

Council of Editors opposes fresh declaration for dailies

The Bangladesh Council of Editors has opposed fresh declarations for newspapers and said the industry cannot economically accommodate any new daily newspaper, says a Press release.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council of Editors held in Dhaka on Tuesday with its Chairman Sanaullah Noori in the chair said the industry has become saturated. "Declarations for newspapers are being okayed without considering the viability of the industry", it regretted.

The meeting observed with indignation that the Department of Films and Publications (DFP) was not following usual norms in releasing advertisements to newspapers. The meeting examined allegations from the council members and was convinced that corruption became rampant in the department immediately after the appointments of several new officials. It noted with concern that advertisements were being released in ex-

change of payments. The meeting resolved to request the Ministry of Information to immediately transfer two officials — the Deputy Director and the Assistant Director of the Advertisement Cell — to bring back normalcy in the Department.

The meeting observed that imposition of certain conditions and restrictions could ensure both freedom of the Press and a healthy newspaper industry. The government may also consult the Council in this connection, the meeting suggested.

The meeting demanded changes of the Clause 499-500.501 of BPC which are detrimental to healthy newspaper industry. The issue has been pending for a long time, the meeting noted and requested the government to restore in full the democratic norms and freedom of the press by resolving the matter urgently.

The meeting resolved to hold the election of the council sometime next month.

Newspapers won't be allowed to be grocers' shops

CHITTAGONG, June 11: The Chittagong Union of Journalists today concluded observation of its demand-week reiterating its call for fulfilling the three-point demand of the union, including payment of arrears and implementation of Wage Board Award, reports BSS.

A meeting of the union held at the Press Club with Union President Akhtarun Nabi presiding was addressed by M Nasirul Haq, Anjan Kumar Sen, Ataul Hakim, Syed Mustofa Jamal, AZM Omar, Swapno Mohajan, Helaluddin and others.

They said that if the owners of newspapers failed to fulfill the legitimate demands of the journalists in due time, a movement would be launched to realise the same. They deplored the negative attitude of the newspaper managements in meeting various demands of the journalists saying, "we would not allow the owners to turn newspaper offices into grocers' shops".

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Immunization week begins Saturday

By Staff Correspondent

The National Immunization Campaign Week 1991 begins Saturday.

The objective of the campaign is to reach the immunization target of 85 per cent by the current year.

Children who have not yet been immunized or have been partially immunized will be listed for this purpose. Children up to 9 will also be immunized for measles.

Work of Chandpur town protection dam starts soon

By Staff Correspondent

Implementation of 'Chandpur Town Protection Embankment Project' is likely to be started in July or August, said Nurul Huda, State Minister for Information.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the first anniversary of Chandpur Sadar Upazila Samity at Jatiya Grantha Bhaban in the city on Thursday last.

Chaired by Mustafa Talukdar, the meeting was addressed, among others, by DUJ General Secretary Ruhul Amin Gazi, Alam Khan, MP, and social worker Al-Haj Qazi Sultan Ahmed.

The State Minister said, the government has taken up a realistic plan for permanent solution to the Chandpur town which faces erosion by the river Meghna.

Nurul Huda said the government is alert about the problems of the country including Chandpur. He said, efforts have been going on to start the project of Chandpur Town Protection Embankment.

Ruhul Amin said rich people of Chandpur could play a vital role in the development of Chandpur. He hoped that the samity would contribute much in future for the development of the area.

In his presidential speech, Mustafa Talukdar urged the government to take necessary steps immediately to solve the erosion problem.

Alam Khan, MP, said the government would solve the total problems of the area if it could continue five years tenure.



A partial view of solo art exhibition by Matin Talukdar at German Cultural Centre on Tuesday. —Star photo

SC Bar favours Parliamentary form

Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association on Tuesday reiterated its opinion in favour of establishing Parliamentary form of government in the country and called upon the Jatiya Sangsad members to operate in this respect, reports BSS.

The opinion was expressed at a general meeting on "Democracy and constitutional crisis" of the Association at its office here with its President Dr Rafiqur Rahman in the chair.

The meeting opined that establishment of Parliamentary form of government was desirable so that autocracy would not emerge once again.

In another resolution, the meeting called upon all the Jatiya Sangsad members to solve national important problems on the basis of consensus.

The meeting hailed the Acting President's address to the nation on June 5 as a timely one.

BFUJ meet Friday

A meeting of the Executive Committee of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists will be held on June 14 (Friday) at 10:30 am at the National Press Club, reports BSS.

All members of the Executive Committee have been requested to attend the meeting, a BFUJ press release said.



Mustafizur Rahman and Anima in a scene of play Agun Mukhi Nadi, staged by Ranar group from Joypurhat at the Shilpakala Academy on Tuesday. —Star photo

Drama staged

By Staff Correspondent

"Agun Mukhi Nadi" a drama, was staged by the Group Runner of Joypurhat on Tuesday the fourth day of week-long drama programme at Shilpakala Academy.

Drama organisation Nabik of Sirajganj will stage "Ekhane Narak" (Here is the Hell) on Wednesday.

Post-budget press confce Thursday

Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman will address a post-budget press conference on June 13 (Thursday) at 4 pm at the Committee Room No. 1 of the Bangladesh Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban, according to a press release, reports BSS.

Dateline Chittagong

Inquiry report on CU incident sought

CHITTAGONG, June 11: Sammito Peshajibi Sangsad President Advocate Badiul Alam and General Secretary Principal Muhammad Taher Tuesday called upon the government to publish the Inquiry commission report on December 22 incident of Chittagong University and implement the Commission's suggestion to end the long drawn crisis on the University campus.

In a statement here, they said that the delay in taking government action in this regard had aggravated the campus situation pushing rival students and teachers groups to confrontation.

The entire situation has taken a political shape as leaders of different political parties are making statements in favour and against one group or the other, they pointed out.

They said, implementation of the inquiry commission report would help end the stalemate immediately.

Expressing deep concern over the deteriorating situation on the campus the Sangsad leaders demanded immediate intervention by relevant authorities to free the Chittagong University campus from what they called a suffocating atmosphere.

Samiron Dewan Khagrachhari Local Government Parishad Chairman, Samiron Dewan Monday hailed the government decision to transfer 22 subjects to the Parishad as per provision of Local Government Parishad Act 1989.

In a statement here, he said the transfer of relevant subjects to the Local Government Parishads would pave the way for accelerating development programmes in the hill tracts. He hoped that the concerned Ministry would take necessary steps to transfer the subjects to the Parishads immediately.

Bid to unite all ML factions

An emergency meeting of the leaders of the four factions of Muslim League was in Dhaka on Tuesday with Mr GA Khan in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting hailed the resignation of Md. Ayeenuddin from the presidency of his faction in a bid to unite all the factions of Muslim League under one platform.

2 held for issuing fake rickshaw licences

A special squad of CID police arrested two persons of a gang allegedly involved in issuing fake licences for rickshaws on behalf of Dhaka Municipal Corporation, a police press release said on Tuesday, reports BSS.

Police also seized from their possession various fake materials including number plates, seals, stamps, tokens, blue books and forms.

The arrested persons are Abdul Mannan Khan (55) and Abdul Kader (60).

38 dailies in city

The State Minister for Information, Mohammad Nurul Huda, told the Jatiya Sangsad Tuesday that there 94 daily newspapers in the country including 38 in metropolitan Dhaka, reports BSS.

Replying to a question from Tabibur Rahman Sardar (AL-Jessore), Huda said besides the dailies, there were 344 weeklies, 135 monthlies and 45 fortnightlies.

In reply to a supplementary question on whether the government would take steps against those weeklies whose reports were causing social erosion and degradation, the State Minister said the present government was not thinking about taking any measure against them as it believed in freedom of the press.

He said if any newspaper published objectionable stories, laws of the land would take their own course to deal with them.

Huda sought notice when asked if any weekly had been closed by government action or not.

In reply to a supplementary question on the situation prevailing in The Bangladesh Observer, the State Minister said it would not be proper to say anything on The Observer as there were cases in courts involving matters of dispute between the employees and the management of the paper.

In reply to a question from R Sharifuddin Ahmed (AL-Habiganj) on whether there was any plan by the government to increase the pay and allowances of the journalists, Nurul Huda said the Wage Board award of the employees of the newspapers was now pending for a decision in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

Replying to a supplementary question from Hafeza Asma Khatun (Jamaat — Gopalganj-Madaripur-Shariatpur), Nurul Huda said the government would consider taking any measures against the newspapers causing moral degradation of the youths if any reasonable demand was raised by the opposition in this regard.

4.82 lakh TV sets

The number of licensed Television sets in the country till the end of the last financial year June 30, 1990, was 4,82,234. State Minister for Information Nurul Huda informed the Jatiya Sangsad Tuesday, reports BSS.

Replying to a question by Rashed Mosharraf (AL-Jamalpur) he said black and white sets accounted for 356,749 while 125,485 were coloured sets.

Answering a supplementary question from the same member, the State Minister informed the house that the television earned Taka 13,94,82,583 on account of advertisement and Taka 9,00,66,750 as license fees during the period July 1990 to May 1991. Of this amount, taka 13,48,16,000 had been accounted for expenditures, he said.

3 bodies recovered from scrap ship

CHITTAGONG, June 11: Firemen recovered three bodies from inside the engine room of a scrap ship at a ship breaking unit at Sitakunda under Sitakunda upazila here Tuesday, reports BSS.

The victims were trapped Monday in the engine room of 'M V Kotanega' when carbon dioxide cylinder exploded. Firemen failed to rescue them immediately because of inclement weather and inaccessibility to the spot.

New names can be enlisted in electoral rolls

By Staff Correspondent

The Election Commission said new names can be included in the electoral rolls and it can be corrected prior to the declaration of schedule for holding any election in the constituencies concerned.

The Commission also announced modalities for inclusion, deletion and correction of names in the electoral rolls.

In a press release issued Tuesday, the Election Commission Secretary said that three separate forms have been prescribed under law for the inclusion of new names in the electoral rolls, deletion of the named of any voter from the list and correction of wrongly entered information.

These forms may be obtained free of cost from the offices of the registration officers. The district election officers are appointed as registration officers for their respective areas.

The Commission mentioned that complaints have been raised by various quarters that a large number of eligible persons remained excluded in the electoral rolls published on February 15 last year. The death of some voters and loss of eligibility to be a voter of some persons has also necessitated the deletion of such names from the list.

"Besides, the named and other relevant information of some voters need correction", the Commission added. Consultants and Pubali Jute Mills Ltd.

Plea to scrap Vested Property Act

The Hindu-Bouddha-Christian Otkya Parishad staged demonstration in the city on Tuesday demanding de-Islamisation of the constitution, reports UNB.

The organisation of minority communities was also to submit its 7-point memorandum to parliament urging repeal of the constitution amendment, brought about by the Ershad regime, that made Islam state religion.

But, the Parishad leaders said, it could not be submitted on Tuesday as the Jatiya Sangsad didn't sit in the afternoon. They will submit it today (Wednesday).

Its other demands include scrapping of Enemy (Vested) Property Act, compensation to temples and churches damaged during last year's communal disturbances, and settlement of tribal problems.

The Parishad organised the demonstration in front of the National Press Club. Otkya Parishad leaders C R Dutta, Srimathi Bodhipal Mahathero, T Rozario, Barrister Shudhir Das, Advocate Sudhangsu Shekhar Halder, MP, and Advocate Siril Siddar led it.

Addressing the demonstrators, Major Gen (Rtd) C R Dutta demanded restoration of secularism as one of the fundamental state principles.

SALE

1. An Electronics Manufacturer invites applications for the following posts (1) Electrical/Electronics Service Engineer. Applicants should be B Sc in Electronics or Diploma (2) Commercial Manager (3) Business Promotion Officer (4) Typist/Receptionist (female). Typing knowledge in Bangla and English with speed of 40 WPM English, 34 WPM Bangla. Apply with full bio-data and one copy passport size attested photograph, copies of certificates to GPO 4105, Dhaka by 20th June 1991.
2. Construction Company, Box No 204, GPO, Dhaka-1000 invites applications for the following posts (1) Project Engineer (Civil) should be B Sc Engineering (Civil) with at least 7 years experience (2) Assistant Engineer (Civil) should be B Sc Engineering (Civil) (3) Sub-Assistant Engineer (Civil) with B Sc Engineering (Civil) (4) Supervisor (Civil) with 3 years experience. Please apply with detailed CV and 2 PP size photographs within 21.6.91.
3. Course Director, Chittagong Eye Infirmary and Training Complex, Paharali, PO Box 728, Chittagong invites applications to undergo Residency Training in Ophthalmology for one year. Applicants must be Medical Graduates and one year Internship Training. Please apply with complete bio-data, recent PP size photograph and attested certificates and testimonials before 5th July 1991 to the above address.
4. Manager (Personnel) Monno Grimpei Limited, 9 Wyre Street, West, Dhaka - 1203 invites applications for the post of Project In-charge for a Packaging Industry at Kutubpur, Narayanganj. Apply with curriculum vitae, photocopies of certificates and 2 recent PP size photograph to the above address before 20th June, 1991.
5. Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation invites application for the post of Lecturer (Physics) in the Urea Fertilizer Factory College, Ghorasal. Applicants must be 2nd class Post Graduates with 2nd class Honours in Physics. Applications with full details and recent 2 passport size photographs should reach the Personnel Chief, BCI, BCI Bhaban (5th floor), 30-31, Dikusha, Dhaka by 20.6.91.

TENDER

6. CIBA-GEIGY (Bangladesh) Limited, House No 50, Road No 2A (New), Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka invites offer from buyers for sale of vehicles "as is where is" basis. Type of vehicle Model (1) Mitsubishi Pajero long wheel base with built-in aircooler. Diesel Engine, 1987 model. (2) Hyundai Stellar with built-in aircooler, 1987 model. Last date 19th June, 1991. Vehicles may be inspected between 2.30 pm and 3.30 pm on all working days.
7. Research Officer, Department of Films and Publications, 112 Circuit House Road, Dhaka invites sealed tenders for sale of about 4 kilograms of crude silver. Tender schedule available from Accounts Section of this Department till 18.6.91.
8. Managing Director, Altax Industries Ltd 145, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka invites sealed international tenders from bonafide foreign and local manufacturers/suppliers/intentors for supply of 100% Cotton and Blended Gray Fabrics for a confirmed export order. Tender schedule may be purchased from Accounts Section, Altax Industries Ltd, (2nd floor), Dhaka from 15th June to 7th July, 1991. Tender documents will be received on 15th July 91 upto 2.00 pm.
9. Director, Clearance and Movement, PDB, Chittagong invites sealed tenders from bonafide carrying contractors of Govt/Semi-Govt/Autonomous body for carrying of PDB materials. Tender documents may be collected from the office of Chief Engineer (Service), PDB, Road No 7/A, House No 91, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka; Dy Director (C & M) PDB, Biddu Bhaban, Agrabad, Chittagong; Janata Bank, St. Mujib Sarak, Corporate Branch, Chittagong till 28.6.91. Tenders will be received/dropped in the tender box of above PDB offices upto 12.00 noon of 27.6.91.
10. Executive Engineers, Water (CAD) Division, Dhaka WASA, invites sealed tenders from 1st, 2nd and 3rd class enlisted contractors of Dhaka WASA for installation of 150/100 mm dia water line at Millibazar Road bylane and Millibazar bylane (Mayatale) area. Tender schedule available with the office of Chief Accounts Officer, Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka and all MODS Zonal offices of Dhaka WASA. Tender will be received on 17.6.91 upto 12 Noon.
11. Superintendent, Police Hospital, Dhaka invites sealed tenders from bonafide manufacturers/suppliers of medicine and owners of drugs supplying pharmacies for supply of medicine to Police Hospital for 1991-92. Tender documents may be collected from above office. Tenders will be received on 20.6.91 upto 11.30 am.
12. General Manager (Procurement), BTMC, Bhaban Bhaban, 7-9, Kawan Bazar, Dhaka invites sealed international tender for import of 16,400 kgs Blended Wool Tops of 60% wool & 40% Acrylic on C&F On basis. Tender documents available from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm from Chief Accountant, BTMC, Bhaban Bhaban, 7-9, Kawan Bazar, Dhaka and General Manager, BTMC Shipping office, 79, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong. Tenders will be received till 11.00 am on 10.7.91.

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URGENT TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders from bonafide woollen dress makers/dress merchants/dress shoppers/dress suppliers are hereby invited for the supply of woollen cloth to make winter dresses for the Third/Fourth class employees of Bangladesh Jute Research Institute. Tenders will be received on 19-06-91 up to 2 p.m. in the Tender Box kept at the office of the undersigned and be opened the same day at 2.15 in presence of tenderers (if any).

Intending concerned tenderers may take part in tenders obtaining, prior permission from the undersigned through written application in their respective letter pad during office time on cash payment of Tk 400/- (Taka four hundred only) (non-refundable) for each tender schedule.

No tender document will be sold on the day of opening tender.

DFP (G) 6863-86 Deputy Director
G-204 Bangladesh Jute Research Institute

Nuclear Medical Centre
Bangladesh Nuclear Energy Commission
Po. Box. No. 7, Post Code No. 5200, Dinajpur
TENDER INVITATION

FOR SUPPLY AND ASSEMBLE OF PETROL ENGINE FOR 1985 MODEL (DIESEL) MICROBUS

Sealed tenders in prescribed form are invited from bonafide suppliers for supply and assemble of petrol engine for a 1985 model (diesel) microbus of Nuclear Medical Centre, Dinajpur. The prescribed form can be supplied at Tk 100/= (Taka one hundred) (non-refundable) from Accounts Section of this centre up to 17-6-91 during office hours. 2% of the total quoted amount for the engine and assemble must be furnished as earnest money through Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of Nuclear Medical Centre, Dinajpur. Otherwise the tender will be treated as rejected.

BNEC/SC : Inf-324/91
DFP (G) 6959-9/6 Administrative Officer
G-207

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Comilla Public Works Department, Comilla
TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 29/11 are invited from Public Works Department enlisted special 1st class and 1st class building contractors, Chittagong Public Works Zone enlisted 2nd class building contractors, Comilla Public Works Circle enlisted 3rd class building contractors and Comilla Public Works Department enlisted 4th class building contractors for the following works. Tenders will be received by the undersigned and Executive Engineer Public Works Department Chandpur/Noakhali/B'baria/Feni/Laxmipur up to 12.00 Noon on 30-6-91 and opened on the same day at 12.15 minutes before the tenderers intending to be present. Each tender superscribing the name of work on the sealed envelope should be deposited in the tender box kept in this office.

1. Name of work : Making and installation of grill at C.I. quarters, Instructor quarters Nos 1, 2, Third & Fourth class quarters at Comilla Kotbari Technical Training Centre. Financial year 1990-91.
2. Estimated cost : Tk 1,70,192/=
3. Earnest money : Tk 3,464/=
4. Time limit for completion of work from the date of work order : 1 (one) month.

Schedule with tender items and terms and conditions may be seen at the office of the undersigned and Executive Engineer, Public Works Department Chandpur/B'baria/Feni/Noakhali/Laxmipur and at the offices of all Sub-Divisional Engineers under this office during office hours and purchased at Tk 400/= (Four hundred) per set (non-refundable), while Bangladesh Form No. 2911 can be purchased at Tk 25/= (Twentyfive) each (non-refundable).

Tender schedule can be seen and purchased up to 29-6-91.

Md. Sharfuzzaman Bhuiyan
Executive Engineer
Comilla Public Works Department
G-206 Comilla