

# NEWS IN brief

## NRB Global Business Convention starts in Sylhet today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet  
A seven-day "NRB Global Business Convention" will start at Abul Maal Abdul Muhit Krira Complex in Sylhet city today.

Sylhet Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI), and British-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry are jointly organising the event which will end on October 27.

Non-resident Bangladeshis (NRBs) from 19 countries, including the United Kingdom, Russia, Sweden, Canada, France, US, Spain, Italy, Singapore, and Saudi Arabia, are participating in the convention, said the organisers.

SCCI President Khandakar Shipar Ahmed said the convention aims to attract NRBs to invest in various business sectors, including tourism, to help the country achieve more economic growth.

## International Turkish Hope School students win study trip to Australia

CITY DESK  
Students of Dhaka's International Turkish Hope School have won a study trip to visit the University of Technology (UTS) in Sydney as winners of Bangladesh schools video competition 2017, said a press release.

The Australian Trade and Investment Commission announced the result on Thursday.

Students between class IX and XI from across Bangladesh participated in the competition. They developed a short film on the theme, "Internet of Things (IOT)".

## Woman found with throat slit

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole  
An unidentified woman was found dead with throat slit at Potengali in Sadar upazila of Jessore yesterday morning.

Being informed by local farmers, police recovered the body.

Police suspected that the 21-year-old woman might have been killed after rape.

The body was sent to Jessore Medical College Hospital morgue for an autopsy.



A girl weaves threads by spinning wheels at Arjyo Bana Bihar in Khagrachhari yesterday on the occasion of "Kathin Chibar Daan", a major religious festival of the Buddhist community. As part of the festival, weavers boil, colour and dry the threads and eventually make a chibar (robe). The robes are then donated to the monks.

PHOTO: SAIKAT DEWAN

## Biman

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Biman is operating flights to seven domestic and 15 international destinations. Out of the international destinations, Biman operates flights to two destinations in the Saarc countries, four destinations in the South East Asia, eight destinations in the Gulf and Middle East and one destination in Europe.

At present, Biman has 13 aircraft in its fleet including four 777-300ER, two 777-200ER, one A330-200, four 737-800 and two Dash8-Q400 aircraft.

Biman took delivery of four 777-300ER and two 737-800 aircraft from Boeing under the purchased agreement for 10 aircraft signed in 2008. Remaining four 787-8 aircraft are scheduled to be delivered in 2018/2019.

According to the Biman sources, the airliner has a plan to start its operation on Dhaka-Narita (Japan)-Dhaka route after having suitable aircraft in its fleet.

## Over 800 MPs call for end to intolerance, violence

UNB, Dhaka

Parliamentarians from 155 countries have committed to pursuing cultural pluralism and peace through interfaith and inter-ethnic dialogue.

In a declaration issued at the close of the 137th Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly in St Petersburg, Russian Federation on Wednesday, IPU Member Parliaments have called for transparency, accountability and respect for human rights and the rule of law to serve as the basis for building sustainable and peaceful diversity.

Actions MPs have agreed to take include preventing discrimination and human rights violations related to religion and ethnicity, promoting national and local dialogue to create multicultural and inclusive societies, enhancing civic education, and strengthening parliaments.

"Over 800 MPs have one ambition to promote tolerance, and have said with one voice that hate speech and divisive words have no place in peaceful societies.

We aspire to a world where all of us - irrespective of race, gender, political persuasion or sexual orientation - are equal in the eyes of the law. We are here to stand up for democracy, justice and equality," said the outgoing IPU President Saber Chowdhury.

"I presume it is necessary to push the

discussion on the main topic of the Assembly, the cultural pluralism, to a global level at a world conference promoting inter-religious and inter-civilization dialog with the participation heads of state and leaders of world religions," said President of the 137th IPU Assembly Valentina Matvienko.

IPU members adopted a resolution on "Sharing diversity: The 20th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Democracy", according to a message the news agency received on Wednesday.

This resolution reaffirms the core elements set out in the original declaration, which include genuine partnership between men and women in the conduct of the affairs of society, an independent judiciary, free and fair elections, open and free media, parliamentary oversight, and the protection of the rights of minorities and vulnerable or marginalised groups.

IPU members also elected a new president. For the first time, two women presented their candidacy for the post. The newly elected president is Gabriela Cuevas from Mexico.

"It is an honour to follow in the footsteps of Saber. I am committed to continuing the work he began, and taking the IPU to new levels of achievement and global influence," said Cuevas.

Debates and discussions also took place

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## Arsenic exposure linked to RTI

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flow which many water filters could not provide. Rainwater harvesting, as an alternative, did not work in many areas and deep tube-well water may contain other elements in high concentrations, harmful to health," Dr Rahman observes.

According to the World Health Organization, around 20 to 40 million people in the country are exposed to arsenic through drinking water or food, the long-term effects of which include cancer, cardiovascular disease and developmental defects.

Large-scale mitigation efforts had successfully reduced drinking water arsenic in rural Bangladesh, found another recent study conducted with icddr,b.

Despite this, children still had elevated arsenic exposure through contaminated food. Use of arsenic-contaminated water from shallow pumps for irrigation can introduce arsenic into crops. Arsenic in staple food such as rice might have the most far reaching effect on a larger population.

Recent findings by icddr,b researchers provide further evidence that arsenic exposure affects lung function. Exposure to arsenic-laced drinking water while in the womb can hamper lung function in children for many years after birth.

"Arsenic exposure may interfere with specific vaccine response in children," says Dr Rubhana Raqib, senior scientist at icddr,b.

Dr Muhammad Yunus, an emeritus scientist at icddr,b, observed that research has generated a large body of evidence to support a wide range of negative health effects stemming from arsenic exposure.

"The adverse health consequences including increased death due to chronic arsenic exposure through drinking water are now well established by high quality scientific research from Bangladesh and other countries," he said.

Dr Yunus said research will continue to unearth more adverse effects, but ultimately a concerted effort to ensure arsenic-free water is a must.

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**Flat For Rent**  
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**Request for Proposal**  
In this notification JSC ASE EC informs you about open invitation to tender for the right to enter into agreement for civil and erection works performance under the lot: 10491-1677-RUP-17 "Performance of Construction and erection works for the lot: Temporary fire-fighting water pipeline (Lot 30)". The documentation is available at the official web site of Rosatom State Corporation at the link: <http://zakupki.rosatom.ru>, procurement No. 171018/0536/2120.

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**Admission Announcement**  
**Master of Professional Banking (MPB) Program**  
**Department of Banking and Insurance**  
**Faculty of Business Studies**  
**University of Dhaka**

The Department of Banking and Insurance, University of Dhaka has launched Master of Professional Banking (MPB) Program for those who can take the challenge to lead banking profession in order to speak up courageously and professionally to uphold the image of the bankers in Bangladesh and abroad. This program aims at developing skills and qualities necessary to supply good quality professional bankers for the national and international market with advanced level of knowledge.

**The Program Features:**

- A unique combination of resources and flexibility to educate next generation bankers
- Evening and weekend classes of small size with special care
- Highly qualified and experienced faculties from both universities and banking arena
- Practical learning opportunities through seminars, real life case studies and presentations
- Two-year duration to complete the program that combines in depth study of Banking and Financial Services
- Scope for sophisticated overseas learning in affiliation with Macquarie University, Australia

**Minimum Admission Requirement:**

- A bachelor degree in Business or any other discipline
- Candidates having two years working experience will be given preference
- Candidates having GMAT score of at least 550 or GRE score of at least 300 will be eligible directly for viva.

**Admission Form:**  
Prescribed application forms for admission to MPB Program will be available at the Department of Banking and Insurance, University of Dhaka from 10 am to 8 pm  
**Class Time:** Weekends: Morning, Afternoon & Evening; Week Days: Evening

**Last date of application** : 18 November, 2017, Saturday  
**Admission Test** : 24 November 2017 at 3.00 pm  
**Commencement of classes** : January-2018

**For details please contact:**  
Department of Banking and Insurance, University of Dhaka  
Phone: 9661920-73/8082, 01912511230, 01715959458, 01682-161905, [www.banking.ac.bd](http://www.banking.ac.bd)

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### e-Tender Notice

e-Tenders are invited through the national e-GP portal for the following procurement of works.

e-Tender ID	Name of Work	Last Opening & Closing Date & Time	Procuring Entity/ Contact Persons
127658	Installation of 11KV 3c 300mm <sup>2</sup> XLPE (Cu) underground Cable from Japan Garden City 33/11KV Sub-station to Road no-08 PC culture Housing Society to split up PC Culture Housing 11KV Overhead feeder Under NOCS Adabor.	01 November, 2017 Time : 12:00	(Syed Ashraf Ali) Project Director Project-2, DPDC. Telephone: 9880846, Fax: +085 9880847 E-mail : pdp2@dpdc.org.bd
127741	Installation of 11KV Under Ground Cable, 11/0.4 KV Sub-station, 11 KV RMU and 132 KV Tower for enhancement of beautification & related works at Sher-E-Banglanagar Dhaka International Trade Fair DITF-2018 and Dismantling Recovery the same after Completion of Fair.	31 October, 2017 Time : 12:00	
124813	Construction of approach road of Matuail 132/33/11 kv grid sub-station under DPDC	Date: 29-Oct-2017 at 16:00	Md. Gias Uddin Superintending Engineer Civil Works, DPDC, Dhaka-1212. H # 47,R#135, Gulshan-1, Dhaka Phone: 02989260

The interested persons/firms/ may visit website (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) to get the details.  
DGM (HR) Public Relations, DPDC

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**  
United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Bangladesh is seeking applications from Bangladeshi Nationals to fill the following positions:

Vacancy No.	Post Title	Category	Duty Station	No of Positions
Job ID 17-21	Field Officer	Service Contract (SB4 Level)	Field Offices	2 (Two)

**How to Apply:**  
For Details of the Job Description and instructions to apply, Please visit our website: <http://www.unfpabgd.org>. Only short-listed candidates will be called for written test/interview. Any attempt to unduly influence UNFPA's selection process will lead to automatic disqualification of the applicant. Application should be received no later than **17:00, Saturday, 4 November, 2017.**

**Only Applications Submitted Through UNFPA Bangladesh Job Portal Will Be Considered For Further Evaluation**

"There is no application, processing or other fee at any stage of the application process"  
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