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Indonesian relief plane arrives

A special flight of Garuda Indonesian Airways arrived in Dhaka Wednesday at the Zia International Airport, carrying 12.8 tons of medicine, food and clothes for the April-29 cyclone victims, reports BSS.

This consignment is an additional humanitarian assistance sent by the Indonesian government.

Moscow visit to usher in new era of ties: FM

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman Wednesday expressed the hope that his recent visit to the Soviet Union would usher in a new era of close ties between the two countries, reports BSS.

"Both the countries have described the visit as 'historic' since it took place after an unusual long lapse of more than 16 years and went off very good," he told a seminar here on "Bangladesh-Soviet" relations.

The seminar was organised jointly by the Soviet Embassy and "Abichal," a cultural organisation.

Among others Soviet Ambassador in Bangladesh Yuri K Alexeev, President of the Soviet-Bangladesh Friendship Society Justice KM Sobhan and President of the "Abichal" Justice Debesh Bhattacharya spoke on the occasion.

The Foreign Minister referred to Moscow's assistance in Bangladesh Liberation War in 1971 and said Dhaka-Moscow ties should always be at a happy and cordial state because of mutual benefits.

"My talks with Soviet Foreign Minister and other leaders in Moscow recently on bilateral and other ties would deepen the relationship," he said.

The Soviet Ambassador in his speech called the visit of the Bangladesh Foreign Minister to his country as "very successful" and said this would further strengthen the ties.

Justice Sobhan regretted that Soviet-Bangladesh ties had suffered setbacks during the previous autocratic regime and expressed satisfaction that the democratic government in the country took steps to better the ties with such a genuine friend.

Justice Debesh Bhattacharya said "Bangladesh Foreign Minister's visit to Soviet Union is a happy development because we could never forget the role of the Soviet Union in our Liberation War and there after in reconstruction work."



Jatiya Party brought out a procession in the city Wednesday protesting price-hike of essentials. —Star photo

Terry towel, garment units in EPZ face collapse

Plea to instruct Agrani, other banks to negotiate export LCs

Bangladesh Terry Towel and Linen Manufacturers and Exporters' Association on Wednesday called upon the government to instruct the Agrani Bank and all other scheduled banks to negotiate the import and export LCs of the entrepreneurs of 100 per cent export-oriented textiles and apparel industries which were banking on the BCCI (Overseas) Ltd, reports BSS.

Mr M Anisuzzaman, Vice-Chairman of the Association, in a statement said the instruction given to Agrani Bank by Bangladesh Bank to handle export and import matters of the BCCI clients after suspension of the Bank's operation in Bangladesh was not clear. As a result, the concerned affected

textile units, particularly, the terry towel and garments units in EPZ will collapse if they were not immediately allowed to expedite their export and import activities by opening fresh accounts with the scheduled banks.

After suspension of BCCI activities in Bangladesh, no banks are willing to open accounts of BCCI clients to clear their LCs and even the conditions set by Agrani Bank in this regard seem to be unrealistic to be fulfilled by the exporters, he said.

To rescue the exporters from this deadlock, Mr Anis urged the government to give a clear order to the banks that after opening new accounts, the exporters would be al-

lowed to keep 75 per cent of their export proceeds with the respective banks to meet the incoming back-to-back liabilities and withdraw the rest 25 per cent to spend for local requirements.

In case of importing raw materials, he said, the LC documents already received by the BCCI meanwhile but not released by the clients should be endorsed by the new nominated banks taking into account master LC which was under lien with the BCCI.

Regarding the raw materials already imported under back-to-back LC but documents of which were not yet received by the BCCI, he said the exporters banks should be asked to send those to new banks

under the fresh arrangements.

Mr Anis also called upon the government to take initiative to collect all matured bills with overseas banks against export of the affected clients of BCCI and allow those to be deposited in the respective new accounts of the exporters in Bangladesh and block the money until finalisation of BCCI affairs. In absence of clear instruction, the foreign banks cannot hold back the money for an indefinite period, he said.

He also requested the authorities to ask Agrani Bank in Chittagong to negotiate the export and import documents of the affected members of the association in the EPZ and other areas of Chittagong.

New ROK consul for Ctg

Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury, a renowned businessman of Chittagong, has been appointed honorary consul of the Republic of Korea for the district of Chittagong with a view to facilitating travel of seamen and businessmen and further promoting mutual trade between Bangladesh and the Republic of Korea, a press release of ROK Embassy said in Dhaka on Wednesday, reports BSS.

Honorary consulate of the Republic of Korea will soon be established in the port city, the release said.

Born in 1950, Chowdhury graduated from the University of Chittagong and received higher education in accountancy in Great Britain. Chowdhury has attended many international seminars in different parts of the world and represented his country as the head of trade delegations in many South East Asian countries. He was elected President of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry for two consecutive terms.

Abortive bid of DU student to commit suicide

JU Correspondent

An attempt of a DU student to commit suicide on Monday in the Nawab Faizunnesa Hall common room of Jahangirnagar University ended in fiasco.

Uzzal, a resident of Sir Salimullah Hall, took poison in the guest room of the female dormitory. He was rushed to Dhamrai Upazilla Health Complex in a critical condition.

Sources said he had a love affair with one student of Statistics Department of the Jahangirnagar University.

However, a section of press had earlier reported that Uzzal committed suicide.

Fire in JU teachers' quarters : 2 hurt

JU Correspondent

Two persons received burn injuries while putting out a fire at the teachers' quarters of Jahangirnagar University Monday night.

The fire originated when a candle flame got in touch with the dripped fuel of a motor cycle, parked in the staircase of the apartment of Md Rafiq, a senior teacher of English department.

The fire spread to the corridor of his apartment and he and his family members were trapped inside until it was extinguished by the local people.

The two injured men were given first aid at the University Medical Centre.

Moderate industrial policy in the offing

State Minister for Information Md Nurul Huda said, the government was taking various steps to solve the problem of unemployment, reports BSS.

He was addressing a seminar entitled "Role of self employment in unemployment and poverty alleviation" in Dhaka on Tuesday.

Organised by the Bangladesh Employment Association, the function was chaired by the member of the Public Service Commission and former Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Professor Abdul Mannan.

The function was addressed, among others, by Din Mohammad Bhuiyan, Editor of Dainik Ganajagaran and Secretary General of the Association Advocate Abdul Aziz Sarker.

The State Minister said, the government had identified the unemployment problem as one of the major problems of the country. He said, he inherited the problem as a member of the least developed countries, but it was further aggravated by the past autocratic government by using youths for their personal and political gains rather than engaging them in development activities.

The Minister said, the government will announce a moderate industrial policy shortly to attract local and foreign investors to set up new industries. He expressed the hope that the policy would be helpful to boost the economy of the country and increase employment opportunities.

Underlining the importance of activities of Non-Government Organisations in generating self-employment programmes, the Minister said, the government was always ready to extend necessary help in such programmes. He said, the government will do its best for maximum publicity of the programme in the national media so that unemployed youths can be motivated for self-employment activities.

The Bangladesh Employment Association had started its activities in 1978. By now, the Association had extended its programmes in 369 upazilas and 4747 self-employment projects have so far been completed.

ECNEC okays Tk 130.93 cr projects

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) Wednesday approved three projects involving a total cost of Tk 130.93 crore with a foreign exchange component of Tk 67.31 crore, reports UNB.

The approval was given at a meeting of the committee held at the NEC Bhavan with Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman in the chair.

The approved projects are: Asian Development Bank (ADB) Second Tubewell Project, Jute Research Projects and Area Coverage Rural Electrification Project (Phase III-A).

Minor boy killed in road mishap

A teenage boy was killed in a road mishap near Kalyanpur bus stand at Mirpur on Wednesday, police said, reports UNB.

The victim Kabir (13) was knocked down and crushed under the wheels of a mini bus. Kabir was standing besides the bus stand.

Sales-Purchase, Tender & Employment News

- Wanted**
- (1) Reliance Eng (Pvt) Ltd, 80, Diluksha C/A, 4th floor, Dhaka-1000, requires "Lady office secretary". Applicants must be Graduate. Apply with recent p.p. photograph by 3rd August '91.
 - (2) A garments buying office requires Assst Merchandisers and Junior Commercial Officers. Please contact with full bio-data to Dilan, House No. 69C, Road No. 17, Banani, Dhaka.

- Tender**
- (3) AIG of Police (Telecom), Bangladesh, Dhaka, invites sealed tenders for tailoring contractors for sewing khaki uniform as per government measurement with cloths to be supplied for use of police staff of Bangladesh Police Telecom Sangstha Rashtagh, Dhaka for the years of 1991-92. Tenders will be received by the above office up to 12 noon of 8.8.91.
 - (4) Project Director, Rural Development Project-7, Local Govt, Engineering Bureau, House No-14, Road No-8, Dhanmodi R/A, Dhaka-1205, invites sealed international tenders from bonafide suppliers/manufactures for supply of 8 (eight) Nos 3-Wheeled Road Roller. Tender documents available up to 19.8.91. Tenders will be received by the office of Project Director, Rural Development Project-7 (RRMIMP), Local Government Engineering Bureau, House No. 14, Road No. 8, Dhanmodi R/A, Dhaka-1205 up to 1.00 pm of 20.8.91.
 - (5) Director (Current Charge), Facilities Department, Ministry of Education, Shikha Bhaban, Bangladesh, Dhaka, invites sealed applications in prescribed forms for pre-qualifications of contractors from AL, enlisted contractors of Facilities Department, Class-1 (one) contractors of Public Works Department (PWD) and Military Engineering Services (MES) for construction of multipurpose building to be used as school, mosque, clinic and shelter during calamities under Saudi Government Grant. Prescribed form available from the above office and Office of Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Dhaka Zone, 86, Block-C, Lalmita, Dhaka up to 7.8.91. Tenders will be submitted in the above office and Dhaka Zone office up to 13 hours of 8.8.91.
 - (6) Project Co-ordinator, Second Livestock Dev Project, invites sealed tenders from bonafide Manufacturers/Suppliers for supply of Disposable Vct. Supplies (IS). Tender documents available from the Office of Pashu Shampad Bhaban (3rd floor) Krishi Khamar Sarak, Farmgate, Dhaka, Bangladesh up to 3.00 pm of 28.8.91. Tender must be submitted before 2.30 pm of 29.8.91.
 - (7) District Controller of Food, Brahmanbaria and Member-Secretary, District Tender Committee, B. Baria invites sealed applications from bonafide adult Bangladeshi nationals/Sangha/Sangstha/Samity for pre-employment for appointing inland road transport contractors of Brahmanbaria district during fiscal year 1991-92. Applications will be received in the tender box kept at above office up to 1 pm of 30.7.91.
 - (8) Superintending Engineer, Chittagong University, Chittagong invites sealed tenders from enlisted 'A' class contractors of this University, Govt, Semi Govt and other autonomous organisations for (1) Construction of Balance works of Shaheed Abdur Rob Hal and its ancillary works (2) Providing brick soiling work of some portion of Abdur Rob Hall Sarak to present Administrative Building at CU (3) Construction of retaining wall in the back side of Arts faculty building. Tender documents available from the above office and from Controller of Accounts up to 12.30 pm from 3.8.91 to 5.8.91. Tenders will be received by this office. Controller of Accounts office as well as Registrar's office up to 12 noon of 7.8.91.
 - (9) Executive Engineer (RHD), Dhaka Constn, Road Divn II invites sealed tenders from "A" to "E" class General category of RHD contractors for work of different Type of Reflecting Sign & Signal Board for Dhaka-Archa road during the year 1991-92. Tender documents available from the office of Executive Engineer (RHD), Dhaka Constn Road Divn I/II/III/IV, Dhaka/Prel, Engg Divn, Dhaka/Planning & Programming Divn, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Sub-Divn, Engineer (RHD), Kalyanpur/Manikganj/Mechanical/City-IV/Joydevpur/Mograpara/Shibpur/Bhikandi/Sreenagar Road Sub-Divn. Tenders will be received by the office of Superintending Engineer (RHD) Dhaka Constn, Dhaka/E.E. (RHD), Dhaka Constn Road Divn II, Dhaka and E.E. (RHD), Prel, Engg Divn, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), Kalyanpur/Manikganj/Mechanical/City-IV/Joydevpur/Mograpara/Shibpur/Bhikandi/Sreenagar Road Sub-Divn up to 12.30 pm of 5.8.91.
 - (10) Manager, Sadharan Karmashakha, Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation, 7-9 Kawan Road C/A, Dhaka, invites sealed tenders from Bangladesh T&T Board approved Bangladeshi firms manufacturing/ assembling PABX for supply and installation of 8-72 line electronic digital PABX. Tender schedule available from cash section of this corporation till 1.8.91. Tenders will be received up to 11.00 am of 3.8.91.

LOST
Pass Book : If found contact : Leader Garments Ltd. Phone : 803546 D-70

Seminar on Export Development Fund (EDF)
A Seminar on EDF will be held on 27 July '91 at Sundarban Hotel from 9-30 AM to 4-00 PM inaugurated by Minister for Finance & Planning Mr. Saifur Rahman. Chambers, Trade Associations, Banks and Exporters are welcome.
Kabir U Ahmad
Longterm Advisor
Export Development Project
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BANGLA TEACHER WANTED
WANTED a part-time teacher to private tuition in spoken Bangla, with emphasis on grammar, to a foreigner living in Banani, for two to three times a week, preferably for two hours each time, at the student's own residence.
Write to GPO Box No. 3257, Dhaka. Envelopes must be marked 'Bangla Teacher'

Biman BANGLADESH AIRLINES
BIMAN BHABAN, MOTIHEEL, DHAKA. PHONES 240151-10, 240161-10, 240171-10, 240181-10 LINES, CABLE AIRBANGLA

TENDER NOTICE

Tenders in sealed cover are hereby invited from the enlisted bonafide "A" class steel furniture/rack manufacturer/ suppliers of Govt./Semi-Govt. and Autonomous bodies for supply of steel racks at lost and found section of Traffic Office/ZIA/Dhaka.

Tender documents will be available in the office of the Asstt. Manager (Cash and Banking), Bangladesh Biman, Biman Bhaban, Motiheel, Dhaka on cash payment of Tk. 100/= (one hundred) only per set (non-refundable) on all working days up to 5-8-91.

No tender paper will be sold on the date of opening of tenders.

All tenderers shall have to take permission from Asstt. Manager (Civil), Building and Works Deptt., Biman Bhaban, 7th Floor, Motiheel, Dhaka for purchasing tender schedule by producing documentary evidences of their firm's enlistment experiences, workshop facilities etc. Permission will not be given for purchasing tender schedule if tenderers have no Show Room and Workshop facility.

The tenderers shall have to deposit earnest money of 2 1/2 % (Two and half percent) of the total quoted amount in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order (from scheduled bank) / Pratrakkah Sanchayapatra / 5-Year Bangladesh Sanchayapatra/Bonus Sanchayapatra in favour of Bangladesh Biman Corporation without which no tender will be entertained.

Tenders will be received by the office of Deputy General Manager, Building and Works Deptt., Biman Dhaka up to 1330 hrs. on 6-8-91 and will be opened by the Tender Committee on the same day at 1400 hrs. in presence of the tenderers, if any.

Biman Management reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Dy. General Manager (B&W)

Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission
Atomic Energy Research Establishment
Engineering & General Executive Unit
Ganakbari, Savar, Dhaka.

No. AERE-W-13 (585)/11 Dt. 17-7-1991

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited for the following Group Works of Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission :

Group	Name of work	Earnest Money	Price of tender document (non-refundable)	Eligibility of participants in the tender
* A *	Soil testing at the site for building construction of Atomic Medical Centre, Rangpur	Tk. 1,000/=	Tk. 50/00	Contractor/consulting firm with experience of relevant work
* B *	Soil testing at the site for building construction of Atomic Medical Centre, Barisal	Tk. 1,000/=	Tk. 50/00	-Do-
* C *	Soil testing at the site for building construction of Atomic Medical Centre, Mymensingh	Tk. 1,000/=	Tk. 50/00	-Do-
* D *	Soil testing at the site for building construction of Atomic Medical Centre, Khulna	Tk. 1,000/=	Tk. 50/00	-Do-

Tender document containing detailed specification of work and terms & conditions, of the relevant group can be obtained at the cash price (non-refundable) mentioned above on all working days during office hours up to 31-7-91 from this office (Group "A" & "B") and from Engineering Division, Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, Dhaka (Group "C" & "D") on prior permission of the Director of the relevant Unit/Division through written request (Certificates of Income Tax clearance and completion of similar work should be attached) which with the earnest money as mentioned above against each group can be dropped in the tender box up to 2-00 PM on 1-8-91 and opened on the same day at 2-15 minutes. No tender document can be issued on the prescribed date of opening tender.

Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or reject all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Director
E & GS Unit, AERE
Savar

Dateline Chittagong

Strike in Chittagong newspapers begins

CHITTAGONG, July 24: Journalists and other employees of newspapers began an indefinite strike here today in support of the programmes of three federations of newspapers and news agencies to press home their demand for enhanced pay and allowances as recommended by the Fourth Wage Board, reports BSS.

The decision to go for the indefinite strike was taken earlier by the Chittagong Union of Journalists when the managements of the newspapers here did not agree to meet the demands of the union, a union press release said.

with the union president, Mr Akhtarun Nabi, in the chair.

Union leaders Anjan Kumar Sen, Saiful Alam, M Nasirul Huq, Ataul Hakim, Tafazzal Ahmad, Mustaq Ahmad, Syed Mustafa Zamil and Swapan Mohajan addressed the rally. They expressed their firm determination to continue the movement to realise the demands of the journalists. They also demanded government intervention in the matter.

Later, a procession was brought out by the journalists and other employees, which paraded the main city roads.

A protest rally will be held tomorrow morning at the press club.

Gram: FIDCOR Phone No. PABX-240085-9
Bangladesh Forest Industries Development Corporation "Banashilpa Bhaban"
73 Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka
Adopt Family Planning

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders in prescribed form are invited by Bangladesh Forest Industries Development Corporation from well established and dependable Clearing & Forwarding Agents regarding appointment of minimum 5 (five) years experienced Clearing & Forwarding Agent to Zia International Airport for 2 (two) years.

Form will be available from the Accounts Section of the Corporation against payment of Tk 100/- (non-refundable) from 28-7-91.

Tender should be submitted in the tender box kept in the chamber of the Secretary of the Corporation by 11.00 A. M. on 18-8-91

FIDCOR : 07/91-92
DFP (G) 8397-21/7
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Md. Fazlur Rahman
Deputy General Manager (Sales)