

**Nutrition confce
August 8**

The Nutrition Society of Bangladesh has arranged a three-day fifth nutrition conference on August 8 at the National Museum in the city, said a press release of the society Sunday, reports BSS.

This will be followed by technical sessions.

Passport Lost

My passport No. E680264 with Saudi Exit & re-entry visa is lost on 2.8.91 at Dhaka Airport. Any gentleman be kind to give its trace will be rewarded.

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Industrialists should be consulted before VAT imposition

'Scope for double taxation in some sectors still exists'

Star Economic Report

Representatives of industrial sector in a seminar on Sunday said on Value Added Tax (VAT) said the Government should have more discussions with the industrialists before implementing VAT to settle down anomalies created by the system.

Syed Monjur Elahi, President of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) addressing the seminar organised by the Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad

said many small industries would face difficulties to fill up forms for return of VAT as the most of these entrepreneurs are illiterates.

He observed that the VAT would cause price hike of industrial products. He said the units which have stocks of months will face double taxation for VAT. If credit on inventory is not given by the government, the price hike would affect the consumers, he added.

He said VAT is a progressive system which is applicable to Bangladesh. "But this needs time for preparation," he pointed out.

Mahbubur Rahman, President of the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry said the VAT has been imposed on many sectors which enjoyed tax exemption. This new imposition of the tax would increase prices of those products.

He stressed the need for proper preparation, campaign and discussions to implement the system. He demanded inventory credit for stocks.

He said a coordination should have been done between taxation policy and economic policy.

He alleged that the NBR campaigns in many cases are not fully true. He said there is the scope of double taxation in some sectors though VAT was meant for avoiding this. He said the indenting agents would come under this double taxation.

Shah Abdul Hannan, Member of the National Board of Revenue in his address to the seminar said the VAT which is the most modern tax system that will provide the final consumer would not pay more than 15 per cent tax. He stated that the previous import duty rate was over protective. He said this caused low quality of local goods affecting our export.

He said the excise duty was narrow based. "Due to tax exemption on some products, some products were heavily burdened with tax," he observed. He claimed that the previous tax system caused tax on tax and had cascading effect. He said the VAT would clear these hurdles. The VAT would help the industries to decide on horizontal and vertical expansion, he added.

He said if VAT is exempted on many of the sectors, this would make the whole system ineffective. Dealing between the VAT sector and non-VAT sector would face difficulties because these sectors then would not be able to enjoy the full facility of VAT exemption on raw materials. He warned that the credit chain would be broken if many sectors are exempted from VAT.

Hannan said that the government had taken the policy of one month's inventory credit process which is still under consideration. He said 1,500 officers have been trained to realise VAT.



Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Mirza Abbas speaking at a seminar organised by Pallima Sangsad at shaheed Baqui smriti Pathagar in city on Sunday. The seminar focussed on collection of books and enrolment of members for the library.

Open varsity to create scope of higher edn

The two-day national workshop on Bangladesh Open University concluded at the premises of National Academy for Educational Management (NAEM) in Dhaka Sunday afternoon, reports BSS.

State Minister for Education Principal Md Eunus Khan attended the closing session of the workshop as chief guest while Education Secretary ANM Eusuf presided. Dr Motilal Sharma, senior education specialist, of Asian Development Bank and Prof Ram Reddy, team leader of India-based Education Consultants Limited also spoke on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion the State Minister said open university would create a vast

scope of higher education for the people who could not afford it under the conventional system.

He pointed out, that the geographical and population base and language of the country were appropriate to the concept and practices of open university.

ANM Eusuf said open university is not the substitute for conventional universities and rival of the same.

Jointly organised by the Ministry of Education and Asian Development Bank, the workshop was participated by eminent educationists, policy makers, experts and representatives of donor agencies from home and abroad.

Dhaka for recovery of Arab lands

The Acting President, Mr. Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, said in Dhaka on Sunday that Bangladesh would always support the restoration of the inalienable rights of the Palestinians and recovery of the occupied Arab lands, reports BSS.

The Acting President was talking to the outgoing Egyptian Ambassador Mostafa Badr who called on him at the President's Secretariate.

Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed described the relations between Bangladesh and Egypt as

excellent and said such relations had grown over the years out of brotherly feelings as members of the Islamic Ummah.

Ambassador Badr said that Bangladesh's close relations with Egypt was reflected in the growing trade between the two countries. He recalled that Bangladesh's export to Egypt stood at 12 million dollars during the last fiscal year as against four million dollars of Egyptian export to Bangladesh. They also discussed other issues of mutual interest.



The Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Mr. Jai Chun Lee presented a letter to Mr. Amir Khosru Mahmood Chowdhury appointing him as Honorary Consul of Korea, at an investiture ceremony held last Saturday night at a local hotel in Chittagong.

Badruddoza visits Motijheel Ideal School, Ispahani Girls' College

Minister for Education and Cultural Affairs Prof AQM Badruddoza Choudhury visited Motijheel Ideal School and Ispahani Girls' College at Moghbazar to see for himself the academic atmosphere of the institutions, an official handout said, reports BSS.

During this visit the Minister talked to the teachers and students and enquired about the progress and system of teaching.

He went from class to class and asked the students some academic questions and enquired about their welfare and progress.

Janata Bank GM dead

Alhaj Shamsuddin Ahmed, a former General Manager of Janata Bank died of a heart attack at the Suhrawardy Hospital in Dhaka Sunday. He was 59, reports BSS.

The namaz-e-janaza of the deceased will be held at the High Court Mazar premises after the Zohr prayers today (Monday). Later he will be buried at the Banani graveyard.



Obituary

Sayedra Mursheda Hamid (32), wife of Shabbir Ahmed Chowdhury, Programme Manager Training, Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC), died in Dhaka recently after giving birth to a male child.

She was laid to rest at the premises of Hazrat Shah Mustafa (R) Mazar in Maulvibazar.

She was an officer of Arab Bangladesh Bank, former Lecturer of Maulvibazar Mahila College and involved in many other social welfare organisations.

Death anniversary

The 7th death anniversary of Amrull Haque Imran, a flight steward of Bangladesh Biman, will be observed at his village home at Austagram today (Monday) through Quran khwani, milad mahfil and feeding of the destitute, reports BSS.

In Dhaka, milad mahfil will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) at the residence of his elder brother Ashrafal Haque, Senior Reporter, Bangladesh Observer, at 42/43 Purana Paltan after Asr prayers.

Disaster Relief Fund to build cyclone shelters

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Disaster Relief Fund, a Scotland-based volunteer organisation run by Bangladesh, will construct two cyclone shelter-cum-school buildings at Moheshkhali at a cost of Taka 60 lakh.

Convener of the organisation Matin Khan at a press conference at the National Press Club on Sunday said that it has also donated Taka 1,40,000 to Prime Minister's Relief Fund and spent Taka 1,30,000 through Red Crescent and a non-government organisation for the April 29 cyclone victims.

He said that the amount was raised from the donations of the Scottish people as well as the Bangladeshis living there. The organisation was formed immediately after the cyclone and was still working for fund raising.

Yusuf visits ailing BNP leader

Health Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf visited ailing BNP leader Khandker Chand at Shamarita Hospital at Green Road in city on Friday.

Chand underwent an operation on Saturday and now under the treatment of Prof Gholum Rasul.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Public Health Institute
Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212**

Memo No. PH/5 Pur-16/89/5109 Dt. 31-7-91

Tender Notice

Lac sealed tenders are invited from bonafide suppliers/contractors for purchase of local and exotic horses for manufacturing antisera at Public Health Institute, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212. The tender schedule can be collected from the Assistant Director of this Institute by depositing Tk 500/- (five hundred) only in cash (non-refundable), attested copies of necessary Trade Licence (1991-92) and Income Tax Certificate (1990-91), upto 11.00-1.00 P.M. 15-8-91 (30-4-98 BS).

Tender in lac sealed cover within another sealed envelope addressed to Mr. Md. Abdul Khalaque, Administrative Officer & Member-Secretary, Tender Committee, Public Health Institute, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212 should reach by 2.00 P.M. on 25-8-91 (9-5-98 BS) by Post Registered with acknowledgement due slip, or government approved Postal Courier Service. No tender will be received by person or directly. Any tender reaching after the prescribed time will be returned to the sender.

Any information regarding the tender can be obtained from the Administrative Officer & Member-Secretary, Tender Committee of the Public Health Institute.

Director

Public Health Institute
Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.

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Jamuna Multi-Purpose Bridge Authority

Ganabhaban, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207

Enlistment Notice

Applications for enlistment are hereby invited from bonafide supply contractors to facilitate the supply and repair work of the following items under 1990-91 Financial Year.

Groups:

1. Furniture (steel/wood), goods, electrical equipment etc.
2. Office stationery, all printing works etc.

Terms and Conditions:

1. Applicants should have independent office/show-room/factory/warehouse etc.
 2. The following documents/statement should be submitted with applications. Applications without such documents/statement will be treated as cancelled.
 - A) Name of the organisation and address (Telephone number, if any).
 - B) Attested photo copy of current Trade License.
 - C) G. I. R/T. R number and date of the last financial year.
 - D) Detailed description of the organisation, such as proprietorship/partnership (if any) including name, address and date of establishment.
 - E) Full address of registered office/shop/showroom.
 - F) Attested photo copies of enlistment (if any) in government/semi-government/nationalised bodies.
 - G) 2 (two) Certificates of Experience in the concerned field of activity at least for a period of 2 (two) years (from any government, semi-government or nationalised body).
 - H) Bank Solvency Certificate (new) from any scheduled Bank in favour of the organisation.
 - I) Description of machinery for the work (if applicable).
 3. The successful organisations will have to deposit an amount of Tk. 3000/- as security deposit in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of "Jamuna Multi-Purpose Bridge Authority" for group No 1 and Tk. 2000/- for group No-2 within 7 (seven) days (maximum) on demand which is refundable in case of satisfactory work as per terms and conditions.
 4. Organisations will be enlisted after scrutiny of all applications primarily being satisfied by the authorised officer after visiting office/showroom/factory/warehouse etc.
 5. The authority reserves the right to cancel enlistment of any organisation on grounds of unsatisfactory works and misconduct.
 6. Applications should reach the undersigned on or before 30-08-91 during office hours (9 A.M. to 4 P.M.).
- The authority has the exclusive right to accept or reject any application without assigning any reason.

Captain Jamilur Rahman Khan (Retd)
Additional Director (Administration)

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4,000 await re-entry visa for S. Arabia

Saudi Arab Expatriates Organisation, Bangladesh, urged the government to form a high-powered "Repatriation Coordination Cell" to repatriate Bangladesh nationals for their re-employment in Saudi Arabia, reports UNB.

About 4,000 Bangladeshis are awaiting re-entry visa in Saudi Arabia whose visas expired after being stranded in Bangladesh following the Gulf war.

Alhaj Md Kalu Bhuiyan, President, Parishad of Expired Saudi Employment Visa, told newsmen at the Jatiya Press Club that their Saudi employers did not take any step so far to take them back.

"A good number of Bangladeshis who became stranded in the country due to the Gulf war had been working in Saudi Arabia for more than

10 to 12 years", he said. Huge amount of money relating to their service benefits were lying with the employers, he claimed.

Kalu Bhuiyan called upon the government to take positive steps in sending them back to their old jobs in Saudi Arabia or to ensure employment in other countries.

He also made a fervent appeal to the government to take immediate measures to realise their huge amount lying with their employers in Saudi Arabia.

Essentials' prices remain steady, says BUP survey

The prices of essential commodities remained more or less steady during the period of September, 1990 to May, 1991, a survey of Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad (BUP) says.

However, prices showed a slight upward trend. It said fish and meat market showed maximum trend of price fluctuation. Although prices of these two items sometimes fell slightly, the general trend tilted towards price hike. The reports were based on sample study of two city markets. — New Market and Kawranbazar Market.

Car stolen

A Toyota car-Dhaka Gha-747 of M Jadar Rahman, former Deputy Governor of Bangladesh Bank was stolen from Shohag Community Centre at Ekaton Road in the city on Sunday.

Rahman went there to attend a walima reception.

Atomic Energy Centre, Dhaka
4, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue
Ramna, Dhaka-1000

Training Course on Non-Destructive Testing (NDT)

The following NDT Training Course will be held at the Atomic Energy Centre, Dhaka as per following schedule:

Eddy Current Testing Method Level -2
: 9-28 November, 1991

Prospectus and Application forms will be available from the office of the undersigned on all working days from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Last date for submission of the application is 15 September, 1991.

Dr. Md. Sana Ullah
Course Co-ordinator and Head,
Non-Destructive Testing Division
Atomic Energy Centre, Dhaka.
Phone : 509498

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International Tender Notice for Export of High Sulphur Furnace Oil (FOHS) between 20-24 September, 1991.

Ref. No. 25.03/25 August 1, 1991

Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation ("the Corporation") hereby invites offer from reputed buyers for export on FOB Chittagong basis of 15-25,000 Metric Tons (at Buyer's Option) of High Sulphur Furnace Oil as per terms and conditions set out hereinafter:

1. The lifting of the entire cargo of High Sulphur Furnace Oil will have to be completed between 20-24 September, 1991 either in one or two shipments.
2. Tender will be received upto 12.00 hours (BST) on 04 September, 1991 and opened at 12.05 hours (BST) on 04 September, 1991 at the Corporation's Head Office in presence of the bidders or their authorised agents who would wish to be present.
3. Local agents of reputed buyers interested in the tender with proper application and due authorisation of principal may collect tender documents on all working days during office hours from (a) The Commercial & Operations Division of the Corporation at its Head Office at HBFC Building, 1/D, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong and (b) Jamuna Oil Company Limited (JOCL), Dhaka Office at 28 New Eskaton Road, Dhaka.
4. Other terms and conditions will be as per general terms and conditions of export of the Corporation (Ref. No. 25.03 dated 11 May, 1991 enclosed) except Sulphur Content which should read weight pct 2.8 max instead of 2.5 max mentioned at page 9 (Appendix-D) of the document.
5. No rights of any kind shall be created in favour of any person by virtue of having obtained the tender documents, nor shall any right be created in favour of any person by virtue of submitting a tender. The Corporation reserves right to accept or reject any or all offers in part or in full, without assigning any reason.

Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation
1/D, Agrabad Commercial Area, P.O. Box No. 202, Chittagong.

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Eid re-union of officers of Pubali Bank was held recently at its auditorium. Chairman E A Chawdhury, Managing Director Abdul Matin Khan and Deputy Managing Director A A Bazle Rabbi of the bank were present on the occasion.

Dateline Chittagong

Call to end stalemate in newspapers

CHITTAGONG, Aug 4 : Greater Chittagong Development Mass Action Committee Chairman S.M. Jamaluddin and General Secretary Monwar Ahmed today called upon the management of newspapers of Chittagong to end the stalemate in newspapers by agreeing to implement the Wage Board Award, reports BSS.

In a statement here they expressed resentment over government silence in this connection and called for appropriate action for implementation of the Fourth Wage Board Award for journalists and other employees of the newspapers.

Journalists and other employees in the port city have been on strike since July 24 to press home their demand for implementation of the Wage Board Award.

CCC gherao plan called off

Chaktal Canal Excavation Action Committee here today decided to call off its proposed city corporation gherao programme on August 20.

According to a press release of the corporation, the leaders of the action committee called off their programme following discussions on the matter with the city Mayor M. Nasiruddin at his office here. Action Committee Chairman Kafiluddin, Vice Chairman Monwar Ahmad, General Secretary Shahriar Khaled, among others, were present on the occasion.

Mayor Nasir Uddin apprised the leaders of different development projects of the city including re-excavation of Chaktal canal.

The leaders assured the Mayor of their cooperation in

implementing various development projects of Chittagong City Corporation.

Buddha Jubo Kalyan Sangha anniversary

The first anniversary of foundation of Rangunia Buddha Jubo Kalyan Sangha was observed through a function held at Rangunia on Friday last, a Sangha press release said today.

The function presided over by Sangha President Taposh Tahukdar Tapu was attended by prominent people of the locality.

A discussion was also held in this connection where participants explained the aims and objectives of the Sangha. The Sangha was established a year ago with a view to promoting buddhist culture and education among the Buddhist population of the area.