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## THIRD BOEING JOINS FLEET

# Biman hopes to serve better

SHARIFUL ISLAM

With an Airbus grounded and a DC-10 most likely heading for a museum, the ailing national flag carrier Biman yesterday received delivery of an extended range Boeing 777-300.

However, Biman Bangladesh Airlines bought the aircraft, christened Akash Prodig, from the US maker with about \$178 million loans from international banks which show lenders have the confidence that Biman would bounce back.

Akash Prodig is scheduled to land in Dhaka around noon today from the Seattle headquarters of Boeing. Biman officials expect the aircraft would go a long way in helping Biman improve services and better maintain flight schedule.

The 777, the third of its kind in Biman's fleet, was purchased under a 10-plane deal with Boeing signed during the last caretaker government's tenure.

Biman was delivered two Boeing 777-300ERs, named Palki and Arun Alo, in October and November of 2011.

The fourth Boeing 777-300ER, already named Ranga Probhat, is expected to arrive in the third week of March.

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In a rare episode of Tigers dictating terms, Shamsur Rahman, *right*, and Imrul Kayes scored centuries. The right-left combination put on a superb 232 runs for the second wicket on the third day of the second Test against Sri Lanka at Chittagong yesterday. However, Bangladesh failed to build on the solid platform and could only manage to avoid the follow-on mark. Story on page 18

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

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## Bangla wrapped in Urdu

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

If March 1940 was a time when Pakistan appeared to be turning into an inevitability, there was too the question of what language the people of the soon to be constituted state would express themselves in.

It was pretty much obvious by July 1947, a month before the partition of India, that even as some well-known Muslim

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## ARMS HAUL VERDICT

# HC now to hear death reference

*Little response to Jamaat hartal*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Chittagong court yesterday sent documents of 10-truck arms haul case, including its judgment, to the High Court for scrutinising the death sentences of 14 convicts.

Meanwhile, Jamaat-e-Islami enforced a country-wide dawn to dusk hartal

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## FUGITIVE WAR CRIMES CONVICTS

# Probe body asks for action committee

TUHN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY and MAHBUBUR RAHMAN KHAN

The war crimes investigation agency has proposed setting up a monitoring cell to bring back the fugitive convicts and help the police headquarters in executing the verdicts of international crimes tribunal.

The cell, led by the home secretary, would be composed of the representatives from

law enforcement and intelligence agencies and ministries.

The proposal was made in a letter sent to the home ministry on January 30 and signed by Sanaul Huq, a senior member of the investigation body.

"The monitoring cell will make a concerted effort to bring them [convicts] back after examining legal and other issues,"

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## HRW for trade union in RMG

*Urges govt to stop 'threat, intimidation by owners'*

STAR REPORT

Human Rights Watch has urged Bangladesh to stop garment owners from intimidating and threatening workers for organising trade unions and to prosecute those responsible for attacks on labour leaders.

Foreign buyers, including major US and European retailers, should ensure that Bangladeshi garment

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## 49kg gold bars seized in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Customs officials recovered 420 gold bars weighing around 49 kgs from an aircraft at Shah Amanat International Airport in Chittagong last night.

The bars, abandoned under seats, could be worth about Tk 22 crore, according to customs officials. It was the highest ever gold seizure in the airport.

Airport officials started their regular search inside the Fly Dubai flight after the passengers got down. The plane landed

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An elderly South Korean man wiping his tears as a North Korean relative (in the bus) waves to say good-bye after a luncheon during a family reunion on the North's southeastern coast on October 31, 2010.

PHOTO: AFP

## Warning that breaks hearts

AFP, Seoul

North Korea yesterday threatened to renege on an agreement to hold a reunion for families divided by the Korean War unless South Korea scraps planned military drills with the United States.

The threat came barely a day after the two sides set dates for the reunion. It drew a sharp rebuke from Seoul, which warned

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We, the Green Delta Family, congratulate you whole-heartedly on becoming the President of Bangladesh Malaysia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BMCCI) for the term 2014-2015.



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Private Candidates and Schools

Private Candidates

Private candidates who fulfil the criteria described below are requested to register their names at The Daily Star office for inclusion as awardees. The criteria to be fulfilled are as follows:

Criteria for 'O' Level

Minimum 6 (six) 'A' grades in two consecutive sittings within May/June 2012 to May/June 2013

Criteria for 'A' Level

Minimum 3 (three) 'A' grades within 1 academic year (May/June 2012 to May/June 2013)

Eligible candidates are requested to contact Ashiqur Rahman at The Daily Star office, 64-65, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka - 1215, with their original Results Certificates and a photocopy and 2 (two) passport-size photographs in person on 9, 10, 11 or 12 February, 2014, between 11:30 am and 3:30 pm.

Schools

Any school that has students meeting the above criteria but has not been contacted by The Daily Star (i.e. has not been informed of the first scheduled meeting through regular post, email or phone) is requested to contact Ashiqur Rahman at The Daily Star office (64-65, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215), on the aforementioned dates and times or email him at [o.alevel.tds@gmail.com](mailto:o.alevel.tds@gmail.com) by February 27, 2014, with:

• The name of the school, phone number of a responsible representative (who will attend the meetings) and a valid email address that is checked regularly.

The schools are also requested to promptly prepare a list of the candidates meeting the above criteria, the number of 'A' grades achieved by each candidate, and photocopies of results certificates for each candidate.

NOTE: If you know of any private candidate(s) or school(s) that may be unaware of this, please communicate the above information to them so that we may include them in this ceremony as well.

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Do you agree with the claim of Khaleda Zia that around 300 opposition men fell victim to killing and forced disappearance in one month?

Yes

71%

No

29%

TOTAL VOTES: 363

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think Bangladesh have made remarkable progress to regain the GSP facilities by June?

PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT [www.thedailystar.net](http://www.thedailystar.net)

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February 7

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5:30

6:05

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1:15

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Maghrib

5:52

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7:15

7:45

Source: Islamic Foundation