WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 29.6 | L 17.7	H 30.5 | L 19.0	H 30.2 | L 16.7	H 26.0 | L 14.8	H 27.2 | L 16.8	H 28.4 | L 16.8	H 28.0 | L 16.0	H 32.5 | L 19.2

Weather may remain dry over the country till 6:00pm today. Moderate to thick fog may occur at places over the river basins and light to moderate fog elsewhere over the country during late night till morning. Night and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said, reports UNB. **The sun sets in the capital today at 05:11pm and rises tomorrow at 06:29am.**

GRAFT CASE

Khaleda seeks stay on trial proceedings

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday filed a petition with the High Court seeking a stay on trial proceedings of the Zia charitable trust corruption case.

She submitted the petition through her lawyers also seeking cancellation of statements recorded by the trial court of 32 prosecution witnesses of the case.

Khaleda in the petition said the recording of the witnesses' statements did not take place under the criminal rules and procedures.

The HC will hold a hearing on the petition today, ACC lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan told The Daily Star.

Khaleda Zia challenged the proceedings of the case at the HC and Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court several times, he said.

Both the divisions of the apex court has cleared the way for the trial court to run the trial proceedings of the case, he said, adding that the Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) will contest yesterday's petition before the HC during its hearing.

On August 8, 2011, the ACC lodged the Zia Charitable graft case against Khaleda and three others for abusing power in setting up the charity.

Other accused are Harris Chowdhury, Khaleda's former political secretary, Ziaul Islam Munna, assistant private secretary (APS) of Harris, and Monirul Islam Khan, APS of former Dhaka City Corporation mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka. Harris Chowdhury is now absconding.

Low-income people buy rice from an Open Market Sale (OMS) centre in Kazipara of Mirpur in the capital. The rice sale saw a large crowd of buyers yesterday since it was being offered at a lower rate.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Safe passage for migrants sought

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

International migrant rights activists at a global forum on migration and human rights in Dhaka yesterday observed that migrants and refugees seeking safe routes through international borders should be allowed to move and provide necessary assistances to ensure their human rights.

Expressing concern over the emergences of far-right political parties, they said the refusals at the international borders are causing serious violations of rights of the migrants and refugees.

They made these remarks on the first day of a two-day Peoples' Global Action (PGA) Forum on Migration, Development and Human Rights titled "Mobilized and On the Move: Migrants Changing the World!" held in Dhaka University's Lecture Theatre building.

Preeda Tongchumnum, programme manager of Solidarity Centre, which works with migrants and refugees in Thailand, observed that the migrant jobseekers from some South and Southeast Asian countries were forced to leave their countries seeking safer places. "Myanmar's Rohingyas were migrating to Thailand after conflicts in their country...," she said.

Catherine Tacaquin, executive director for the US-based National Network for Immigrants and Refugee Rights, said, "Border restrictions and lack of humanitarian and immigration visas for safe passage, motivate migrants to pay smugglers to guide and facilitate their journeys, further subjecting them to potential dangers. It is especially challenging for women and girls, who often face physical threats and abuse, including rape."

Maria Angela Villalba, executive director of Unlad Kabayan Migrant Services Foundation, in the Philippines, said the rights of the migrants and children in the destination countries were being violated.

The civil societies must be united to ensure the migrants' and refugees' rights, said Jille Belisario, campaign and programme coordinator of Commission for Filipino Migrant Workers in Netherlands.

Over 300 people convened at the programme to discuss on borders and detention, climate and migration, global governance on migration, labour migration and recruitment reform, mixed migration, and xenophobia and racism.

3 persons, one org get 'Kazi Mahbubullah award'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three eminent personalities and one organisation have been selected as recipients of the "Kazi Mahbubullah Award-2016."

Begum Zebunnessa and Kazi Mahbubullah Janakalyan Trust has announced the names marking this month of victory, said a press release.

They are Prof Dr Syed Monzoorul Islam (literature), artist Rafiqun Nabi (fine arts), Sultana Kamal (special award-life time achievement) and Bangladesh Agriculture University (science-agriculture).

Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus presents the International Children's Peace Prize to Kehkashan Basu, a 16-year-old environmental activist from the United Arab Emirates (UAE), at the Grand Hall of Knights at The Hague on December 2, according to a press released issued by the Yunus Centre yesterday.

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AFTABNAGAR HOUSING PROJECT

SC halts earth filling in water bodies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday directed the authorities to maintain status quo on earth filling in natural water bodies at Aftabnagar housing project in Rampura area in Dhaka for next six weeks.

Chamber judge of the Appellate Division of the SC Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain gave the order following a petition filed by the Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh seeking stay on a High Court verdict.

Eastern Housing Ltd which has undertaken the project and the government have to maintain status quo on earth filling in natural water bodies at Aftabnagar housing project, HRPB's lawyer Manzill Murshid told The Daily Star.

He, however, said there is no legal bar for the project to run its construction activities following the SC chamber judge's order.

Advocate Manzill Murshid said the HC last month rejected a petition to stop the earth filling.

Men must change mindset to stop domestic violence

Speakers tell programme

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Men have to change their mindset to stop domestic violence and ensure equal rights of women in their family, speakers told a programme yesterday.

They urged the women to involve with income generating activities to make a strong position in their family so that they can earn their rights.

The remarks were made at the inauguration ceremony of a fair "Equal Respect in Family Relation" organised by We Can at Bangladesh Shishu Academy premises in the capital.

Around a hundred couples and 17 different organisations participated in the fair supported by a Dutch embassy funded project "Shokhi".

Rights activist Sultana Kamal, who chaired the programme, said, "Violence cannot exist in a country like Bangladesh that became independent through a liberation war. It should be stopped from family at first to protect the women."

Lawmaker Safura Begum Rumi said, "We have laws to stop violence against women, but its implementation is slower. Therefore, we have to create awareness among couples to stop it." The fair can play an important role in this regard, she added.

Speaking as the chief guest, State Minister for the Social Welfare Ministry Nuruzzaman Ahmed said all citizens in the country have to come forward to ensure equal rights of women.

Dr Annie Vestjens, a secretary at the Netherlands embassy; Jinat Ara Haque, national coordinator of We Can Bangladesh; and Dr Abul Hossain, a project director at the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, was also present at the programme.

HC delivers split verdict on

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to Chittagong jail to serve his term.

But he was released on December 1, 2005, through fraudulence, Shakhawat said. Nizam was supposed to be in jail until September 13, 2010, and he, according to the law, was not supposed to be eligible to run in parliamentary polls before September 2015.

Nizam provided false information about serving his jail term to the Election Commission, he added.

The HC issued a rule the same day asking the government and the Election Commission to explain why the ruling Awami League leader Nizam Uddin Hazari's parliament seat should not be declared vacant.

The office of inspector general of prisons has submitted a report to the HC on July 19 saying that Nizam Uddin Hazari had suffered in jail around 2.5 years less than he was supposed to serve in the arms case.

SNAPS & *snippets*

Saber addresses Serbian parliament

CITY DESK

President of Inter Parliamentary Union, Saber Chowdhury addressed the National Assembly of Serbia in Belgrade on Monday, said a press release yesterday.

The speaker of the assembly Maja Gojkovic convened the fourth special sitting to allow the IPU president to address to mark the 125th anniversary of Serbian Parliament's membership of the Inter Parliamentary. The IPU president also had a discussion with Serbia's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ivica Dacic. Later, he delivered a lecture on "Parliaments in the 21st Century" at Belgrade University.

Workshop held at IUB

CITY DESK

A two-day workshop titled "Laboratory Techniques in Biochemistry and Microbiology" was conducted by the School of Life Sciences of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) for the 11th and 12th grade students of Scholastica recently, said a press release yesterday.

Dynamic Biochemistry and Microbiology faculty members who have studied at renowned institutions explicitly at Harvard University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Johns Hopkins University and Dhaka University designed and guided the 18 participants who performed experiments during the workshop.

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Chinese journalists led by Ma Yue exchanging views with members of Jatiya Press Club (JPC) yesterday. Deputy Director of All-China Journalists Association Zhong Yan, JPC President Shafiqur Rahman, General Secretary Quamrul Islam Chowdhury, and Senior Vice-President Manjurul Ahsan Bulbul, were present.

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Invitation for Enlistment

Sl No.	Description	Detail
1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA), Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.
2.	Agency	Department of Immigration & Passports (DIP).
3.	Procuring entity name	Divisional Passport & Visa Office, Agargaon, Dhaka.
4.	Procuring entity code	N/A
5.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka, Bangladesh.
6.	Invitation for	Enlistment of Firm for the supply of stationery items & goods and related service.
7.	Invitation Ref. No.	DPVO/Dha/Admin-1/331/2016/1547
8.	Date	05/12/2016
KEY INFORMATION		
9.	Procurement method	Limited Tendering Method.
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10.	Budget and source of funds	Government of Bangladesh (GOB).
11.	Development partners	None
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12.	Office code	N/A
13.	Office name	Divisional Passport & Visa Office, Agargaon, Dhaka.
14.	Application closing date and time	26th December, 2016 at 01:00pm (BST).
15.	**Name & Address**	
	Application form availability	Md Helal Uddin, Deputy Assistant Director, Room No-608, Divisional Passport & Visa Office, Agargaon, Dhaka. Telephone No- 02-58156425
	Receiving application form	Md Ismail Hossain, Assistant Director, Room No-608, Divisional Passport & Visa Office, Agargaon, Dhaka. Telephone No- 02-58156425
INFORMATION FOR APPLICATION		
16.	Eligibility of application	a) Vat Registration and TIN certificate of the Suppliers. b) Up-to-date trade license of Local Agent from City Corporation. c) Proprietorship/partnership/ limited company i.e. concerned commercial documents (Photocopy) of the tenders. d) Money receipt of purchase of tender documents. e) Proof of solvency. f) Must confirm that has legal capacity to enter into a contract under the authority with valid Power of Attorney. g) At least 3 years experience certificate for the supply of similar goods and related service.
17.	Brief description of goods or works	a) Supply of stationery items. b) Supply of office furniture. c) Supply of goods and miscellaneous items.
Sl No.	**Description**	**Detail**
18.	Brief description of related or physical services	N/A
19.	Price of application form	1000.00 BDT.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
20.	Name of official inviting application	Director
21.	Designation of official inviting application	Director
22.	Address of official inviting application	Director, Divisional Passport & Visa Office, Agargaon, Dhaka.
23.	Contact details of official inviting application	Telephone No- 02-58156425 Mobile No-

The procuring entity reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason.

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Request for Proposal (RFP)

1. Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd. invites Proposal/Offer for taking ACMI lease of one (1) Aircraft having capacity of 220 to 300 seats for a period of 08 (eight) months. Airlines, Operators, Owners of Aircraft and/or Leasing Companies may submit their proposals as per terms and conditions given in the RFP schedule. Basic information are mentioned below:

a.	Number and Type of Aircraft	01 (One) Aircraft of any type.
b.	Year of Manufacture	Aircraft must be manufactured in October 1997 or later.
c.	Seat Configuration	Aircraft should be configured with 220 to 300 seats in two-class.
d.	Air Operators Certificate (AOC)	Valid AOC of the Operator must be provided along with the offer for ACMI lease operation.
e.	Guaranteed Hours	Minimum Guaranteed Hours will be on an average 250 Block Hours per month during the lease period.
f.	Nature of Lease	ACMI (Aircraft, Crew, Maintenance and Insurance) Lease.
g.	Owner's Authorization	If the bidder/lessor is not the owner of the aircraft, then owner's authorization for leasing the aircraft must be provided along with the Proposal/Offer.
h.	Heavy Maintenance Check	Heavy Maintenance Check or "D"-Check must not fall due in the offered aircraft during the lease term.
i.	Lease Term and Commencement of Lease	08 (eight) months lease, commencing from February 2017.

2. Detailed information is available in the RFP schedule. RFP Notice and schedule may be viewed at official website of Biman: www.biman-airlines.com .
3. Proposals/Offers are to be submitted to General Manager (Corporate Planning), Biman Bangladesh Airlines Limited, Head Office, Balaka, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh latest by 1000 hours BST (0400 hours UTC) on 28 December 2016 through courier service or e-mail to dacpm168@bdbiman.com . The Proposal(s)/Offer(s) will be opened on the same day immediately after the closing time and date in presence of the bidder(s), if any. No Proposal/Offer will be accepted after the closing time.
4. Bidders are requested to comply with the stipulated terms and conditions of the RFP schedule, failing which the Proposals/Offers may be rejected at the option of Biman. For further information or query, General Manager (Corporate Planning) may be contacted at Telephone: +880-2-8901600/Ext-2413, +880-2-8901588 (Direct), e-mail: gmp@bdbiman.com during the office hours.
5. Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Proposal(s)/Offer(s) partly or wholly at any time and/or stage without assigning any reason, whatsoever, and no claim will be entertained in this regard.

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