno Nagorik (Sujan), spoke as the special guest.

Prof Md Shahidullah, pro-vice chancellor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, Prof MQK Talukdar, chairman of Women and Children Health Kendra, and Prof Fatima Parvin Chowdhury, chairman of Institute of Public Health Nutrition, also spoke.

Call for concerted efforts to combat child trafficking

BSS, Rajshahi

Participants at a roundtable here yesterday unequivocally called for a comprehensive measure to combat child trafficking in the greater interest of building a healthy and competent society.

In this regard, they suggested participation of the community people, including the leaders of influence, in making the nation free of curse of the social crime and laid emphasis on creating awareness among people, especially the vulnerable groups.

Ladies Organisation for Social Welfare (LOFS) with assistance from Bangladesh Shishu Adhiker Forum (BSAF) organised the roundtable titled 'Combating Child Trafficking and Our Roles: Context Bangladesh' at the conference hall of Family Planning Association of Bangladesh.

LOFS President Morshed Ahmed Koraisi chaired the session where NGO activist Shipak Chandra Dey was the keynote speaker.

The speakers underscored

the need for concerted efforts of all government and non-government organisations to eliminate child trafficking and violence against them.

They also stressed the need for political will and proper functioning of the state machinery, especially the law enforcement agencies and border guards, to combat the menace.

They noted that proper enforcement of laws has become essential to make the society free of the menace.

They also recommended that the schools and colleges located in the frontier areas should be brought under awareness programmes so that students could be made aware regarding the bad effects of trafficking.

Civil Surgeon Dr Abul Fazal, Assistant Prof Jannatul Ferdous of Social Work Department of Rajshahi University, Executive Director of LOFS Shahna Parveen, BSAF Programme Officer Monjurul Islam and News Editor of the Sonaly Sangbad Akbarul Hassan Millat addressed the programme as focal persons.



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09:15 Udayer Pathy

09:40 Amader Abashon

10:05 Open University

11:00 Kisholay Sheba

11:30 Shesh Kothay

12:10 Ondharey Alo

12:35 Anghara

11:00 Sur Lohori

01:30 Shukhi Poribaar

02:15 Dhormo O Jibon

03:00 Live Telecast from Parliament

07:45 Phirey Dekha

08:30 Documentary Programme: Shimana Chhariye

09:00 Drama Serial: Ora Ashbey

09:30 Probash Jibon

10:25 Prokriti O Poribesh

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10:30 Hello Bangladesh

11:15 Bishwashey Bhalo Basha Hoy

12:10 Love for All

12:45 Bhalobashar Dinguli Shei

01:25 Gaaney Golpey Valentine

02:30 Bhalobashar Rang

03:10 Jodda Akbar

05:10 Kandey Amar Maa

05:15 Bashudha Dhaak Dhol

05:45 Boimela Protidin

06:15 Love to Love

08:00 Drama

09:20 Paanch Phoron

11:30 Aj Bhalobasar Din

12:00 Grameenphone

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08:30 Shokaal-er Gaan

08:40 Ajker Chakri

09:30 Shangbadpotrey

09:45 Bangladesh

09:45 Public Reaction

09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra

11:05 Tele Prescription

11:30 Hridoye Mati O Manush

12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan

01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong

abc radio FM 89.2

06:05 Bhalobashar Bikalpo Ki

12:15 Bhalobashar Campus

03:30 Bhalobashar Bikel

06:30 Hindi Hits

11:30 Sria and Brothers

RADIO FOORTI 88.0 FM

07:30 Hello Dhaka

10:00 Morning Express

12:00 My Time

01:00 No Tension

04:00 Dhaka Calling

09:00 Night Rider

01:00 Back to Back music

RADIO TODAY 89.6 FM

07:15 Good Morning Dhaka

11:00 Musti Unlimited

01:00 Today's Adda

04:00 U Turn

08:00 Tobey Tai Hok

11:00 Raat Bhor Gaan

12:00 Today's Happy Moments

Cinemar Gaan

01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma

04:30 Trust Bank Shora Shori Boimela

05:30 Musical Programme: Shur

07:50 Doria Bagha Gayen

08:30 Drama: Kentin-ey Shobai

Ebong Kichhu Golaap

10:00 Bhalobashar Jugal Bandi

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08:30 Swasthyo Protidin

08:55 Bangla Feature Film

12:10 Akash Chhoar Swapno

02:30 Drama Serial: Chokkor

03:10 Drama: Prem Ei Nagarey

04:10 Quiz Show: Janar Achhey Bolaar Achhey

05:30 Bhalo Bashar Boshontey

06:45 Bhalobsha Milonye Bihoney

08:15 Drama Serial: Graduate

09:00 Drama: Megh

Brishhi O Tarpor

11:30 Boi Boshontey

11:40 Shomporko

ETV

08:30 Ekusheyer Shokal

09:30 Drama Serial: Bhabi

10:50 Financial Bulletin

11:30 Ekushey Business

02:02 Market Trend

03:30 Swapneel Prem

05:25 Sports Plus

05:45 Ei Shoptaher Bishwa

06:30 Nana Rang-er Bhalobasha

07:50 Drama: Shadamon Dhushar Prithbi

09:30 Drama Serial: Lolita

10:10 Shudhu Tomaar Jonyo

Rtv

10:45 Tarokakalap

11:30 Share Update

12:30 Drama Serial: Bhor-er Shishir

02:03 Selected Programme

06:03 Protidin

06:45 R Ranna

07:45 Road To Democracy

09:25 Drama: Bhasha Pelo

Bhalobasha

11:30 Trade Talk

BANGLAVISION

08:30 Drama Serial: Babar Hotel

09:00 Drama Serial: Rang-er Dunia

10:30 Bhalobashar Eikaal Sheykaal

11:35 Love You Kristina

01:30 Drama Serial: Paati Gaanit

02:30 Bangla Feature Film

05:55 Protidin-er Boimela

06:05 Music Vision

08:15 Amar Ami

09:05 Drama: Dujoney

11:20 Ami Galibo Shei Gaan

12:00 Shngbad Protidin

DESH TV

12:15 Dur Path

03:02 Tele-film: Piriti

06:02 Boimela

07:45 Celebrity Show

08:15 Drama Serial: Shimanto

09:45 Drama: Mithyuk

11:45 Shoja Katha