

# BSMRAAU syndicate meeting held



**STAR REPORT**

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Aviation and Aerospace University (BSMRAAU) held its 15th syndicate meeting yesterday in the university's conference room, said a press release.

The meeting was chaired by Vice Chancellor Air Vice Marshal AKM Manirul Bahar, OSP, BSP, ndc, hdmc, afwc, psc, ADWC.

In his opening remarks, the VC highlighted the university's mission as an aviation and space technology education and research centre. He emphasised BSMRAAU's role in preparing the youth to face the challenges of the new millennium and the 4th Industrial Revolution through skill development and innovation.

Key achievements since the 14th syndicate meeting were discussed, including workshops, visits, and events.

# Bangladesh

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as a dynamic platform for fostering confidence and cooperation, saying its success in addressing various global challenges and its positive impact on economic, environmental, and humanitarian issues.

Bangladesh, a member since 2014, reaffirmed its commitment to CICA and its readiness to contribute, particularly in the fields of information technology, natural disaster management, and environmental protection, where it currently co-chairs CICA's initiatives.

The meeting also marked the handover of CICA's chairmanship from Kazakhstan to Azerbaijan for the next two years. The gathering, attended by foreign ministers and heads of international organisations, adopted a statement commemorating the 25th anniversary of CICA's founding principles.



Marking Victory Day, Barishal Reporters Unity organised a two-day exhibition on the 1971 Liberation War at its office, which ended yesterday.

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# Draft

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investigations and judicial proceedings. However, he raised concerns that the ordinance, resembling the Digital Security Act and the Cyber Security Act, could still infringe on citizens' freedom of speech and expression.

Media sources indicate that the draft has already received initial approval from the Advisory Council on December 12, 2024.

If tekharruzaman said issuing such an important ordinance without sufficient stakeholder feedback risks disrupting its core objectives. He recommended that the government allocate at least one month for experts and stakeholders to review the draft, ensuring the ordinance is thoroughly assessed before being enacted.

# Prof Yunus

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States, LDCs and climate vulnerable nations.

Both the countries believe that it would be a leap forward in international solidarity if all OECD countries were to allocate 1 percent of their national GDP to ODA, as it would bring a positive effect on poverty rates, food security, access to basic health services, education, electricity, drinking water, sanitation, housing or social security, with multiplier effects on the diversification of economies, especially in agriculture.

At the official invitation of Chief Adviser Dr Muhammad Yunus,

President Ramos Horta paid an official visit to Bangladesh from December 14 to 17.

He delivered a lecture at Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIISS) yesterday.

During the visit, the president paid deep homage to the martyrs of the "Liberation War in 1971" and "July-August Revolution 2024" who made supreme sacrifice for an independent and discrimination free Bangladesh. President José Ramos Horta recalled with gratitude the contribution of the Bangladesh Peacekeeping forces in Timor-Leste in 2002.

# The wonder

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Girani, Abdul Aziz, and Nurul Islam are among the freedom fighters of the Kaderia Bahini noted for their bravery in the war.

After the independence, Kader Siddique was honoured with the title of "Bir Uttam" for his extraordinary contributions in the Liberation War, while 16 others from the force got different awards -- two with "Bir Bikram" and 14 with "Bir Protik".

Kader Siddique and his Kaderia Bahini surrendered their arms to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on Bindubasini Boys' High School premises on January 24, 1972.

# Remittance hits

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Shariful attributed the decline in number of migrant workers to the shutdown of labour markets in Malaysia and Oman.

He said the government did not address high migration costs. He also called for tough measures to control recruiting agencies.

Prof Tasneem Siddiqui, founding chair of Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit, expressed disappointment that the government has not yet formed a commission to address migrant workers' issues.

Mentioning migrant issues in the government's white paper is a positive step but stressed the need for concrete action, she

stated.

"The government must reduce the number of recruiting agencies, improve monitoring in destination countries, and ensure jobs and regular payment of salaries for migrant workers," she added.

Prof Tasneem called for the repatriation and rehabilitation of workers who do not receive jobs or salaries abroad.

She emphasised the need to stop recruiting agencies from purchasing visas at inflated prices to lower migration costs.

"We want a proper migration process, even if it reduces the number of workers going abroad," she said.

# Experts seek

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percent of women engaged in this field.

While the service sector accounts for 21.6 percent of female employment, it remains underdeveloped. The industrial sector offers limited roles for women, prompting suggestions for industrial development, skills training, and targeted investment to create more opportunities.

The survey also noted that 50 percent of respondents were open to working outside their locality, with many young women and adolescent girls willing to relocate for work. Marriage was cited as the primary reason for 53.6 percent of respondents discontinuing their education.

Recommendations included business training for young women, enhanced digital literacy, career awareness, and apprenticeships tailored to age-specific needs.

The event was chaired by Rasheda K Choudhury, a member of CPD's Board of Trustees.

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