

# NEWS IN brief

## Biman offers new in-flight package for business class

BSS, Dhaka

Biman Bangladesh Airlines yesterday introduced new delicious meals and entertainment packages for Dhaka-London-Dhaka route's business class passengers.

The new service also included diabetic and kid meals and also upgraded music, movie, video games and other services, said a press release.

Earlier Biman Bangladesh Airlines Managing Director and CEO Mosaddek Ahmed formally inaugurated the programme on Thursday as part of its "Special Service Week."

Such service will also be introduced to all international routes in phases, the release added.

## Elderly woman killed in Savar wall collapse

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

An elderly woman was killed as the old boundary wall of a land collapsed on her in Bhobanipur of Savar, outside the capital, on Saturday, said police.

The deceased was Shukur Banu, 50, wife of Robiul Islam of the area.

## Art exhibition of Ranjit Das at Galleri Kaya extended till Friday

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The ongoing solo exhibition of artist Ranjit Das titled "Journey and Images" at Galleri Kaya (house 20, road 16, sector 4) in the capital's Uttara has been extended till Friday.

The exhibition, which is showcasing a selection of 27 acrylics and four oils on canvas with 11 drawings on paper, will remain open from 11:00am to 8:00pm every day.

## Harun president, Abu Bakar general secretary of BSAA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT




Md Harun-ur-Rashid (Barisal) and Md Abu Bakar Siddique (Netrokona) have been elected president and general secretary respectively of Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Agent Association (BSAA) for 2017-2019 term.

A 31-member committee of the association was declared at a general meeting of it on Friday, said a press release.

Other office bearers include, Senior Vice-President Majibul Haq Master (Chandina); vice-presidents Abdul Mannan (Tangail), Sirajul Islam (Sylhet), Izhar Ali (Jessore), Al Harun (Chittagong), and Hekmat Ullah (Rajshahi); Organising Secretary Muhammad Ali (Comilla); Treasurer Azizul Haq Palash (Narsingdi); Women Affairs Secretary Kohinoor Begum (Gazipur) and 10 executive members.

## Teacher meets tragic end

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residence. But, we never thought he will return this way."

The vice principal of the college said, "We are so shocked at his untimely departure. He was an amiable person."

Before joining the college five years ago, he was promoted as a professor at Murari Chand (MC) College in Sylhet, he added.

Meanwhile, Hussain Nir, a former student of the college, on her Facebook wall wrote, "It took me few minutes to believe it! Our honorable Tripti Shankar sir is no more!"

"He was not like any typical teacher. He was someone who cared for us like a family member," she added.

A graduate of Dhaka University's applied chemistry, Tripti passed the BCS examination under the education cadre.

The professor left behind his wife, a son and a daughter. A case was filed following the incident.

## Chehlum



The Chehlum of Mrs. Kohinoor Dastgir, w/o former Ambassador Major General Quazi Golam Dastgir, will be held baad Asr on Monday, March 27, 2017 in her residence "Hasnahena" at House 36 (New), Road 11 (New), Dhanmondi R/A. All well-wishers are cordially invited to attend.

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Garbage is dumped in piles under the Lohar Bridge in Kamrangirchar area of Dhaka and set alight every day, harming the environment. Not just authorities concerned, a collective effort of all is needed to prevent this mindless act. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## UK diplomat McDonald due today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A top-ranking UK diplomat will arrive in Dhaka today to discuss security, democracy, and human rights and economic cooperation with high government officials.

The foreign ministry sources said Permanent Under Secretary and Head of the Diplomatic Service at the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office Simon McDonald would take part in the first-ever Dhaka-London Strategic Dialogue with his Bangladesh counterpart Foreign Secretary Shahidul Haque tomorrow.

"There will be a detailed discussion in terms of relationship cooperation in three key areas -- the first is prosperity which includes economic exchanges, the second is security issues where we can work more closely together, and the third is shared democratic values and respect of human rights," said UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minister for Asia and the Pacific Alok Sharma during an interview with The Daily Star early this month. He said this was going to be a very comprehensive discussion.

Bangladesh is expected to request the UK to bring back the visa processing system from New Delhi to Dhaka. For the last three years, the visa applications of Bangladeshis have been processed and evaluated in India, and the common feeling among the Bangladeshi applicants is that they are denied UK visas abruptly.

Diplomatic sources said the UK strongly supported Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's stated objective of zero tolerance on terrorism.

Official sources said sustainable development goals, airport security, Rohingya issue, economic cooperation, Brexit impacts, security cooperation, combating militancy and visa issues would dominate the talks.

McDonald is responsible for advising the British foreign secretary and ministerial team on foreign policy and for managing the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

## Two teachers for 112 kids

AKLAKUR RAHMAN AKASH, Savar

Academic activities at Ronosthal Joyenuddin Memorial Government Primary School in Savar are being disrupted as only two teachers have to attend 112 students in six classes every day.

The school had 160 students last year but guardians of 48 students got their kids admitted to other institutions due to the teacher shortage.

The school was established at Ronosthal village, a rural area 15 kilometers south of the upazila headquarters, in 2012- 2013 fiscal year under the project of establishing 1,500 new primary schools in villages without school.

The Directorate of Primary Education implemented the project through Local Government and Engineering Department to establish child-friendly learning centers in char/haor/baor/hill and other remote areas.

The school started on January, 2014 with 132 students. Two assistant teachers from other schools were brought on deputation who are now conducting all activities of the school.

The school is being ran in two shifts from 9:00am till 4:00pm and the teachers always have to conduct two classes at a time.

Many times, only Gita Rany Shorker remains for conducting classes as Ajoy Kumar Shorker has to look after the official works.

"It is not possible for only two of us to run all classes in two shifts," said Ajoy.

Gita said, "We cannot give proper attention to all our students as most of the time I have to run two classes in one period of 45 minutes."

## PM releases stamp

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday released a commemorative postage stamp, a first-day cover and a data card marking the 47th Independence and National Day.

She released the stamp and the first-day cover of Tk 10 and the data card of Tk 5 at her official residence Gono Bhaban yesterday afternoon.

A special canceller was used on the occasion.

Prime Minister's Principal Secretary Dr Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury, Posts and Telecommunications Secretary Shyam Sundar Sikdar and Director General of Bangladesh Post Office Sushanta Kumar Mandal were present on the occasion, among others.

The stamp, first-day cover and data card were sold from Philatelic Bureau of Dhaka GPO yesterday and those will be available at other GPOs and head post offices across the country later.

There is also an arrangement for special canceller in four GPOs to be used for the first-day cover.

## How to get int'l recognition

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Bangladesh Parliament declaring March 25 as "Genocide Day" was significant because it reinforced the findings of the justice process of the International Crimes Tribunal of Bangladesh and set a milestone in honouring the victims of international crimes in 1971.

The adoption of the resolution facilitates regional and international recognition of the Bangladesh genocide, and instils a greater understanding of the mechanics of genocide in all its forms as a nation-building exercise, which may serve as a preventive safeguard against repetition of such atrocities in the future, according to the statement.

Commemorating the day, ICSF announced to intensify the "ICSF Global Campaign on Bangladesh Genocide", its flagship campaign for recognition of the international crimes committed in 1971.

As part of this ongoing campaign, ICSF has started to publish in social networks commemorative video messages from victims, survivors, freedom fighters, activists and campaigners, in which participants shared their lessons and pledges regarding the genocide.

ICSF says it believes that this is the beginning of an accountability process that will hold responsible all Pakistani military personnel who took part in international crimes in 1971.

ICSF demanded that investigations be geared up so that members of the Pakistan Army, whether they are living

in Bangladesh, Pakistan or elsewhere, could be brought to justice.

To facilitate the investigation against the atrocities by the Pakistan Army, ICSF called on the Indian government to disclose all records concerning the Liberation War.

The Indian government should follow the footsteps of the United States of America and others countries that have declassified a significant volume of documents relating to Bangladesh's Liberation War, the organisation said.

In this regard, ICSF called upon the Bangladesh government to engage with the Indian government to secure these vital documents concerning genocide and international crimes.

## Panic in Christian village as locals

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written statement that plainclothes cops would not harass the villagers, but the law enforcers refused to do it.

At one point, police got the four policemen out of the room, and when people shouted, police baton-charged the villagers to disperse them and fired 10 to 12 rounds of rubber bullets, injuring about a dozen villagers, Bikash told The Daily Star.

Contacted, Additional Superintendent of Police of Gazipur Pankaj Dutta, said a team of law enforcers, led by sub-inspector of Kaliganj Police Station Jamil Uddin Rashed, conducted a raid, acting on a tip-off, to seize local liquor.

He claimed that the villagers and police got engaged in a heated exchange and scuffled.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) of the police station, Alam Chand, said a number of people in the village were accused in different cases but police could not arrest them as they were in hiding.

Asked why they conducted the raid at night without ID cards, the OC replied that the four were carrying ID

cards but "they were not in a situation to show them".

About the baton-charging and firing, he said they had to do it to rescue the policemen.

Dilip Costa, a local Union Parishad member, said making local liquor was an old tradition in the Christian village, but police used to raid the village often and demanded money on different pretexts.

Talking to The Daily Star last night, he said the villagers were in panic because police might make wholesale arrests and accuse them in false cases.

## INDEPENDENT UNIVERSITY, BANGLADESH

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### Tender for Purchasing 500 KVA Substation Equipment

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## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer  
Department of Public Health Engineering  
Sherpur District, Sherpur

### Invitation for e-Tender Notice

Memo No-46.203.8900.061.07.021.16-607, 612, 613, 614 Date: 22/03/2017

1	Ministry/division	Local Government Division.
2	Implementing Agency	Department of Public Health Engineering.
3	Project/program name	National Sanitation Project (Phase-III).
4	e-Tender IDs	93496, 93778, 93811, 93829
5	Description of works	Repair and maintenance Sreebordi Upazila Office Building and Sherpur Sadar & Nakla Upazila Public Toilet Rehabilitation in Sherpur District under National Sanitation Project (Phase-III).
6.	Name, designation & address of official inviting tender	Mr. Muhammad Jamal Hussain, Executive Engineer, DPHE, Sherpur District, Sherpur.
7	Information	This is online tender, where e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. Interested persons/firms can see details in the website: www.eprocure.gov.bd.

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