

PHOTO OF THE DAY

PALASH KHAN



LIFE GOES ON BETWEEN HOPE AND DESPAIR... With a child in her lap and another sleeping in a basket covered by an umbrella as a protection from sweltering heat, Jobeda sets up her shop on a road in Karwan Bazar. Every morning, the resolute mother buys vegetables from the kitchen market and sells those at the very spot along with other women. She said she has been doing this for a while to support her five-member family as her day-labourer husband's income is not enough. She earns around Tk 400-500 a day. The photo was taken yesterday afternoon.

Myanmar must guarantee rights of Rohingyas

Dhaka tells UN on repatriation

UNB, Dhaka

Myanmar must guarantee the rights of Rohingyas and take confidence building measures to create a conducive environment for their return to their place of origin in Rakhine State, Bangladesh has conveyed to the United Nations.

"For the repatriation to happen, Myanmar has to guarantee the rights of Rohingyas and take confidence building measures for their return," said lawmaker Abdul Majid Khan, a member of the parliamentary standing committee on ministry of foreign affairs.

He made the remarks while addressing the general debate on human rights issues under the 3rd Committee of 74th UNGA at the UN headquarters on Friday, said the Bangladesh Mission yesterday.

Majid said not a single Rohingya opted to return, as they were not convinced that Myanmar had addressed their core concerns such as security, livelihood, justice and rights issues.

Bangladesh is a current member of the Human Rights Council.

Majid also mentioned Bangladesh's generosity in giving shelter and humanitarian support to over 1.1 million Rohingyas who fled their homes in the face of atrocity committed by Myanmar security forces.

He informed the meeting about Bangladesh's efforts in the human rights domain such as presentation of the Universal Periodic Review three times (latest being in May 2018); presentation of the country's report to the Committee Against Torture in Geneva; and submission of the report on the situation of civil and political rights in Bangladesh to the Human Rights Committee at its 119th session in 2017.

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ROHINGYA REPATRIATION

Dhaka seeks Berlin's help

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh has urged Germany to put pressure on Myanmar so that they can start taking back their nationals, noting that not a single Rohingya had been repatriated over the last two years.

Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen made the call during his meeting with German Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs Heiko Maas in Berlin on Friday.

The minister told his German counterpart that Myanmar agreed to take back their nationals from Bangladesh, but till date, have not taken back a single Rohingya, a senior Foreign Ministry official told the news agency after the meeting.

He asked German Foreign Minister Maas to put pressure on Myanmar so that they take back their nationals, and sought steps for creating a conducive environment for the return of the Rohingyas who were forcibly displaced from their homeland.

In his maiden bilateral meeting with his German

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ActionAid awards 5 young journos

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Five journalists of print and electronic media yesterday received ActionAid Young Journalist Media Award 2019.

State Minister for Information Md Murad Hasan, among others, handed over crests to the journalists at a ceremony organised by ActionAid Bangladesh in the capital's Cirdap auditorium.

The Daily Star's Mathews Chiran was among this year's winners, for his work in promoting youth leadership for social transformation.

His report, titled "United they travel", narrates the story of a group of courageous women -- from the Facebook group "Travellettes of Bangladesh" -- who travel to different districts of the country.

Other winners in three different categories were -- NTV's senior correspondent ASM Atiq, Channel 24 senior reporter Murshed Hassib Hasan, Daily Samakal's sub-editor Zahidur Rahman and Dhaka Tribune's reporter Fahim Reza Shovon.

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Ministries need to join hands to fight dengue

Says LGRD Minister Tajul Islam

UNB, Dhaka

Diferent ministries must work collaboratively to eliminate the threat of mosquito-borne disease dengue, said LGRD Minister Md Tajul Islam yesterday.

"The government is working relentlessly to tackle the disease... different ministries need to work together to prevent dengue," he said.

The minister was speaking at a seminar on "Vector Problems in Bangladesh: An Integrated Management Approach", organised by the Centre for Governance Studies (CGS) at Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) auditorium in the capital.

Bangladesh, like some other Southeast Asian countries, was hit by a massive outbreak of dengue this year. A large number of new cases put a severe strain on the country's overwhelmed medical system.

Since January, 93,361 people were hospitalised with dengue fever -- most of them in Dhaka. Of them, 91,062 have fully recovered. The government has so far confirmed 98 dengue-related deaths.

"We're constantly working to prevent dengue. Initiatives have been taken to create a cell to this end. The local government ministry is working in this regard," Tajul Islam said in his speech as chief guest.

He mentioned that efforts are being made to include information about dengue in textbooks.

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PHOTO: SHEKH MEHEDI MORSHED

Stars of Dhaka's filmworld join Star Cineplex chairman Mahboob Rahman in cutting a cake yesterday, marking its 15th anniversary and launching of a new multiplex theatre in Mohakhali. The brand-new third Cineplex outlet at SKS Tower features three theatres including reclined seating facilities, inset.



Drainage development works continue on Manik Mia Avenue, over a part of the footpath near Mirpur Road. Though the authorities concerned left some space beside the sidewalk for pedestrian movement along with a sign directing people to do so, it has been encroached by construction materials, a concrete mixture machine and an ice-cream van. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

'Adverse relation' prevails between state and people

Says Prof Serajul Islam Choudhury

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An "adverse relation" between the state of Bangladesh and people still prevails, which needs to change, said Prof Serajul Islam Choudhury yesterday.

Speaking at a discussion organised by Academic Press and Publishers Library and Mizanur Rahman Shelley Parishad, the eminent educationist said, "An adverse relation has also been created between the state and university."

The event was held at Jatiya Press Club commemorating Shelley -- an academic and writer who passed away in August. Shelley had also served as a technocrat minister in 1990 in the cabinet of HM Ershad.

"The state has re-emerged as a smaller one from a bigger one. However, its internal

characteristics and machineries remained the same," Prof Serajul added, referring to the independence from Pakistan and emergence as Bangladesh.

He said people in erstwhile Pakistan were conscious about the repressive nature of the state. Back then, the state was powerful and it applied power to materialise its agendas using many brilliant persons, he said, adding that Shelley was "a sufferer of state power".

Recalling historic events of the late 1960s, he said people had to go to war to be liberated from a repressive state. Back then, there were also symptoms that the state would indulge in genocide.

"It's our misfortune that many of our brilliant minds were defeated to state powers," he further said.

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President leaves for Japan today

To join emperor's enthronement ceremony

Bss, Dhaka

President M Abdul Hamid will leave Dhaka today on an eight-day official visit to Japan and Singapore.

"The President will attend new Japanese emperor's enthronement ceremony, slated for October 22-24," President's press secretary Md Joynal Abedin told the news agency.

On the second leg of his two-nation tour, he said, the president will visit Singapore from Oct 25-27.

According to the schedule of the visit, a regular flight of Singapore Airlines carrying the president and his entourage members will take off from Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport for Singapore this afternoon.

The flight will land at Changi International Airport in Singapore at 7:30pm local time.

After a three-hour stopover, the President will leave for Japan by another Singapore Airlines flight at 10:50pm local time.

The flight is scheduled to reach Haneda International Airport in Tokyo at 6:45am local time tomorrow.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Japan Rabab Fatima will receive the president at the airport.

During his stay in Tokyo, President Hamid will attend the Ceremony of Enthronement of new Japanese Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako at the State Hall of Imperial Place on October 22.

The Japanese emperor is set to proclaim his enthronement in a centuries-old ceremony to be attended by some 2,000 people, including heads of state and other dignitaries from more than 170 countries, Reuters reports.

Emperor Naruhito, 59, acceded to the throne in May after his father, Akihito, became the first monarch to abdicate in two centuries.

Naruhito is the 126th monarch of his country, according to Japan's traditional order of succession.

On October 23, President Hamid will visit Yokohama, Japan's second largest city. Kosovo President Hashim Thaçi will call on his Bangladeshi counterpart at Hotel New Otani in Tokyo the same day.

Abdul Hamid will also attend a banquet hosted by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at the hotel. On his way back home, the President will make a two-day stopover in Singapore.

The president is expected to return home at on October 27.

DHAKA TODAY

CONFERENCE

Bangladesh 4th National Youth Conference on Family Planning 2019
Organiser: SERAC-Bangladesh
Venue: Krishibid Institution Bangladesh (KIB)
Time: 9am

FILM FESTIVAL

JnU students' films
Organiser: Jagannath University Film Society
Venue: Jagannath University
Time: 11am

SPORTS

4th Federation Cup Golf Championship
Organiser: Bangladesh Golf Federation
Venue: Kurmitola Golf Club
Time: 6am

FILM SCREENING

Through Her Eyes
Venue and organiser: Goethe-

Institut Bangladesh
Time: 5pm

LANGUAGE

English Practice Session
Venue: US Embassy, Dhaka
Time: 2pm

WORKSHOP

Digital Analytics for Business
Venue: EMK Center
Time: 2pm

RALLY

Demanding Justice for Abrar
Organiser: Pragatisheel Chhatra Jote
Venue: Oporajeyo Bangla, Dhaka University
Time: 11am

CONFERENCE

1st Scientific Congress on NCD
Organiser: BSMU and ICDDR,B
Venue: Shaheed Dr Milon Hall, BSMU
Time: 10am



Apollo Hospitals Dhaka welcomes Dr. Ebadur Rahman
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Success Story

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 - Renal Biopsy &
 - PD catheter insertion
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Training

- Training on Internal Medicine & Diabetic Nephropathy from Hammersmith Hospital (UK)
- Training on Transplant & Glomerular Disease from Northern General Hospital Sheffield (UK)

Achievement

- Regional Advisor of the Royal College of Physicians for Saudi Arabia & North Africa in 2015
- Chairman of Riyadh Transplant and Nephrology Club in 2012
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