

DHAKA AIRPORT EXPANSION Govt approves proposal to appoint int'l conglomerate

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The government yesterday approved a proposal to appoint an international conglomerate for implementation of the expansion work of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, aiming to double its capacity.

The cabinet committee on purchase approved the proposal for appointing the conglomerate consisting -- Yooshin Engineering Corporation (Korea)-CPG Consultants Pte. Ltd (Singapore)- Development Design Consultants Ltd (Bangladesh) JV -- at Tk 39.89 crore.

The expansion work includes construction of a second runway, third terminal, and other infrastructural development, as the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (Caab) plans to cope with ever-growing passenger flow through the airport.

The premier airport started its operations in 1980 and saw a very little expansion work since then.

Presently, the annual growth rate of passengers and freight at the airport is 13 percent.

If the growth rate remains unchanged, expansion of the airport will be required after 2018, Caab sources said.

Now the airport is capable of serving eight million passengers annually, though it now serves 5.3 million.

With its lone 10,500-foot long tarmac, the airport can handle 25 planes per hour, though the number now usually varies from 10 to 11.

Once the airport is expanded, its flight operation capacity will be more than 50 aircraft per hour, the sources added.



Md Shahjahan Ali Mollah, head of the government probe committee to investigate the abduction and subsequent killing of seven people in Narayanganj, attempting to get into his vehicle avoiding questions from journalists after a "public hearing" hardly participated by locals for fear of reprisal at Narayanganj Circuit House yesterday, while another member of the committee, right behind him, trying to dissuade the reporters from asking any question.

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LOCAL GOVT ELECTIONS

Lack of political support curbs women's inclusion

National seminar told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A lack of political support is one of the main barriers to women's participation in local government elections, speakers said at a national seminar yesterday, as data show a huge fall in the number of female candidates over past several years.

Parties' reluctance to nominate and empower their female members is seen as a reason for the decreasing participation of women in upazila and union parishad elections, they said.

A paper, presented by Ranjan Karmaker, executive director of Steps Towards Development (STD), said women's participation in the 2014 upazila elections went down by 48 percent compared to that of the 2009 upazila elections.

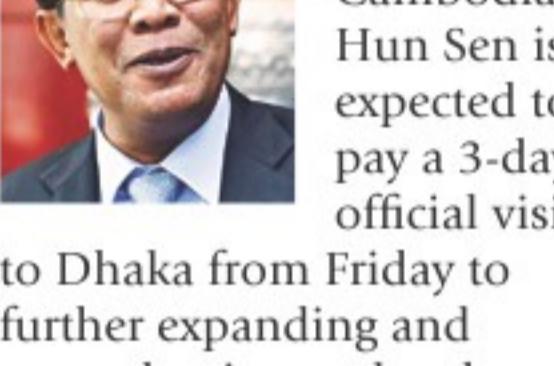
"In 2014 upazila elections, 1,507 women took part from 458 upazilas, while the figure was 2,900 in 2009," he said, citing from the statistics of Democracy Watch.

STD and Democracy Watch are two of the four alliance partners of a project that

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Cambodian PM due on Friday

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Prime Minister of Cambodia Hun Sen is expected to pay a 3-day official visit to Dhaka from Friday to further expanding and strengthening trade relations and cooperation in agriculture sector between the two countries.

Official sources said Dhaka and Phnom Penh are expected to ink several deals in the areas of trade and economy.

They said the bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries have strengthened greatly in recent years following signing of a trade agreement on August 4, 2006.

During the visit, sources said Dhaka is expected to seek long-term land lease for contract farming in Cambodia by Bangladeshi nationals. Bangladesh has also shown deep interest in signing a long-term agreement with Cambodia to

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KOREAN JOBS FOR BANGLADESHIS Law-abidingness of current workers to ensure future offers

Says human resources official Lee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The employment of Bangladeshi migrant workers in Korea depends on performance and law-abidingness of those already working there, said a top human resources official of Korea's government on Sunday evening.

"Bangladesh's government can help the workers by motivating them to work honestly, abide by Korean laws and not to stay illegally after the expiry of approved work tenure," said Lee Min-Hwa, director of Employment Permit System (EPS) Centre in Bangladesh.

"A smiling face also enhances a worker's job opportunity,

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Visiting Chinese Air Chief Marshal General Xu Qiliang, a member of the politburo of the Communist Party of China, also vice chairman of the Central Military Commission, pays respect to the Liberation War martyrs of the Bangladesh armed forces yesterday at Shikha Anirban in Dhaka Cantonment.

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or

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Non Resident Bangladeshi (NRB) bondholders are also requested to provide their Local Currency Bank Account Number (with Bank Certificate, copy of BO Setup and attested copy of Power of Attorney) to the Bond Department within 20 May, 2014 to get Profit Warrant mentioning that Bank Account.

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ACC CASE Charge framed against Mufti Izharul

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The Chittagong Metropolitan Sessions Judge Court yesterday framed charges against Hefajat-e-Islam nayeb-e-ameer Mufti Izharul Islam Chowdhury in a case filed for not submitting his wealth statement to the Anti-Corruption Commission.

Mufti Izharul is absconding, said the court sources.

According to the prosecution, the ACC issued notices to Mufti Izharul last year on July 4, 11 and 28 for submitting his wealth statement. But Mufti Izharul neither responded nor submitted his wealth statement.

Later, on September 17, the ACC filed the case with Khulshi Police Station under the Anti-Corruption Commission Act-2004.

On April 2, the anti-graft



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