

# Plea to set up Sylhet development council

By Staff Correspondent

Members of the Jalalabad Association in Dhaka, called for the formation of a greater Sylhet Development Council to speed up the development in the areas.

In a meeting held at the association office in Dhaka on Friday, speakers pointed out the various problems and bottlenecks faced by the four districts of Sylhet, Sunamganj, Maulvibazar and Habiganj. Eleven Parliament members attended the meeting and discussed the common problems of the areas.

Speakers expressed concern over the inadequate rehabilitation programmes in the flood-affected areas of the districts. They urged the government to immediately undertake agricultural rehabilitation programmes and also evolve schemes to tackle floods.

Speakers said that the common problems of the district towns are, inadequate educational and health facilities, poor civic amenities and utility services, lack of proper infrastructure and low-rate of industrialisation.

They pointed out that a small number of schools and colleges were established in the areas in recent years.

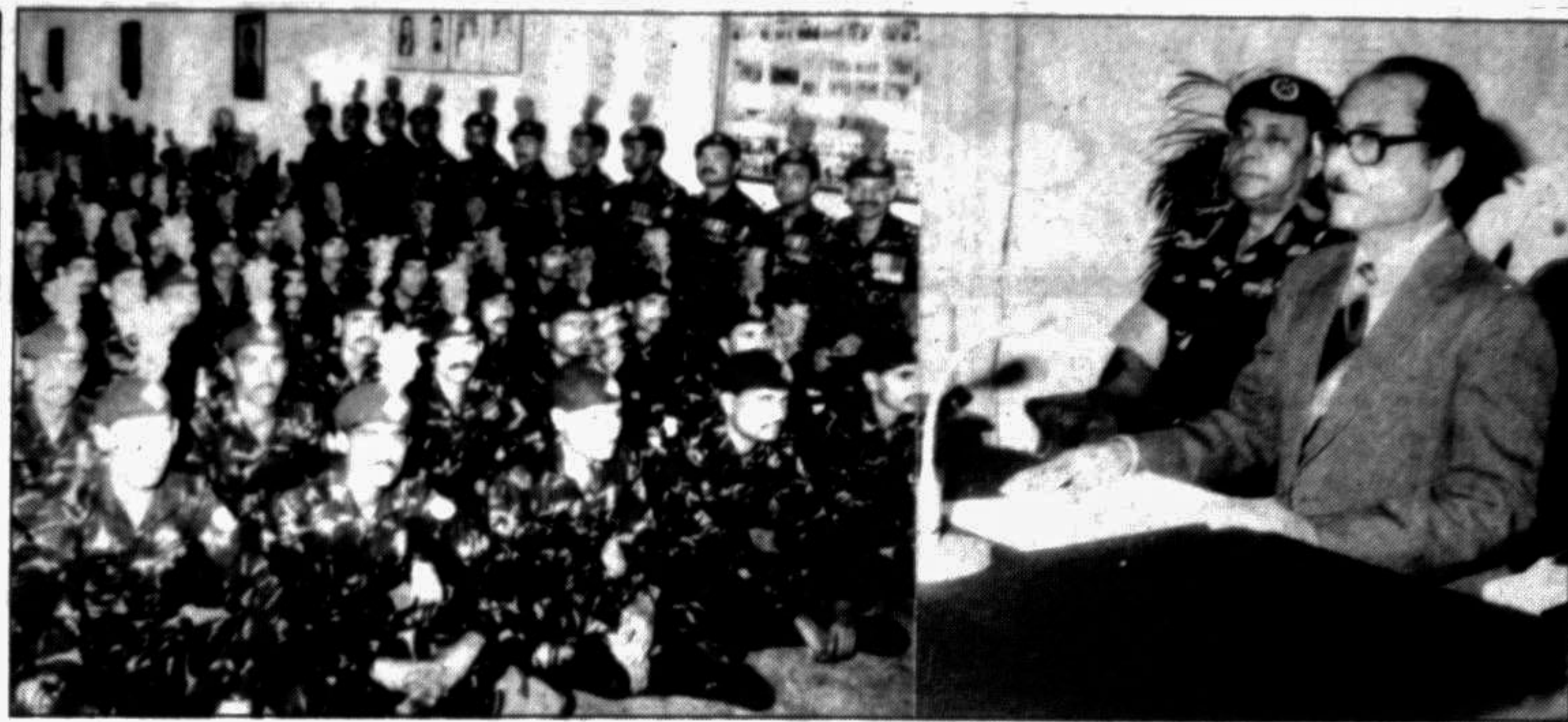
E A Choudhury, former President of the Association and the Chairman of Pubali Bank said the standard of education has deteriorated alarmingly and urged the government to set up more schools in the areas.

Speakers called for resumption of services in the abandoned civil hospital in the towns. The problems faced by the Srimangal Hospital were also noted.

Presided over by the President of the association, Abdul Malek Choudhury, 11 members of the Parliament attended the meeting as guests of honour. They were Khondokar A Malek, MP, Sylhet, Azizur Rahman, MP, Maulvibazar, Mustafa Shahid, MP, Maulvibazar, Abu Laes Md Mobin Choudhury, MP, Habiganj, Imran Ahmed, MP, Sylhet, Md Abdus Shahid, MP, Maulvibazar, Ebadur Rahman Choudhury, MP, Maulvibazar, Abdul Majid, MP, Sunamganj, Maulana Obaidul Huq, MP, Sylhet, Nazir Hussain, MP, Sunamganj and S Abdul Mukhtar MP.

Speakers said that the Sylhet Osmani Airport should be immediately turned into an international airport as it was promised on various occasions. They also urged the government to solve the various problems faced by the tea industry. The speakers also said that the existing anomalies at the national tea company should be removed.

The speakers also urged the government to provide adequate gas supply in the areas.



Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed addressing officers and jawans of the President's Guard Regiment on the occasion of its 16th raising anniversary at Dhaka Cantonment on Friday.

# Role of armed forces during natural disasters acclaimed: Shahabuddin

Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed Friday said the role of armed forces during natural disasters and in other fields has been acclaimed both at home and abroad, reports UNB.

He said Bangladesh is being frequently confronted with natural calamities and the armed forces spontaneously come up to redress the sufferings of the affected people.

He was addressing the officers and jawans of the President's Guard Regiment (PGR) at Dhaka Cantonment in Dhaka Friday morning marking its 16th raising anniversary.

Termining the armed forces as the inseparable part of the country's greater population, Justice Shahabuddin hoped the army, which has set up the unique example of dedication, would continue to perform their due role in future natural calamities.

Speaking at the "darbar" of President's Guard Regiment, the Acting President PGR, raised in July 5, 1975, has been a unique regiment of the Bangladesh armed forces ever since its inception.

He also lauded their dutifulness, skill and high standard of professionalism.

The Acting President re-

# Suggestions for withdrawal of VAT rejected

State Minister for Relief and Rehabilitation Lutfar Rahman Khan said in Dhaka on Friday that the BNP government was pledge-bound to stamp out all sorts of corruption and anomalies from the country, reports BSS.

"Without honesty and dedication no ministry can run," the State Minister said this while he was inaugurating a biennial conference-91 of the Karmakarta Karmachari Sangkuta Kalyan Parishad of the Relief and Rehabilitation Directorate at BCIC auditorium in Dhaka.

The inaugural session was chaired by Parishad President Haroon-Al Rashid Mohammad Karimad while Secretary, Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation M Aktar Ali and Director General of the Directorate Mohammad Mosahed Chowdhury were present as special guests.

The State Minister said a great deal of anomalies and malpractices were found in the relief and rehabilitation works during the time of past autocratic government, "but the present government had been able to face the century's devastating cyclone and tidal surge."

The secretary in his brief speech called upon them to discharge their duty with dedication and honesty so that they could serve the distressed.

The Secretary General of the Parishad Mohammad Fazlul Haq Mallik and Senior Vice-Presidents Saifulah Bhuiyan, Abdul Waheed and Saiful Islam also addressed the inaugural session.

# Salam Talukder shocked at death of Dolly Anwar

The Secretary General of Bangladesh Nationalist Party Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder has expressed his profound sorrow at the premature death of famed artist Dolly Anwar, reports BSS.

"In a statement, Barrister Talukder said Dolly's death is not only unfortunate, but would also create a void in the cultural arena. The BNP Secretary General prayed for the salvation of the soul and expressed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family."

# BNP firm to root out corruption

The authorities have rejected the suggestions put forward by some quarters that there would be adverse impact in the printing industry due to the introduction of Value Added Tax (VAT) which became effective from July 1, reports BSS.

Clearing the misgivings, the National Board of Revenue (NBR) said that VAT is applicable to those printing press whose annual earnings from services exceeds Taka 2 lakh. VAT at the rate of 15 per cent will be charged over the amount received as services (excluding prices of all inputs) by the printing presses, NBR said in a press release. The NBR said, the impact of the imposition of VAT would not be higher than the effect of turnover tax.

In the case of those enterprises whose annual service charges are less than Taka 2 lakh, they will be entitled to pay turnover tax at the rate of 2 per cent in lieu of 15 per cent VAT. Besides, the 20 per cent import duty on paper and ink have been slashed by five per cent under the new tax structure.

# Indian envoy calls on Oli Ahmed

The Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh R K Srinivasan called on Communications Minister Oli Ahmed at Bangladesh Secretariat in Dhaka on Thursday, reports BSS.

They discussed different issues of railway and road sectors in Bangladesh.

The Indian High Commissioner assured continued cooperation of his country in the development of Bangladesh Railway.

# US termed best friend

Speakers at a discussion in Dhaka on Thursday on the occasion of Independence Day of United States termed United States as the best friend of Bangladesh, says a press release.

The discussion meeting organised by the International Pen-Pals Club, was presided by the President of the Club Mahabuddin Chowdhury. Advocate Elias, Md Sharif, Javed Chowdhury, Md Musa and Aftab Ahmed participated in the discussion.

The speakers said the role of US Task Force in distributing the relief goods in recent cyclone devastating areas in Chittagong is highly commendable.

Later, prizes were distributed among the winners of essay writing competition on "Bangladesh-US Relations."

# Eid re-union

The Eid re-union function of new Government Old Boys High Schools association was held Thursday evening at a city hotel, reports BSS.

Nowshaba Kalim Sharafi, daughter of late Syed Anwar Ahmed, first Headmaster of the school, was the chief guest and Abdul Kader Khan, the septuagenarian former teacher, was the special guest at the function.

President of the association, M Badshah Shirazee, presided.

A large number of ex-students along with their wives and children attended the re-union. Kalim Sharafi was also present.

Musical soiree was participated by Khwaja Farid, Fatyaz, Zaker Hossain, Miss Samad, Naina and magician Ronny.



A three-day Bangladesh-China high level meeting on flood control and river training project on Brahmaputra began in Dhaka on Friday. Secretary of the Ministry of Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control MA Malik leading the Bangladesh team and visiting Chinese Vice-Minister for Water Resources Wang Shougiang leading the Chinese team.

# Dateline Chittagong

## 40 CU teachers hail proposed Constitution Amendment Bill

CHITTAGONG, July 5: Forty teachers of the Chittagong University today hailed the tabling of Constitution Amendment Bill in the Jatiya Sangsad by Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia to pave the way for introducing parliamentary democracy in the country, reports BSS.

In a statement here they also commended Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed for his constructive and dynamic role in leading the country towards democracy.

They said that the proposed amendment to the constitution when brought about would fulfill the hopes and aspirations of the people of the country. By piloting the Constitution Amendment Bill for switching over to parliamentary democracy, Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia was playing a historic role in the political arena of the country, they added.

They called upon the members of the Jatiya Sangsad irrespective of party affiliation to extend whole-hearted support towards the smooth passage for the bill.

Dr Muhammad Badtul Alam,

## Malaysian Navy ships arrive

Two ships of the Royal Malaysian Navy KD Sri Indera Sakti and KD Sri Musyitari arrived in Chittagong today on a three-day goodwill visit to Bangladesh, an ISPR release said.

The Commanding officers of the ships made courtesy call on the Commodore Commanding Chittagong and the Commodore Commanding BN Flotilla immediately after their arrival in Chittagong. They are expected to call on the local Area Commander of Bangladesh Army, the Air officer commanding of the local Air base and the Mayor of Chittagong City Corporation.

Other activities of the ships will include visit to the sailors

## Cyclone centre

A cyclone centre will soon be constructed at Laldia in Patenga in Chittagong at a cost of Taka eight lakh.

This was disclosed by Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) Mayor Mir Muhammad Nasir Uddin while visiting cyclone and tidal surge battered Laldia Thursday. He said that international tank terminal would extend financial assistance for building the cyclone centre which would also be used as health and mass education centre.

Managing Director of the International Tank Terminal Nazmul Huc Chowdhury was with the CCC Mayor during his visit to Laldia.

Mayor Nasir Uddin also assured the affected people of the area of their rehabilitation.

# JUCSU polls today

JU Correspondent

The eighth JUCSU (Jahangirnagar University Central Students' Union) and hall union elections will be held today (Saturday) from 9 am to 3 pm.

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), Shamajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF), and an alliance of five students organisation - JU Students Action Committee (JUSAC) - are vying for 94 posts in the elections.

Md Moniruzzaman of JCD is trying hard for the post of Vice-President and Rashedul Hasan Masum for General Secretary. SCF has given their panels with Abul Kalam Azad as Vice-President and Kamal Atahar Hossain as General Secretary.

JUSAC has nominated Jahangir Alam as their candidate for Vice-President and Hasan Mahmud Safi Sajal as General Secretary.

Security measures have been taken to ensure free and fair elections.

Police has been deployed to maintain discipline on the campus.

None will be allowed to enter into the campus without valid identity card. Movement of all sorts of motor vehicles has also been restricted on the campus by the Election Commission.

Earlier, in a press briefing, the Vice-Chancellor Prof Kazi Saleh Ahmed said that a total of Taka 1,62,000 were allocated for the election purpose.

Counting of votes will begin from 9.30 pm and results of the Elections will be published tomorrow (July 7).

# No development without people's participation

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukder Friday said that national development could not be achieved without spontaneous people's participation in the implementation of socio-economic uplift programmes, reports BSS.

The minister was speaking at a reception organised in his honour by the residents of Sharishabari upazila.

Presided over by former professor of Dhaka University Dr Nurul Huq, the reception meeting also was addressed by BJMC Chairman AR Talukder.

He said the government was striving to ensure a balanced development of all regions of the country. He however, said that acute resource constraints on the national level, compounded by long nine years of autocratic misrule, had made the job of national development very difficult.

He called upon the voluntary organisations and people's forums to extend all possible cooperation and assistance in identifying local development priorities.

# One killed in road mishap

By Staff Correspondent

One person was killed and another seriously injured when a minibus struck a motor-cycle from behind in Mirpur on Friday morning.

Police said, Mizanur Rahman, 22, died on the spot and Raju was seriously injured when the minibus struck the motor-cycle from behind near Kazipara.

The injured person was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital and the body of the deceased was brought to the hospital for post mortem.

Police arrested the driver and seized the minibus bearing registration No Dhaka Metro Cha-3926. A case was filed in this connection with Mirpur police.

# 4 ansars, guards of National Museum being interrogated

By Staff Correspondent

Ramna police on Friday took four ansars and security guards of National Museum into one day remand for interrogation in connection with the stolen statue on Wednesday night.

They are: Abdus Salam, Abdul Karim, Mofizuddin and Rafiqul Alam.

A silver-made statue and a silver sheet were stolen on Wednesday night from the second floor of the National Museum.

# Attack on Muktijodha Sangsad office condemned

Mahfuzur Rahman and Kabir Ahmad Khan, Chairman and Secretary General of Bangladesh Muktijodha Sangsad Central Command Council, in a statement in Dhaka Thursday night condemned the attack on the sangsad's office recently, reports BSS.

They said some undressed elements, armed with fire arms and under the influence of a certain quarter had ransacked the office and destroyed some valuable documents of the sangsad on Tuesday. These elements under warrant of arrest have also beaten up the sangsad members present there who came from various districts, the statement said.

Rahman and Khan also castigated the statement of "Ahad-Aziz group" appeared on various newspapers on July 3 and said that this group was never with the Muktijodha Sangsad.

# Relief work reviewed

CHITTAGONG, July 5: A high powered meeting held at the Railway Rest House here today with Communications Minister Oli Ahmed in the chair reviewed the relief and rehabilitation works going on in the cyclone and tidal surge affected areas of Chittagong and Cox's Bazar, reports BSS.

The meeting, attended by Divisional and District level officers of different government agencies, constituted one committee for each upazila of the affected areas to supervise rehabilitation activities being carried on under food for works programme and by the CARE.

The meeting was apprised that huge quantities of rice and wheat was released for open market sale in order to keep the prices of food grains stable.

Speaking at the meeting Communications Minister Oli Ahmed called upon the officials and others connected with rehabilitation works to ensure proper utilization of the resources made available for rehabilitating the affected people.

# BRANCH SHIFTING NOTICE

Sonali Bank, Ghorasal Branch has been shifted 300 metres from its past situation to the new building adjacent to Station Road on the North of Ghorasal Bazar at Dag No. 382/393.

Khatian No. 869/2/J.L.No. 162 Mouja-Ghorasal, Narsingdi on July 01, 1991 Monday and the branch has started its normal operations at new station from that day.

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# CORRIGENDUM TO INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE

Subject: Corrigendum to International Tender Notice No. DP/F-49/IR/90-91/3 dated 22-05-91 for Design, Supply, Installation, Erection and Commissioning of Microwave Tower at Chittagong on full Turn-key basis.

Corrigendum to the above subject International Tender Notice is hereby made as follows:

1. "A BASIC WIND SPEED OF 70(SEVENTY) METER PER SECOND (THREE SECOND GUST) AT 10(METER) METER HEIGHT FROM THE GROUND WITH OVERLOAD FACTOR OF 2.5 ON WIND LOAD AND 4 ON DEAD LOAD IS TO BE USED ON ULTIMATE STRENGTH DESIGN OF TOWER MEMBERS AND CONNECTIONS."

2. "DATE OF OPENING IS HEREBY EXTENDED FROM 11-07-1991 TO 24-07-1991 AT 14.00 HOURS."

All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.  
(Md. Fazul Haque)  
Dy. Director (Foreign Procurement)  
DPP(BA)5408-4/7  
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# BTMC'S INTERNATIONAL TENDER

The General Manager (Procurement) BTMC, Head Office, 7-9, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka invites sealed quotation against Tender No. 530:37 dated 1-7-91 from the bonafide Manufacturers/Suppliers/Indentors for the supply, installation and commissioning of Passenger "LIFT" at Bastra Bhaban, BTMC Head Office on FOB & C&F Ctd. liner terms basis against any suitable Credit/Grant. The tender documents along with the detailed technical specification, requirement, terms and conditions can be obtained from the Office of the Chief Accountant, BTMC, Head Office, Dhaka on cash payment of Tk: 100/= (One hundred) per set (Non-refundable) on all working days during office hours. Bidders may please note that if any bidders who have already purchased the schedule of the previous tender enquiry. No: 530:37 dated 15-11-90 appeared in the "Bangladesh Times" on 21-11-90 they may collect the tender document "Free of Cost basis" on production of the money receipt to the Procurement Department. The tender will be closed on 20TH AUGUST 1991 at 11.30 hrs. and the same will be opened at 12-00 hrs. on the same day in presence of the bidder (if any). No tender documents will be sold on the closing day. The authority have the right to reject or accept all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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