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Dhaka int'l trade fair opens today

STAR CORRESPONDENT

The yearly Dhaka International Trade Fair kicks off today, in which 47 foreign companies from 12 countries are participating.

Organised by the Export Promotion Bureau and the commerce ministry, the fair has 506 stalls and pavilions showcasing products and services at home and abroad. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the fair as the chief guest.

The month-long trade fair at the Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the capital will be

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Mass awareness key to fight cancer

Doctors, health experts at The Daily Star roundtable call for multiple specialists' management

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Various forms of cancer are rising in Bangladesh, requiring multiple specialists' management for diagnosis and therapy, said noted oncologists and physicists at a discussion yesterday.

Mass awareness, early detection and preventive intervention are the keys to combating the challenges of cancer, they said.

The Daily Star organised the discussion, "Challenges of Cancer Treatment in Bangladesh: Ensuring better diagnosis and service to patients", at The Daily Star Centre in the city.

Citing the International Atomic Energy Agency's prediction, Prof Shahnaz Afroz, nuclear medicine specialist at Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, said the number of cancer patients in Bangladesh would increase by 50 percent in the next four decades.

Five decades ago, the cancer case ratio of developed to developing country was 70:30. But the scales are tilting toward the

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NHRC to probe if lawmen fail

Says Prof Mizanur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

National Human Rights Commission Chairman Prof Mizanur Rahman has warned the government of new trends in crime, including secret killings, in the country.

He also called upon law enforcers to be more cautious about extra-judicial killings so that the country can be freed from the stigma in the New Year.

"On the last day of the year 2011, I want to give a warning to the government, if such inhumane incidents take place in the

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Secret killings to be probed

Says PM, blames BNP again for such crimes

BSS, Gopalganj

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday alleged that opposition BNP has resorted to killings and kidnapping across the country to fulfil its political mission.

All the incidents of secret killings and disappearances will be probed to bring the culprits to book, she said.

The prime minister urged people to remain alert to "BNP's plot" to foil war criminals' trial. No force in the country would be able to halt the ongoing trial of war criminals, she insisted.

Addressing a public meeting at Sheikh Kamal Stadium in Gopalganj, Hasina said, "It's Ziaur Rahman who is the pioneer of politics of killing in Bangladesh.

"Zia is the first man who betrayed with the freedom fighters and killed scores of freedom fighters in

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TROUBLED BIMAN
Loss shoots up despite growth in revenue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Biman Bangladesh Airlines incurred a loss of Tk 199 crore in the last fiscal year (2010-11).

It suffered around Tk 80 crore loss in the previous year (2009-10), for which the civil aviation ministry demanded an explanation from the Biman board.

Biman's financial report for 2010-2011 that contained the estimate of loss last year was approved by the Biman board at its Annual General Meeting at the Balaka Bhaban in the capital yesterday.

Contacted, Managing Director of the national airlines Muhammad Zakiul Islam said Biman's revenue last year increased by Tk 358 crore over that in previous fiscal year. It also carried 1.5 lakh more passengers than in the previous year.

He attributed the increased loss mainly to fuel price rise, payment for two leased aircraft, payment of loan interest, cost of hiring of foreign pilots and expenditure for training and travel of engineers for the two new Boeing 777-300ER aircraft.

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TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the chief prosecutor of the war crimes trial should resign for 'failure' to submit charges properly?

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Maghrib	5-30	5-35
Esha	7-00	7-30

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