

Dhaka-Toronto Biman flight from Jul 27

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The much-awaited Dhaka-Toronto flight of Biman Bangladesh Airlines will begin from July 27 this year. Biman Managing Director and CEO, Dr Abu Saleh Mostafa Kamal, yesterday told The Daily Star that subject to finalising ticket rates, travellers from any part of the world will be able to buy tickets on Biman's website since yesterday afternoon.

He said travel agents from any country, except Toronto, Canada, will also be able to book tickets from yesterday.

The Biman MD said after completing some necessary formalities, travel agents of Canada will also be able to sell and book tickets using Biman's website within five-six days.

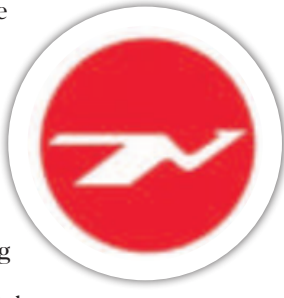
After changing several dates, Biman finally set July 27 for starting the flight on Dhaka-Toronto route.

Kamal said the maiden Biman flight on Dhaka-Toronto route (BG 305) will take off from Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport on July 26 at 3:30pm (local time).

According to sources in Biman, after flying for around 8 hours and 30 minutes, the flight will land in Istanbul Airport for refueling.

After a one-hour stopover, the flight will depart from Istanbul and fly to Toronto in around 11 hours.

The return flight will leave Toronto for Dhaka on the same day in the afternoon. The direct flight will land in



A vendor hangs gamcha (a type of fabric typically used as a towel) of different eye-catching colour combinations on a wall for sale. After purchasing them in bulk from Narsingdi, each piece goes for Tk 80-200, depending on the size. This photo was taken yesterday from the capital's Shyamoli area.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS



Acquire scientific knowledge PM tells youth

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged students to acquire scientific knowledge and take the country towards development and prosperity.

"We have to move forward, keeping pace with the ever-evolving technology and science," she told winners of the countrywide "Bangabandhu Innovative Talent Hunt 2022" competition, at an event held at International Mother Language Institute in Dhaka.

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TIPU MURDER

Key accused Musa confesses

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Sumon Shikder alias Musa, a key accused, has confessed to a magistrate that he assigned Masum Mohammad Akash to kill Dhaka Awami League leader Jahidul Islam Tipu from Dubai.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Sheikh Sadi on Friday recorded his confessional statement after DB Inspector Mohammad Yasin Sikder quizzed him at his chamber regarding the case.

Musa was placed on a 13-day remand in three phases. After recording the statement, the magistrate ordered to send him to Dhaka Central Jail in Keraniganj.

In his statement, Musa told the magistrate that he coordinated the killing and supplied the firearm to Akash, which was used to kill Tipu and college student Samia Afran Jamal Prity in Dhaka's Shahjahanpur on March 24, said court sources.

On June 9, Musa (43), was brought home from Oman by police. Oman police arrested Musa on May 12 on his way to Dubai.

An accused in 11 cases, including the ones for the murders and possession of illegal firearms, Musa fled to Dubai on March 12. He was a fugitive convict in one of those cases.

On April 4, Akash confessed to another magistrate that he was involved in murdering Tipu and Prity.

Shamim alias Molla Shamim, a fugitive accused, was also involved with the killing mission.

Earlier, another arrestee Nasiruddin Manik took names of Musa and several others in his confessional statement regarding the killings.

With Musa, detectives have so far arrested 16 people in this regard.

On March 24, Tipu (55), former general secretary of Motijheel AL, was returning home in his microbus from his restaurant in Motijheel AGB Colony area. The vehicle was at a traffic intersection in Shahjahanpur when the killers arrived at the scene on a motorcycle and opened fire.

College student Prity (22), who happened to be in a rickshaw next to the vehicle, also got shot.

Explore alternative power sources

Speakers urge govt at CPD dialogue

CAUSES BEHIND HIGH COST	RECOMMENDATIONS
Capacity payment	Developing primary, renewable energy sector
Use of expensive fuel-based plants	Reducing system loss
Quick rental power plants	Exploring more gas fields
Poor efficiency, outdated plants	Importing oil by BPC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Capacity charges for idle power plants, theft in the name of system loss, wastage and dependency on imported gas and fuel without exploring alternatives are the main causes behind high energy costs, said speakers at a dialogue yesterday.

Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) organised the event titled "Energy and Power Sector in the National Budget for FY2022-23" at a city hotel.

CPD urged the government to allocate more in the budget for the power transmission and distribution, rather than for its generation.

Though the country has achieved the milestone of 100 percent electrification, people are far from getting affordable and uninterrupted power. The government should focus on exploring alternatives due to the hike in prices of gas and fuel in the international market, said CPD.

CPD Research Director Dr Khondaker Golam Moazzem, during his keynote presentation, said the capacity payment to private sector power plants, including rental and quick rentals, has gone up to Tk 26,505 crore in FY2022 from Tk 5,600 crore in FY2018.

"It would be Tk 31,600 crore in FY2023. This capacity payment obligation has forced the government to move for increasing power tariff," he said.

Moazzem mentioned that the country's surplus electricity -- which was termed an overgeneration capacity -- has increased to 10,764 MW in 2021-22 from 8,231 MW in 2020-21 with a jump to 42.12 percent from 37.37 percent.

The current total electricity generation is 25,556 MW and the highest generation was 14,782 MW on April 16 this year.

He also said the length of transmission lines has increased during FY2022 by 5.5 percent, while the distribution lines increased by only 2.5 percent, which are the major reasons behind poor load management.

On the other hand, per unit cost has been increasing over the years. It has increased by 11.8 percent, to Tk 6.61 per kilowatt-hour from Tk 5.91/kwh, in FY2022 from FY2017.

Rise of generation cost in IPP plants by 14.6 percent and by 11.1 percent in public plants resulted in a rise in average generation cost.

Capacity payment, use of expensive fuel-based plants, quick rental power plants, poor efficiency, and outdated plants are some of the reasons behind the high unit cost.

Buet professor and energy expert M Tamim said, "On one hand, we are buying 150-180 million cubic feet of gas per day from the high-priced international spot market. On the other hand, only in Titas -- the largest gas distribution company -- at least 150 million cubic feet are being stolen per day."

"Why are we not blocking the loopholes? In the gas sector, the system loss should not be allowed up to 0.25 percent for the leak. How could Titas allow a loss of up to 7-8 percent?" he asked.

Tamim said the country aggressively needs to pay attention to the development of the primary energy sector.

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CONSPIRACY CENTRING PADMA BRIDGE

HC to hear rules to find those involved

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The attorney general's office has taken an initiative for the High Court hearing on a five-year old suomoto (voluntary) rule over formation of an enquiry commission to identify the "culprits who made up false stories" about a corruption conspiracy involving the Padma Bridge project.

Deputy Attorney General AKM Amin Uddin Manik yesterday prayed to the HC bench of Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice Kazi Md Ejarul Haque Akondo for hearing and disposal of the rule.

Accepting the prayer, the bench yesterday asked its officials to include the rule in its today's hearing list.

On February 15, 2017, the HC issued the rule asking the government to explain in two weeks why it should not be directed to form an enquiry commission to identify the "culprits who made up false stories" about a corruption conspiracy regarding the Padma Bridge project and why it should not be ordered to bring those behind such stories to justice.

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32 hospitalised with dengue

UNB, Dhaka

Thirty-two more dengue patients have been hospitalised in 24 hours till yesterday morning.

Among the new cases, only two are from outside of Dhaka, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

With the new cases, the total number of dengue patients rose to 952.

Among the patients, 118 are still undergoing treatment at several hospitals.

On Tuesday, DGHS reported the first death of the season from the mosquito-borne viral disease.

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
Azan	4-05	12-45	5-00	6-54	8-17
Jamaat	4-40	1-15	5-15	6-57	8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Financial institutions in looters' clutches

Firoz Rashid tells JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country's financial institutions have gone under the control of looters, said Jatiya Party MP Kazi Firoz Rashid at Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

He slammed the government for failing to stop money laundering and looting from banks and other financial institutions.

"Uncontrolled looting is going on in financial institutions as if there is no one to watch. Bangladesh Bank and Banking Division of the Ministry of Finance are silent in this regard," the JP MP said while taking part in the discussion on the

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To get respite from heat, people cover their heads with shopping bags they brought with them to purchase daily essentials from an Open Market Sales (OMS) point and await their turn patiently. This photo was taken in front of Bangshal (Bangladesh Field) yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

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Dr Khondaker Golam Moazzem, CPD Research Director

লোজার পাইলস, ফিস্টুলা অপারেশন, কোষ্ঠকাঠিন্য, পলিপ, কোলোনস্কপি, কোলন, রেকটাম ক্যান্সার ও ল্যাপারোস্কপি

শেখের হাসান (Colon, Rectum and Anus) বিভিন্ন সমস্যা যেমন- মলত্যাগের পর রক্ত বাওয়া, মলত্যাগের বিভিন্ন সমস্যা, ফিস্টুলা, এনালফিস্থের, রক্ত আমাশয় (Ulcerative Colitis), লোজার পাইলস অপারেশন, সর্বাধুনিক ল্যাপারোস্কপিক পাইলস অপারেশন, মলত্যাগের ব্যার ব্যার অপারেশন বার্ব হওয়ার কারণ, বাওয়ায় মল আয়ের অসুবিধা (Obstructed Defecation) STARR অপারেশন, শেখের হাসান হাসপাতাল

ক্যান্সার (Colon Cancer), Colonoscopy, পাইলস ক্যান্সার (Rectum Cancer) মলবার বা কেটে অস্ত্রাধুনিক হ্যাপিটিং শর্তিত পেটে বাখ না নগ্নিগে অপারেশন, ল্যাপারোস্কপিক শর্তিত পেটে না কেটে কোলন ক্যান্সার অপারেশন, শেখের হাসান হাসপাতাল সবে রক্ত বাওয়া ইত্যাদি অস্ত্রাধুনিক ও বিশ্বমানের চিকিৎসা সম্পর্কে জানতে হলে যাইটি পড়ুন।

কিউটি লিখেছেন বাংলাদেশ এবং টিপমহাসেশের শাইওজিয়ার কলোরেক্টাল সার্জন

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