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WITHDRAWAL OF UK BAN

# No cheers for Biman, in fact

Cargos not going directly to UK as EU ban remains in place; Biman expecting positive results soon



SAJJADUR RAHMAN and SOHEL PARVEZ

Nearly three weeks after the UK government's withdrawal of the ban on Dhaka-London direct cargo flights, Bangladeshi exporters are yet to reap any benefit from the decision. National flag carrier Biman, the only airline having direct flights from Dhaka to London, cannot yet operate such flights because of another ban, slapped by the European Union last year. As for the international airlines, they still

need to rescreen their UK-bound cargos originating from Dhaka at a third country's airport, like they have been doing since March 2016, when the UK ban came into effect. This rescreening process costs Bangladeshi exporters an additional 10 to 20 cents, depending on the airlines, for shipping each kg of goods. So the lifting of the British ban means little to Bangladeshi exporters as the EU ban remains in place.

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BNP SIT-IN

## Police make it eventful

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An uneventful sit-in staged by BNP in front of Jatiya Press Club was foiled when plainclothes policemen swooped on Chhatra Dal leader Mizanur Rahman Raju yesterday. BNP leaders and activists began to gather well ahead of the programme amid a large presence of law enforcers and riot control vehicles. They started the sit-in around 11:00am with senior leaders including Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir demanding release of BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia. Traffic crawled to a halt as hundreds of BNP supporters stood on the road. With slogans and speeches, the programme was about to end around 11:47am when plainclothes policemen attempted to pick up Chhatra Dal Dhaka north President Mizanur Rahman Raju. To avoid arrest, he held on to Mirza Fakhru Islam, who was nearby. As police-men swooped on him and grabbed him, he fell to the

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An activist grabs BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir as he is about to fall during a melee in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday. Fakhru was trying to save BNP leader Mizanur Rahman Raju from being arrested at the sit-in protest. Police eventually manhandled Raju, inset, and took him away.

PHOTO COURTESY: BNP



Liton Das was the only Bangladesh batsman to bat with a measure of comfort in an otherwise disappointing score of 139 for eight in their T20I tri-nation Nidahas Trophy match against India at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP



## Losing start for sub-par Tigers

MAZHAR UDDIN from Colombo

Bangladesh suffered a heart-stopping one-run defeat against Virat Kohli's India during the ICC T20 World Cup in 2016. But they were nowhere near to put up even a decent fight against an Indian team sans Kohli at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo yesterday. The Tigers this time conceded a comprehensive six-wicket defeat in what was their opening game of the Nidahas Trophy tri-series. Bangladesh, sent

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MARCH 7 SEXUAL HARASSMENT

## 'Proof found in CCTV footage'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday said they found proof of a college girl being sexually assaulted in Banglamotor area on Wednesday, an incident about which she opened up on Facebook. "We found two footage of CCTV installed in the area. We have primarily found that she was sexually assaulted," a police official from the Dhaka Metropolitan Police's cyber security and crime division told The Daily Star yesterday, wishing not to be named. Four to five men were seen making the assault, he said. "Police also collected the dress the girl was wearing that day," he added. Meanwhile, the father of the girl filed a case with Ramna Police Station under the Women and Children Repression Act in connection with the sexual assault. According to the case statement, the incident happened

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## Yes, they can PM praises women of Bangladesh

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the country would move faster towards prosperity if men and women could work together. "A country will move forward if men and women can work together. Our aim is to make the country prosperous and free of poverty," she said.

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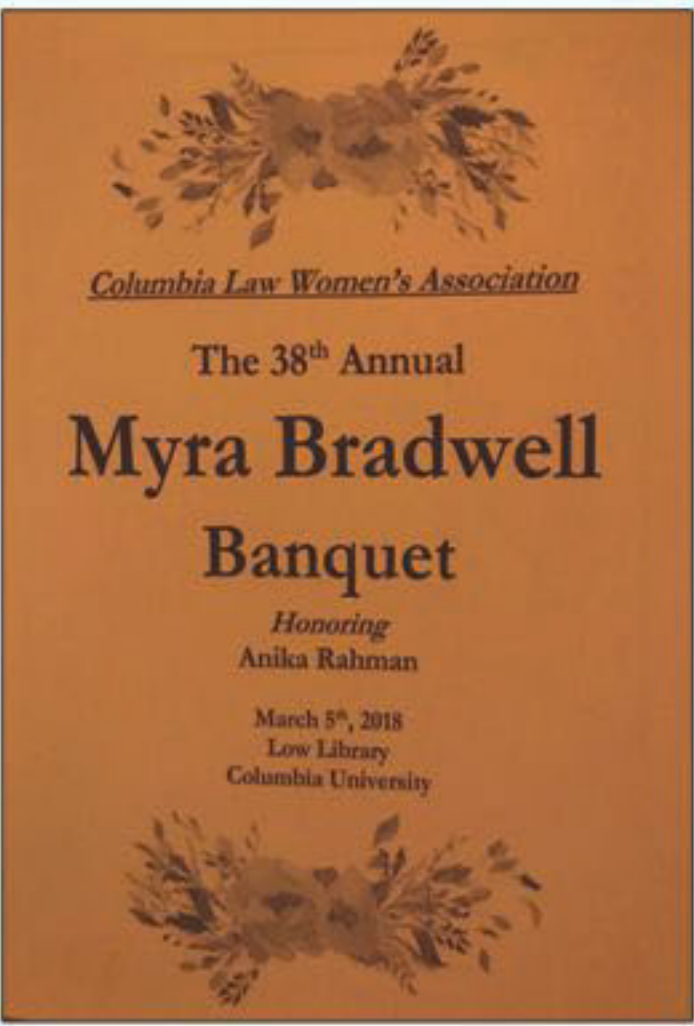
## BITL School Director Anika Rahman Honored at Columbia University in New York



Anika Rahman's career has been in leadership positions at the Center for Reproductive Rights, Friends of UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund), the Ms. Foundation for Women, and the Rainforest Alliance, Anika has been a voice-and a catalyst-for change.

A lifetime member of the Council on Foreign Relations, Anika has received the Women's eNews "21 Leaders for the 21st Century" award and Columbia Law School's Lawrence A. Wien Prize for Social Responsibility. She has Spoken on the topics of leadership, public service, non-profit management, women's rights, reproductive rights and sustainable development at venues ranging from the United Nations to universities and international conferences.

This year, the association of Myra Bradwell honored Ms. Anika Rahman as a member of the legal profession whose work has paved the way for future generations of women lawyers. She was recognized for her lifelong commitment to women's rights, environmental justice and global economic development. Ms. Rahman obtained her Juris Doctor from Columbia Law School and her Bachelor of Arts from Princeton University. Previous honorees include Hillary Clinton and Associate Justice of Supreme Court Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Please join the BITL School in congratulating Director Anika Rahman, daughter of Founder Principal and Chairperson Lubna Choudhury.



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## Hours of solidarity

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

March 9th, 1971, was a day of solidarity. It marked the rise of the Left in support of Awami League's movement and the independence of East Pakistan. On this day, Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhashani addressed the movement at Paltan Maidan. In his address, he expressed his support for the on-going non-cooperation non-violent

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