

**UK VISA**  
**List of financial institutions for documentation announced**

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The UK Border Agency in Bangladesh yesterday announced a list of financial institutions from which it will only accept documentation in support of visa applications made under the points based system (PBS).

The list will come into force for PBS visa applications to be submitted from November 1, said a British High Commission press release.

Visa applicants will need to submit evidence from one of the listed financial institutions to show that they have sufficient funds. Visa applications will be refused if they rely on information from an institution not listed.

The first list of the financial institutions includes AB Bank, Eastern Bank, National Credit and Commerce Bank, Southeast Bank, One Bank, Mutual Trust Bank, Brac Bank, First Security Islami Bank, Standard Chartered Bank, State Bank of India, Commercial Bank of Ceylon, Citi Bank and The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

**Korea to train 12 govt officials**

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Korea will provide an 18-day training to 12 high government officials for capacity building in the areas of governance, leadership and economic development planning.

The participants will attend the country-focused training programme on "National Development Strategy Planning Programme for Bangladesh Government Officials" to be hosted by Korea International Cooperation Agency (Koica).

The team of high level officials from Ministry of Planning and Economic Relations Division will leave for Korea today.

The training has been designed to share experiences of how the Korean government has set up the national development strategy planning and has implemented the national economic development plans.



**A six-storey building collapses on two adjoining buildings on Kailash Gosh Lane in Old Dhaka yesterday as it was being demolished by unskilled and inefficient workers. Inset, Residents trapped in one of the two affected buildings being evacuated by fire fighters.** PHOTO: STAR



**Six-storey building collapses on 2 others**

Ten injured

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A six-storey building, which was being demolished for construction of a new one, collapsed on two adjoining three-storey buildings in Old Dhaka yesterday, badly damaging the buildings, trapping people inside them, and injuring 10 residents.

Around 30 trapped people, 10 of them injured, were rescued by fire fighters, police and a team of Bangladesh Army in cooperation with locals. Fire officials declared one of the affected buildings too risky to live in and asked its residents not to enter it.

The roofs of the affected buildings no-18 and 19 were severely damaged and several cracks were found on their walls, while entrances of the building no-18 got blocked.

Engineers and fire fighters said the six-storey building on Kailash Gosh Lane broke down due to demolition by unskilled and inefficient day labourers and that too in an unplanned way.

A fire service official Monir Hossain said the north portion of the six-storey building was demolished leaving the southern portion intact, which created an imbalance and caused the collapse. "We had to rescue 27 trapped people by cutting the windows on the southern part of the building no-18."

Nokul Dhar, a trapped victim of the building no-18, said, "It was around 8:30am. It

seemed to be an earthquake as I felt a heavy jerk, heard a big bang, and saw a cloud of dust circling around me." He said he got panicked and tried to run out, but it was not possible as the room was too dark and the door was blocked.

According to locals, the six-storey building aged around 30 to 35 years is owned by Fazle Elahi Mohan, who identifies himself as a ruling party man. He gave the building to a developer for construction of a new one there, they added.

However, Sheikh Abdul Mannan, an official of Rajdhani Unnyan Kartipakkha (Rajuk), told The Daily Star that neither the land owner nor any developer company did take their approval for demolishing the old building or constructing a new one. "Even, the building was being demolished without taking any safety measures."

Harun-ur-Rashid, deputy commissioner of Lalbagh division police, said both the land owner and the developer company officials had remained missing since the collapse.

No case was filed in this connection. Meanwhile, Dhaka South City Corporation formed an eight-member committee to find the cause of the collapse and a six-member technical committee to carry out the removal of the ruins for easing public movement in the area.

**Programme launched for Int'l Day of the Girl Child**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Girl children are neglected mainly due to a lack of knowledge and education, said noted singer and children's rights activist Rezwana Chowdhury Bonna at a programme on children's rights yesterday.

Last December in Bangladesh, the United Nations proposed a day for the girl child and decided that October 11 will be observed as the International Day of the Girl Child.

In observance of the day for the first time and the children's rights week 2012, the weeklong programme was inaugurated at Bangladesh Shishu Academy in the capital.

At the event hosted by the academy, Bonna also said there has to be a social change from grass roots level to change the mindset of Bangladeshis about girl children.

Secretary-in-charge to Ministry of Women and Children Affairs Tariqul Islam said the government is taking appropriate measures to stop violence against girl children.

Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, state minister for women and children affairs ministry, and Dr Latifa Akand, vice-president of National Girl Child Advocacy Forum, also spoke at the programme.

Besides, a procession with the slogan "Success of Girl Child: Progress of Bangladesh" was brought out from the National Museum to the Shishu Academy.

**EU to give more fund for victims of flood, landslides**

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The European Union will provide an additional four million euros for emergency assistance to the people of Bangladesh affected by monsoon floods and landslides.

Together with the additional funding announced yesterday, the total humanitar-

ian contribution for Bangladesh by the European Commission this year stands at 18.65 million euros, said a press release.

The south-eastern part of the country was hit by floods between June and July this year. The EU aid is expected to reach over 2.5 lakh of the most vulnerable people.

**2 schoolgirls found dead**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two schoolgirls were found dead yesterday at Bosila in the capital's Mohammadpur area, a day after they had gone missing.

Police recovered the bodies of Soma, 10, and Urmi, 9, from a canal around 11:00am. The victims were third-grader in the same school.

Quoting the victims' families, police said the girls went missing on their way to school on Monday morning.

The duo lived at Kadirabad Housing in Mohammadpur.

Urmi's father Kamal Hossain said his daughter headed out for school around 7:00am. However, she did not return.

Soma also did not return after she had went out for school, said the victim's family.

Other students informed the families that the girls had not arrived at school. Instead, they had seen the girls together going towards Bosila, about half a kilometer from their school.

Following the information, police launched search in the area and ultimately found the bodies floating on the Bosila canal.

Rejaul Karim, sub-inspector of Mohammadpur Police Station, said the girls might have drowned while playing, as they did not find any injury mark on their bodies.

Soma's father Alauddin filed an unnatural death case with the police station.

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