



### Biman MD seeks to resign

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With employees demanding resignation of all members of its board, Managing Director of Biman Bangladesh Airlines M Zakiul Islam told the Board of Directors that he wants to quit, weeks before his tenure ends.

A few days ago, Zakiul sent a letter to Biman Chairman Air Marshal (retd) Jamal Uddin Ahmed stating his wish. The matter came to light yesterday SEE PAGE 19 COL 1

BNP's HARTAL

### Decision on HSC exams today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The education ministry will decide today whether to hold Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) and its equivalent examination during hartal hours tomorrow.

The main opposition BNP on Thursday called the countrywide dawn-todusk hartal in protest at the "disappearance" of

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These two animals along with six others were brought to Dhaka Zoo from South Africa yesterday. The authorities recently decided to buy from the African country some 270 animals for the zoo and yesterday's was the first consignment. Another photo on page 19.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

#### KIDS RESCUED FROM EX-DIG'S HOUSE

# All they need is family care

SHAHEEN MOLLAH and **TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY** 

The six children, who were rescued from the house of a former deputy inspector general (DIG), need to grow up in family care for proper development, maintained a child psychologist.

"Proper social and mental developments are not possible in a shelter home, as the children need the kind of stimulation only a family can provide," Prof Dilruba Afrose of psychology department at Dhaka University told The Daily Star.

For the last six months, the children have been living in a hostel in Gazipur while before that in Proshanti, a shelter home of rights organisation Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association (BNWLA), from July 30, 2008.

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### Upgrade of Cox's airport by next year

SHARIFUL ISLAM

The tender process of a Tk 549-crore project for upgrading the Cox's Bazar Airport to an international standard one by 2013 will be completed soon, sources at Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (Caab) said.

Once the airport is upgraded, it will help increase the number of local and foreign tourists in the beach town.

The project titled 'Cox's Bazar Airport Development Project (1st phase)' is expected to get approval in the next meetings of Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecnec) and Cabinet Purchase Committee.

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### Swine flu patients improving

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram

The health of all 31 swine flu infected students of **Kurigram Nursing** Training Institute has been gradually improving since they were first diagnosed with the disease on Tuesday.

They were recovering after being treated with Oseltamivir, an antiinfluenza drug, widely used worldwide for treating the highly infectious disease.

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CLIMATE TRUST FUND

## Graft in free distribution of saplings

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

The Baily Star

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**ONLINE POLL** 

Do you support BNP's

countrywide dawn-to-dusk

hartal on Sunday?

**TOTAL VOTES: 614** 

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think it was justified for

the prime minister to say that

BNP leader M Ilias Ali might

have gone into hiding on

Khaleda Zia's instructions?

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(59.3%)

(39.3%)

(1.4%)

Some officials of Bangladesh Forest Department (BFD) here have allegedly indulged in irregularities in distributing free saplings for afforestation under Bangladesh Climate Change Trust Fund.

Several ruling Awami League lawmakers complained the officials in their documents have shown thousands of saplings distributed without giving those to local people and organisations.

According to government rules, the BFD must have the local lawmakers' recommendation for distribution of any seedling. An MP can distribute any amount between 40,000 and 54,000 seedlings under the Raising of Seedling for Afforestation to Adverse Impact of Climate Change project.

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Myanmar Standoff

Suu Kyi set

to boycott

parliament

### Countries must focus on reforms

Says Zoellick REJAUL KARIM BYRON, from Washington

World Bank President Robert B Zoellick has said countries, both developing and developed, need to focus on 'structural reforms' which will be the drivers of future growth.

"Otherwise, the world will keep stumbling along. The World Bank Group will be emphasising the structural growth agenda," he said.

Zoellick said structural growth could be encountered in the WB's priorities for infrastructure, especially public-private partnerships; social safety

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০২। রং পরিবর্তনশীল কালিঃ ১০০, ৫০০ ও ১০০০ টাকা মূল্যমানের প্রত্যেক প্রকার নোটের উপরের ডানদিকে কোনায় ইংরেজী সংখ্যায় লেখা নোটের মূল্যমান রং পরিবর্তনশীল কালিতে মুদ্রিত রয়েছে। ১০০ ও ১০০০ টাকা মূল্যমানের নোট আস্তে আস্তে নড়াচড়া করলে নোটের মূল্যমান লেখাটি সোনালী হতে ক্রমেই সবুজ রং এ পরিবর্তিত হয়। একইভাবে ৫০০ টাকা মূল্যমানের নোটে ৫০০ মূল্যমান লেখাটি লালচে হতে

পরিবর্তিত হয়ে সবুজ হয়। জালনোটে ব্যবহৃত এ রং চকচক করলেও তা পবিবর্তিত হয়না। 200 000 2000

০৩। <mark>অসমতল ছাপাঃ</mark> ১০০, ৫০০ ও ১০০০ টাকা মূল্যমানের প্রত্যেক প্রকার নোটের সম্মুখ ও পশ্চাত পৃষ্ঠের ডিজাইন, মধ্যভাগের লেখা, নোটের মূল্যমান এবং ৭টি সমান্তরাল সরলরেখা উচু-নিচু (খসখসে) ভাবে মুদ্রিত আছে। তাছাড়া, নোটের ডানদিকে ১০০ টাকার নোটে ৩টি, ৫০০ টাকার নোটে ৪টি এবং ১০০০ টাকার নোটে ৫টি ছোট বৃত্তাকার ছাপ আছে যা হাতের স্পর্শে উচু-নিচু (খসখসে) অনুভূত হয়। এ সকল বৈশিষ্ট্য জালনোটে সংযোজন করা সম্ভব নয়।



নোটে বঙ্গবন্ধুর প্রতিকৃতি, বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের মনোগ্রাম এবং নোটের মুল্যমান জলছাপ হিসেবে ব্যবহৃত হয়েছে। বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের মনোগ্রাম এবং নোটের মূল্যমান প্রতিকৃতির তূলনায় উজ্জ্বল দেখাবে।



০৪। জলছাপ ঃ ১০০, ৫০০ ও ১০০০ টাকা মূল্যমানের প্রত্যেক প্রকার

ব্যাংকনোটের ব্যবহার সম্পর্কে সচেতন হোন

নোট জালকারীচক্রের প্রতারণা থেকে নিজেকে রক্ষা করুন এবং নোট জালকারীকে ধরিয়ে দিন।

আসল নোটের নিরাপত্তা বৈশিষ্ট্য সম্পর্কে নিজে জানুন এবং অপরকে জানতে সহায়তা করুন ॥



বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক

#### to overshadow the activist's landmark election to public office. The Nobel Peace Prize winner,

AFP, Yangon

who spent much of the past two decades locked up by the former junta, had been set to make her debut in parliament on Monday

Aung San Suu Kyi's opposition

party yesterday said it planned to

boycott Myanmar's parliament

next week in a row that threatens

after her party's decisive win in by-elections earlier this month.

But her party's newly elected members are refusing to take the swearing-in oath that requires them to uphold the constitution, which was drawn up by the country's SEE PAGE 19 COL 8



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