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A refreshing beginning

Job-seekers in Malaysia start registering online today

BELAL HOSSAIN BIPOB

The online registration for the new chapter of manpower export to Malaysia begins today in Dhaka and Barisal divisions.

Interested candidates will have to register their names at the information centre of local union parishad by Tuesday, January 15, 2013.

The names of the selected candidates from the districts, which would be decided through lottery, will be announced from the local deputy commissioner's office on Wednesday, January 16.

As for other districts, the registration will continue in phases up to January 22 through 4,500 union parishads across the country.

The Malaysian government has recently decided to recruit 10,000 male workers from Bangladesh to its plantation sector, lifting a four-year ban on importing manpower from this country.

On December 29, 2012, it made a formal request to the Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment through the Kuala Lumpur High Commission.

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This vast plot of Boro seedbeds at an agricultural farm in Jhenidah is covered with polythene sheets for protection from severe cold. The district, like many other parts of the country, has been shivering in chilly weather over the last few days.

PHOTO: AZIBOR RAHMAN

Cold snap to last a few more days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Although mercury began to rise slightly from Friday, bitter cold was yet to loosen its grip on most parts of the country with minimum temperature recorded at 4.8 degrees Celsius in Ishwardi yesterday.

The cold wave that started sweeping over the country four days ago will continue for another two to three days, Meteorological officials say.

It will be severe in Rangpur division and Ishwardi, Kushtia, Jessore and Sreemangal and mild to moderate elsewhere.

The temperature, however, will gradually go up from today.

Although the minimum temperature in the capital dipped to 7.9°C yesterday from Friday's 8°C, the

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First phase Akheri Munajat today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The second day of the first phase of Biswa Ijtema passed yesterday with dowry-free mass wedding of 98 couples on the banks of the Turag in Tongi.

The Akheri Munajat (final prayers) of the three-day congregation will be held today seeking divine blessings of Almighty Allah.

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Better medicare with better nurses

Int'l seminar stresses development of nursing education, upgrade of profession

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Improvement of healthcare services requires development of nursing education as per international standards, and upgrade of the profession.

Despite a huge demand for qualified and skilled nurses at home and abroad, the profession is still not well regarded in Bangladesh. Apart from a general change in mindset, nurses should be given increased remuneration for their social

recognition.

This was the unanimous view of speakers at an international seminar in the capital yesterday.

The speakers stressed the need for enhancing the nurses and other healthcare professionals' proficiency in English to fulfil the domestic needs and also to make the most of the growing global demand for them.

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Miladunnabi January 25

UNB, Dhaka

The holy Eid-e-Miladunnabi, the birth and death anniversary of Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (Pbuh), will be celebrated across the country on January 25.

The National Moon Sighting Committee decided this yesterday at a meeting at the conference room of Islamic Foundation as the moon of Rabiul Awal was not sighted yesterday.

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16YRS INTO KALPANA KIDNAP Main culprits left out

Family to reject CID probe report

SUSHMITA S PREETHA

Kalpana Chakma's family today will challenge the latest CID probe report on the forced disappearance of the indigenous rights activist sixteen years ago.

Jewel Dewan, coordinator of Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST), Rangamati, will file the petition on behalf of Kalpana's elder brother Kalindi Kumar

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Crime by lawmen on rise States rights body report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rights organisation Odhikar yesterday expressed grave concern over the rising number of 'forced' disappearances and extra judicial killings in the country during 2012.

In its Human Rights Report 2012, the organisation also states that as

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Tea or coffee vendors sun themselves for warmth at Suhrawardi Udyan in the capital yesterday morning. It was a sunny day in the city with the minimum temperature of 7.9 degrees Celsius.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Govt succeeded, govt failed

PM's adviser, BNP leader trade opposing views at BBC Sanglap

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister's Economic Affairs Adviser Mashiur Rahman and BNP leader Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury yesterday debated over the caretaker government system and whether the military may intervene in politics again cashing in on an impasse over a polls time government.

They also argued on the government's successes and failures at BBC Sanglap at Bangla Academy Auditorium in the capital.

Khasru alleged that the government cancelled the caretaker government system to stay in power.

"The system was a reflection of opinions of all parties and people in the country, but the government cancelled it taking the opportunity of its majority in parliament."

He said the cancellation of the system is now the number one problem in the country.

Khasru, also a former commerce minister, said Awami League might hand over power to an undemocratic force.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with home minister MK Alamgir that top criminal Bikash was freed following all legal procedures?

Yes (6%)

No (94%)

No Comments (0%)

TOTAL VOTES: 311

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with prime minister that an environment has been created for the Election Commission to work independently and neutrally?

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Zohr 12:45 1:15

Asr 4:00 4:15

Maghrib 5:36 5:40

Esha 7:00 7:30

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