

## PM flies to UAE today

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of Bangladesh, especially its socio-economic development.

Momen said the UAE is a major labour market for Bangladesh, as well as a trade partner. The bilateral trade is \$2 billion, but the UAE exports goods worth about

\$1.5 billion. “So, we are eager to increase our exports.”

Also, the UAE has a number of investment proposals in Bangladesh, which is something that the country wants.

The government in principle decided to award the UAE the work of a bay

terminal in Chattogram. The two countries will also organise Joint Business Forum to improve trade relations, he said.

Hasina will also lay the foundation stone of Bangladesh-English Private School's new campus at Ra Al Khaimah.

## PRI, Star sign MoU

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Policy Research Institute, a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan research organisation, recently signed a memorandum of understanding with The Daily Star on “Policy initiative for DFS in Bangladesh”.

The MoU was signed on February 22 in Dhaka.

The initiative was taken to enable policy environment for strengthening digital financial service and ensure financial inclusion in Bangladesh. This is a 1.5 years collaboration project, led by Dr Bazlul Haque Khondker. Dr Ahsan H Mansur, executive director, PRI of Bangladesh; and Dr Khondker, director, PRI and professor, Department of Economics, DU, signed the MoU on behalf of PRI.

Shuvashish Roy, head of business of The Daily Star; and Rufaida Islam, its senior executive, were present on the occasion.

## Brave, resilient

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soap to local people. Besides, she has been relentless at efforts to prevent child marriage and domestic violence.

Shantona Khisa (38), a karbari (traditional village head) at Ramharipara under Naniarchar upazila of Rangamati, is now working under two local networks, contributing to conserving natural forests and resources and protecting safe habitats for wildlife.

Meanwhile, with the aid of UNDP Bangladesh and support from local community leaders, Hashi Begum fought against ignorance, misinformation, and skepticism surrounding the dire reality of Covid-19, which made her a hero at her village Uttar Manoshitola in Barguna.

Addressing yesterday's ceremony, The Daily Star Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam said leadership skill requires courage, honesty, conscience, and the drive

to serve others.

He thanked the awardees for possessing such virtues.

On the impending threats of global climate change, he said the human civilisation has never faced such a challenge before.

There are many natural disasters that can be contained by combined efforts. However, climate change is a phenomenon that requires timely intervention, he added.

UNDP resident representative Sudipto Mukerjee assured that the

“Nirbhaya” initiative will continue to take place in the next year and beyond.

Sudipto called upon his colleagues in UNDP Bangladesh to arrange further felicitations for the awardees in their localities to amplify their achievements to inspire others.

Sharmin Islam, gender analyst, UNDP Bangladesh, said by launching the initiative, they wanted to bring forth the unheard success stories to inspire people.

## HC slams ACC for failure

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affairs of CID in Dhaka.

Special superintendent of police, the financial crime of CID in Dhaka, has been made member secretary of the committee, Deputy Attorney General AKM Amin Uddin Manik told the HC while placing the report on the formation of the committee.

Earlier on January 30, the HC ordered the ACC

and the CID to submit to this court by yesterday reports on the progress of the investigation into the allegations of money laundering against

Bangladeshi nationals whose names were published in the Panama Papers and Paradise Papers. The bench also directed the Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU) to submit before it by

yesterday the names of Bangladeshi individuals who deposited money in foreign banks, including those in Switzerland.

Lawyer Subir Nandi Das appeared as the writ petitioners, while lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan argued for ACC and DAG AKM Amin Uddin Manik represented the state during the hearing.

## Sailors finally out of war zone

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Moldova border as thousands were trying to flee the war.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, one of the crew members said they were taken to the border from the bunker in a bus, and they heard gunshots while boarding.

The bus left around 8:15am (Ukraine time) on Saturday and reached the border on the Ukrainian side at 7:30pm. The Bangladeshis entered Moldova around 12:20am yesterday and reached the Moldova-Romania border around 5:30am. They crossed the Romanian border around an hour later and arrived at their hotel in Bucharest around 1:00pm.

“We crossed a total of 17 military checkpoints on way to the Moldova border,” said the crew member, adding that they were escorted by Ukrainian soldiers in “risky” areas.

“All the checkpoints were being manned by Ukrainian military personnel. They helped us a lot,” said the man, who wished to remain unnamed as he was not authorised to speak on the matter.

It took the crew members almost 12 hours to reach the border, where two minibuses, arranged by the Bangladeshi authorities, were waiting for

them. The vehicles carried them to the Romanian border where they were welcomed by local officials, who expressed sorrow at their plight and helped them cross the border quickly.

“Everything was arranged by the Bangladeshi authorities. We thank them for this,” the crewman said over the phone.

“All of us are now safe, far from the battlefield. We will return to the country in good health soon,” InshaAllah,” Rukunuzzaman Razib, one of the Bangladeshis, wrote on Facebook.

Contacted, Daud Ali, Bangladesh ambassador to Romania, said it took a long time for the crew members to reach Romania due to heavy traffic as so many people were fleeing Ukraine.

The Bangladesh embassy in Romania arranged accommodation for the crew members and was working to arrange their air tickets so that they can fly home at the earliest, embassy officials said.

Till last night, it could not be known when they might arrive in Bangladesh.

The body of Hadisur Rahman was being kept in Ukraine.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen yesterday said the

government was collecting information on the five Bangladeshis, who recently posted a video on social media saying they were “used by Ukrainian soldiers as human shields”.

So far, the government found that those five went to Russia and were planning to go somewhere else through Ukraine. Since they were undocumented, they were detained by Ukrainian soldiers and kept at a detention centre.

“We’re trying to get more information. We’ll try to bring them back once we get more information,” the minister told a press conference at the State Guesthouse Padma.

Asked why Bangladesh abstained from voting at the UN General Assembly resolution that reprimanded Russia for invading Ukraine and demanded the war’s end, Momen said the resolution was not meant to stop the war. “If you see the wording of the resolution, [you’ll see] it is not to stop the war but to blame someone.”

“We are for peace. We want peace. We don’t want war. So, we said we are concerned about it [the war]. We expect the UN charter to be followed,” he said.

He also said Bangladesh is in favour of dialogues and peaceful solutions to any problems.

## All things

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as a culture. There’s no one to tell us stories these days, and often, we aren’t able to create them ourselves. Books play a very important role in this regard.”

Alongside highlighting contributions of events like Ekushey Boi Mela and Dhaka Lit Fest in providing exposure to local bookstores, Amina Rahman also brought up the threats posed by

photocopied books. These “local copies” are cheaper, Rahman agrees, but they lack the opportunity for personal interaction with authors and artists.

In response, Luva Nahid suggested donation or exchange of personal collections of old books, shared with bookstores, libraries and literary events, so that those who cannot afford to buy them can still get access.

## Govt plans to

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there are industries or scope of jobs for them.

She also said communication system in the country has improved a lot. “We are developing rail, road and air communications,” she said.

Hasina said with her

personal initiative she identified 10-bigha of land in Gulshan area where a playground will be developed. “Nothing else, only playground,” she said.

The PM again requested people to maintain austerity in using electricity and water.



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