

**Biswas greets Akihito**

President Abdur Rahman Biswas has greeted Emperor Akihito of Japan on the occasion of his birth day, reports ISS.

In a message, President Biswas expressed his confidence that the friendship and close cooperation existing between the two friendly countries would be further developed and strengthened in the years ahead to the mutual benefit of the two peoples.

**Directive to repair damaged part of Muhuri Project**

CHITTAGONG, Dec 22: Agriculture, Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Minister M Majid-ul Haq has stressed the need for maintaining natural water reservoirs in the hilly areas for utilisation in the agriculture and irrigation purpose during the dry season, reports ISS.

Addressing the officials and engineers of Water Development Board after visiting the Muhuri Irrigation Project at Mirerswarai here yesterday, the minister said that former President Shaheed Ziaur Rahman took up a plan for feasibility study of utilising the fountain water in agriculture and irrigation which was not materialised during last ten years.

The Muhuri Irrigation Project is the second largest irrigation project of the country containing 40 regulators. The largest Teesta Irrigation Project contains 64 regulators.

General Haq instructed the engineers to undertake a feasibility study for utilising the fountain water in irrigation purpose and also for reconstructing the damaged part of the projects and submit the same to the government, within three days for taking necessary measures.

The Muhuri Project had been implemented at a cost of Taka about 150 crores. Twenty seven thousand hectares of land have been getting irrigation facility from the project at present.

During the visit, the minister was accompanied by local MP M A Jinnah, Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Chen Song Lu and senior officials of Water Development Board.

Later, he addressed a public meeting at Mirerswarai, where he said that the government was implementing a number of programmes for the socio-economic development of the people.

He said Taka 19 crore had been spent for various projects in Mirerswarai only. Taka 4 crore had been sanctioned for agricultural rehabilitation programme. Each primary school and cyclone centre would get Taka 55 lakh for their construction and development works, the minister said.

**Teenage girl gang-raped, killed**

By Staff Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, Dec 22: Teknaf Police recovered a body of an unidentified teenage girl from Shahparir island on Saturday.

Police said, she had been gang-raped before strangled to death.

Her body was taken to Cox's Bazar hospital for autopsy. No one was arrested in this connection.

**Masuda wants to be chartered accountant**

By Staff Correspondent

Masuda Khanam, who stood second in this year's HSC examination from Commerce group under Dhaka Board, stressed the need for bringing a change in the form of the student politics.

Masuda while talking to The Daily Star was critical about the student politics saying that the politics instead of bringing good for the students rather affecting the whole education system.

Masuda wants to be a chartered accountant. She secured 822 marks with distinctions in two subjects (Accounting and Short-hand).

She also stood 16th in the SSC examination in 1989 under the same board. Masuda said writing of a particular item of the subjects immediately after its memorising is the secret of her doing good in the examinations. She mentioned her father's name for teaching her the system.

Her father, Dewan Yunus Ali is the chairman of the Department of Psychology of Jagannath University College in the city.

**OCAB night celebrated**

OCAB Night, an annual function of reception and dinner of Overseas Correspondents Association of Bangladesh (OCAB) was celebrated Saturday night at Sonargaon hotel.

The function was attended by diplomats, elite and journalists.

Meanwhile, the annual general meeting of the OCAB will be held on December 31 at Jatiya Press Club.



Cheers, a cultural organisation, held a cultural function in observance of Victory Day at Northbrook Hall in the city recently. —Star photo

**HERE and THERE**

**Garments Workers**

The Garments Sramik Karmachari Union Sunday organised a workers rally at Mirpur Section number 12 in the city.

Chaired by the union president Badruddoza Nizam, the rally was also addressed by a central leader of the Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad, Mujibur Rahman Bhuiyan as chief guest. Other speakers included Towhidur Rahman, Mir Shahidullah and Yaqub Ali Madbar.

The speakers called upon all concerned to make the December 28 and 29 general strike a success.

**Janata Da**

Bangladesh Janata Dal chairman KM Obaidur Rahman while addressing the annual conference of the party's Lalbagh unit said that dissolution of the country's upazila system was a big insult to the democratic norms and values.

The government had created a vacuum in the local government administration by scrapping the system, Obaid commented and demanded reintroduction of the system. Held at the Azampur Community Centre, the conference was chaired by Mahubul Karim, and addressed by the party central leaders including Shahina Khan, and city unit leaders SM Alim and Babul Ahmed.

**TV performing artists**

The Television Natyashilpi O Nityakar Sangsad (drama artists and play writers' council) will distribute its award for the year 1991 at a function to be held at the Guide House auditorium in the city on December 25.

Information Minister Nazmul Huda will attend the function as chief guest and distribute the awards.

Information Secretary Nuruddin Al Masud will be the special guest on the occasion.

Syed Hasan Imam will preside over the function. The award-distribution will be followed by a cultural programme.

**JSD- (Rab)**

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD- Rab) president Noor Alam Ziku and General Secretary on Sunday said that the politicians of the world including Bangladesh should learn from the current change over in Soviet Union that 'one man rule must be overpowered by the people's power'.

In a joint statement they said that one man rule under the guise of democracy must fall with the passage of time.

**Cheers**

Cheers, a cultural organisation arranged a discussion meeting and cultural function Thursday in observance of the 20th Victory Day.

Nazrul Islam Khan and Prof Harun-Ur-Rashid attended the function as chief guest and special guest respectively.

**Youth scholars council**

Youth Scholars Council at a meeting, on Sunday at the TSC of Dhaka University decided to give 'youth scholars council prize-91' to some personalities for their invaluable contributions in various fields.

The Front leaders also condemned the statement of the Employers' Association saying that the settlement of the SKOP leaders with the government was a 'reward for the miscreants'. They also termed the comments as odious and demanded withdrawal of it.

The Front leaders also called upon all the workers and employees to continue the SKOP movement to realise its five-point demand.

**Dhaka City Corporation**

Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Mirza Abbas urged the people of all walks of life to come forward to resist terrorism in the country.

He was addressing a public meeting at Goran organised by Dhaka City BNP.

He said that it was not possible on the part of the government alone to control terrorism.

**Tk 98.90 cr French grant for financing projects**

France has agreed to extend a grant of Tk 98.90 crore to Bangladesh for financing a number of projects, reports UNB.

The projects include emergency water supply for Dhaka city, procurement of grants for the railway and establishment of TV stations at Chittagong and other three places.

An agreement was signed to this effect between the two governments on conclusion of annual bilateral talks held in Paris on Dec 19 and 20.

Economic Relations Division Joint Secretary, FR Chowdhury and Dov Zerach of the French Treasury signed the accord on behalf of their respective governments.

With this the total French grant stands to Tk 153.45 crore in 1991.

A part of the agreement was signed in Dhaka in June 1991 which provided for post cyclone reconstruction work amounting to 50 million French franc and 30 million for the ongoing flood action plan.

Bangladesh also received 20,000 metric tons of wheat from France this year as food aid.

**New executives of BMA**

By SSMCH Correspondent

Professor MA Majed and Dr Gazi Abdul Haque were elected President and Secretary General respectively of Bangladesh Medical Association BMA for the year 1991-92.

The election was held in 61 centres in the country on December 12. 7000 votes were cast out of a total of 9029 votes. 77.5% voters cast their votes.

The other office bearers are: Vice Presidents— Dhaka City, Dr Abdul Baysid Bhuiya, Dhaka Division - Dr Strajul Islam, Chittagong Division - Dr Md Muazzam Hossain, Khulna Division— Dr Wazir Ahmed Chowdhury, Rajshahi Division - Dr Md Kaiser Rahman Chowdhury, Treasurer - Dr Fakhruddin Islam Chowdhury, Joint Secretary - Dr Rafique Chowdhury, Organising Secretary - Dr Syed Mainul Hasan Sadik, Scientific Secretary - Dr Md Ruhul Amin, Office Secretary Dr AKM Azizul Hoque, Publication Secretary Dr Syed Ashrafuz Zaman Chandan, Cultural and Social Welfare Secretary - Dr Shaiful Azam.

Besides, 18 members of the executive committee were also elected.

**Nahid claims first position**

By Staff Correspondent

Nahid Ibne Rahman, who stood second in this year's HSC examination from Science group under the Dhaka Board blamed the Board authorities for manipulating the results.

He claimed that he deserved the first position which was not given to him due to manipulation by a former influential official of the Board.

His father, Anisur Rahman, Head of the Department of Statistics of the Jagannath University College while talking to the Daily Star mentioned that he submitted a written complaint to the Board authorities appealing for a review of the result.

Nahid and his family were not, however, satisfied with the result due to the alleged manipulation.

Nahid, a student of Dhaka College, secured a total of 998 marks with distinctions in five subjects (Eng, Phy, Chem, Math and Stat). He achieved the same position in the SSC examination in 1989 under the same Board.

He wants to be a computer engineer in future.

His only sister, Rubayat Naila Raka stood 8th in the HSC examination from Science group three years ago. Nahid's mother Mamtaz Begum is the Chief Librarian of Radio Bangladesh.

**LAB polls held**

A 16-member executive council of the Library Association of Bangladesh (LAB) has been elected with AKM Abdun Nur as the President, M Shamsul Islam Khan as the General Secretary, and Md Abdul Latif as the Treasurer for 1992-94, says a press release.

Others who were elected are Vice-Presidents : Dr Nasruddin Ahmad, Md Zahurul Islam, and Md Abdul Gafur Dewan; Assistant Secretaries : Md Abdur Rashid and Mirza Md Resaul Islam; Councilors: Zakuddin Ahmed, Mrs Shamsun Nahar, Messrs AF Fazul Majid, Kh Fazul Rahman, Md Abdul Matin, AM Motaher Ali Khan, SM Abu Taher (Chittagong Division), and Md Zinnur Rahman (Rajshahi Division).

No nomination paper was submitted for one councillor from Khulna Division.

**'BSC to turn into profitable concern'**

CHITTAGONG, Dec 22: State Minister for Shipping Mr Harun-ar-Rashid today said that the government was taking appropriate steps to turn Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC) into a more profitable organisation, reports BSS.

He said, BSC as a foreign exchange earner has potentiality for earning more foreign exchange when its fleet is made more workable and its officers and employees work with dedication and honesty.

Mr Harun-ar-Rashid said this while presiding over a meeting of Board of Directors of the Corporation at its head office here today. Secretary of the Ministry of Shipping Mr M A Malik and the BSC Managing Director Mr Nurul Wahab were also present at the meeting, which discussed, inter alia, administrative, financial and decision making matters.

The board meeting took some important decisions regarding development of the corporation.

Mr Harun-ar-Rashid later met the representatives of BSC Officers Welfare Association and the CBA. He discussed with them their problems. He assured them that the democratic government would take all possible steps to solve their problems.

Mr Harun-ar-Rashid said that BSC fleet had to be made more workable according to the demand of the time and this objective could be achieved through concerted efforts of all concerned.

The Minister also called upon the officers and employees of BSC to extend their whole-hearted cooperation to the newly established democratic government to enable it to carry on massive development programmes in different sectors of the country.

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**Talk on 11th, 12th amendments Dec 24**

A talk on the 'Eleventh and Twelfth Amendments to Bangladesh Constitution' will be held on December 24 at 4-00 pm in the Seminar room of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, Dhaka, reports BSS.

Ghazi Shamsur Rahman, an eminent law expert, will deliver the talk.



Afsana stands 9th

Afsana Syeda Akhter Panna of Viquearunessa Noon College, Dhaka stood 9th in the merit list of the HSC (Humanities) Examination of Dhaka Board and she scored 831 marks with three Letters, says a press release.

Afsana is the youngest daughter of AKM Syedur Rahman, Managing Director of Uttara Bank Limited and Selima Rahman.

She likes football and her hobby is reading short story and novel at leisure. She wants to be a lawyer.

**Shaila 2nd among girls in Commerce**

By Staff Correspondent

Shaila Shafi stood second among girls in the HSC examination from Commerce group.

A student of University Womens' Federation College, she got Letters in Accounting and Short hand.

Talking to the Daily Star, Shaila said that she used to study four hours a day. She had four private tutors to guide her to success.

Her father Muhammad Shafi is a teacher of Zoology in the Dhaka University.

**DESA Tender Notice**

Tender No. ED-3/4.2 /675 dt. 7-12-91 is invited from PDB/DESA enlisted Contractors/Suppliers for Supply of Store bin for Tongi Project Store under Extension Division-III, DESA, Road No. 135, House No. 47, Gulshan, Dhaka. Details Schedule/Tender documents is obtainable at cost of Tk. 50/= (fifty) only from Pubali Bank Ltd. Gulshan Model Town Branch, Dhaka, Office of the Chief Engineer, DESA, Dhaka, and Office of the Project Director, GDPDP, DESA, Dhaka till 7-01-92.

Executive Engineer Extension Division-III Dhaka Electric Supply DFP(BA) 10386-18/12 Authority G-1105 Dhaka.

**TENDER NOTICE Military Engineer Services.**

1. Applications to reach this office by December 30, 1991 are invited by Army Headquarters, QMG Wing, Works Director & Chief Engineer (Army) Dhaka Cantonment for the following works :

- A) Construction of Workshop Complex at Chittagong Cantonment.
- B) Construction of 1X SM Barrack (3-Storey) with dining hall/kitchen for 84 soldiers at Chittagong Cantonment.
- C) Construction of 1X10 Nos married JCO's quarters at Chittagong Cantonment.
- D) Construction of 1X16 (4-storey) married soldiers' quarters at Chittagong Cantonment.
- E) Construction of 1X10 'E' type (modified) quarters at Chittagong Cantonment.
- F) Construction of 1X Artillery Ammu Dump at Chittagong Cantonment.
- G) Construction of 1X10 Nos. (5-storey), "E" type (modified) quarters at Bhatiari Cantonment.
- H) Construction of 1XSM Barrack (2-storey) with kitchen/dining hall for 2 NCOs and 40 soldiers (including store at ground floor) at Bhatiari Cantonment.
- I) Construction of 12 Bay Gun garage at Halishahar Cantonment.
- J) Construction of 2X Workshop shed at Khagrachari Cantonment.
- K) Construction of 1XSM Barrack (4-storey) with kitchen/dining hall for 6 NCOs and 120 soldiers at Kaptai Cantonment.
- L) Construction of 4X office room at Comilla Cantonment.
- M) Construction of 1X10 married soldiers' quarters at Comilla Cantonment.
- N) Construction of 1XSM Barrack (4-storey) with kitchen/dining hall for 6 NCOs and 120 soldiers at Comilla Cantonment.
- O) Construction of 1 X10 Nos (5-Storey) 'E' type quarters (modified) at Comilla Cantonment.
- P) Construction of 1XSM Barrack (3-storey) with kitchen/dining hall for 6 NCOs and 120 soldiers at Comilla Cantonment.
- Q) Construction of ATGM Store with air conditioner at Jalalabad Cantonment.
- R) Construction of Barrack for 2 NCOs and 40 soldiers on the existing SM Barrack at Jalalabad Cantonment.
- S) Construction of Paratraining shed at Jalalabad Cantonment.
- T) Construction of 1XSM Barrack (4-storey) with kitchen/dining hall for 8 NCOs and 160 soldiers (excluding store at ground floor) at Jalalabad Cantonment.

2. MES enlisted contractors may apply for tender mentioning their Index No. ISPR-37(Army)/1528 DFP(G)15497-18/12 G-1110

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
National Board of Revenue  
Segunbagicha, Dhaka

**Tender Notice**

Sealed tenders are hereby invited for Desktop publishing of Operative Tax and Tariff Schedule on behalf on National Board of Revenue under IDA Technical Assistance Credit. The tender schedule containing the terms and conditions and full description of the work may be obtained from Second Secretary (Admin-7), National Board of Revenue, during office hours on all working days upto 30.12.91 on production of treasury challan showing deposit of Tk. 20 (Twenty) only (non-refundable) in Bangladesh Bank in favour of National Board of Revenue under Head of Account Misc. 65, Non Tax Revenue.

Tenders may be dropped in the tender box kept at the office of the undersigned up to 12-00 Noon of 31-12-91 and will be opened on the same date at 1 P.M. at the National Board of Revenue in presence of the tenderers who may like to be present.

DFP (G) 15525-18/12 Second Secretary (Admin-7)  
G-1104 Segunbagicha, Dhaka.

**Biman BANGLADESH AIRLINES**  
Zia International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka. Phones: 600111-5 Lines, Cable: Arbangia

**Motor Transport Department**

**Re-Tender Notice**

Sealed tenders are invited from the bonafide Mini Bus owners/firms/legal proprietors for providing pick-up/drop to the Biman officers from specified places to Biman Head Office at Motijheel and back on all working days on hire basis as per schedule. Mini Buses must have the seating capacity of minimum 26 (twenty six) persons. It should be in a good, dependable and presentable condition. Owners of the Mini Buses of before 1982 model need not to apply. The details of routes, terms and conditions are given in the schedule which will be available with Cash and Banking Section in Biman Bhavan; Motijheel on all working days on payment of Tk. 50/= (fifty) only which is non-refundable. All kinds of current valid attested documents i.e. Blue book, route permit, fitness certificate, insurance certificate and a Bank Draft/Pay Order of Tk. 10,000/= (ten thousand) have to be submitted with the tender, otherwise it will be treated as cancelled. Sealed tenders are to be dropped in the tender box kept in the office of the undersigned on or before 05-01-92 at 10-30 hours. Tender box will be opened at 11-00 hours in presence of the tenderers (if any) on the same day.

Biman Authority has got the right to accept / reject any or all tenders partially or wholly without assigning any reason.

DFP (BA) 10340-17/12 SQIN LDR (Retd) Mazharul Huq Chowdhury  
G-1103 Dy. General Manager (MT)

**BANGLADESH PARJATAN CORPORATION**  
Works Division  
233, Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka

**Tender Notice**

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from 1st Class Contractors/Firms enlisted with any Govt/Semi-Govt Organisation for Construction and Interior Decoration works of Tourist Information centre at Zia International Airport, Dhaka. The estimated cost of the work is Tk. 2,12,000/- only.

Tender documents along with terms and conditions may be obtained from the Accounts Division, Dhaka of the Corporation on payment of Taka five hundred only (non-refundable) during 10-12 hours on all working days except on the day of opening of the tenders.

Each tender must accompany the Earnest Money at the rate of 5% of the total quoted amount in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation.

Each tender must also accompany attested photostat copies of the documents regarding (i) Entitlement as Class-1 Contractor for the year 1990-91 (ii) Completion certificate of similar nature of work worth more than Tk. 3 lacs in a single work order under any Govt/Semi-Govt Organisation from the respective Executive Engineer which the contractor completed in any International standard Airport not before 1988 together with work order (iii) List of technical personnel and equipment presently employed and owned by the firm which is to be duly certified by an Executive Engineer not issued before July 1991 (iv) Income Tax clearance certificate for the year 1988-89 (v) Financial solvency certificate from a scheduled Bank of Bangladesh not issued before July 1991. The tender without Earnest Money, without above mentioned documents and without the documents mentioned in the schedule will be rejected.

Tender is to be dropped in the tender box kept in the Works Division of the Corporation upto 11.00 A.M. on 28-12-91 and will be opened on the same day at 11-15 A.M. by the committee in presence of tenderer, if any.

The above mentioned work will have to be completed within 30 days from the day of issue of the work order. No running bill will be paid for this work.

The Corporation reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.

DFP(BA) 10404-18/12  
G-1101

**Abul Kashem**  
Manager/Works