

People urged to elect honest men in by-election

Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Mirza Abbas said in Dhaka that it was a sacred responsibility of all irrespective of party application to participate in the forthcoming referendum unitedly, reports BSS.

Addressing a public meeting arranged to make the referendum-91 a success at Koreel on Bishwaroad here, the Mayor said that the nation had been fighting for the establishment of Democracy permanently in the country for last 16 years.

Stressing the importance of the referendum, Mr Abbas said the hopes and aspirations of the nation would be materialised through casting 'yes' vote.

Plea to cast 'Yes' vote in referendum

Different socio-political organisations and public leaders Tuesday made a fervent appeal to the people to cast their 'yes' vote in the coming referendum for the establishment of the parliamentary democracy and accountable government in the country, reports BSS.

Sixteen leading citizens of the country in a joint statement called upon the people to give their 'yes' vote in the referendum of September 15 to facilitate the country's transition to parliamentary democracy.

They pointed out that the referendum had a great significance. In their long struggle for democracy and ending the

autocratic rule the people of this country had to make many sacrifices. In our opinion true democracy could come to our country through the establishment of parliamentary system of government and ever vigilance of the people. Only autocratic system could overtake the country as an alternative to parliamentary democracy, they added.

They said it was the civic responsibility of all of us to motivate and inspire the people to participate in the referendum. The joint statement was issued by Begum Sufia Kamal, Justice Kamaluddin Hossain, Justice Debash Chandra Bhattacharya, Prof AR Mallick, Prof Khan Sarwar Murshid, Prof Salauddin Ahmed, Sardar Fazul Karim, Prof Kabir Chowdhury, Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, Barrister Ishtiaq Ahmed, Barrister Mainul Hossain, Shamsur Rahman, Faiz Ahmed, Prof Muzaffar Ahmed, Dr Faruquddin Mahtab and Prof Anisuzzaman.



Students of Jagannath college observed token hunger strike Monday in front of the National Press Club demanding reopening of the college. —Star photo

Malpractice in purchase of T&T materials denied

The government on Tuesday categorically said that it followed all norms in purchasing the cable jointing materials of the Post and Telecommunications Ministry and the question of any malpractice and irregularity did not arise in this connection, an official handout said in Dhaka, reports BSS.

The attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item and editorial, published in a section of the press alleging that the Chairman of the T and T Board and taken the initiative to purchase the materials for his personal interest, the handout said.

Despite that the World Bank was informed by the government of the matter and the World Bank did not agree to purchase the goods which were out of specification. The World Bank again expressed the opinion to buy goods in favour of Messrs Rekem, the handout added. It was essential to have approval of the World Bank for purchasing any goods if financed by the Bank. As the purchase was beyond capacity of the T and T Board all relevant papers were sent to the ministry. The ministry gave a final decision to Messrs Rekem through Messrs Electromechano with 21 per cent value added tax after examining it by a high-powered interministerial committee comprising the minister and the secretary.

Implement WB Award in Jessore newspapers: BFUJ

Leaders of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) have demanded of the newspaper owners in Jessore to implement the Fourth Wage Board Award immediately and withdraw the false cases against the working journalists.

In a statement issued to the press President Rezauddin Ahmed and Secretary General Amanullah Kabir of BFUJ said that publication of newspapers in Jessore remained suspended since September 4. They said that when the journalists and press workers of the newspapers demanded implementation of the Fourth Wage Board Award, the owners suspended publication of the papers unilaterally and lodged false cases against the working journalists. They also said that the journalists and press workers of 'Dainik Sphulinga' were not getting their salaries for the last few months.

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ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ১৯৯১ সনের ভিত্তি (পাস ও সার্টিফিকেট কোর্স) পরীক্ষার বহিরাগত প্রার্থী হিসাবে অংশগ্রহণের পত্রিকাখিদের আবেদনপত্র আগামী ২৫ সেপ্টেম্বর, ১৯৯১ ইং পর্যন্ত পত্রিকা নিয়ন্ত্রক দপ্তর কর্তৃক গ্রহণ করা হইবে। এডিক্টম ও কিস ৯ ই সেপ্টেম্বর হইতে ১৬ ই সেপ্টেম্বর, ১৯৯১ ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত দৈনিক ১০.০০ (দশ) টাকা হারে এবং ১৭ ই সেপ্টেম্বর, ১৯৯১ তারিখ হইতে দৈনিক ২০.০০ (বিশ) টাকা হারে বিলম্ব কিস সহ আগামী ২৫ সেপ্টেম্বর, ১৯৯১ তারিখ পর্যন্ত গ্রহণ করা হইবে।

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Citizens committee

Bangladesh Citizens Committee appealed to the people to give their verdict in favour of parliamentary democracy by participating in the coming referendum.

The committee in a statement said the long drawn bloody struggle of the people resulted in the downfall of the autocratic regime. The nation had a bitter experience that the presidential system only bred autocracy. There was no alternative to parliamentary system and of that matter accountable.

Salam Talukdar

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukdar said Tuesday the public representatives, teachers and officials have a very significant role to play in the referendum on the form of government, reports BSS.

The Minister was addressing a meeting of a cross-section of people at Gazipur.

State Minister for Religious Affairs, Prof M A Mannan and former Minister of State Chaudhury Tanveer Ahmad Siddiqui also spoke on the occasion.

Janata Party

Giving a call to the people to cast their 'yes' vote in the coming referendum, Jatiya Janata Party (Asad) chief Sheikh Asad in a separate press statement said only parliamentary system of government could deliver the goods to the people and ensure their democratic rights.

Notice Inviting Tenders

- Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited* from the special Class, Class-I, Building/Contractor/Firm under PWD Class-II, building Contractor/Firm under PWD Khulna Zone, Khulna for the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned and as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Jessore/Magura/ Faridpur/ Meherpur/ Kushtia/Rajbari/ Narail/Jhenidah/ up to 12.00 Noon on 19-9-91 and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 P.M. in presence of the intending tenderers who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it. The tender form will be sold up to 18-9-91.
 - Name of work : Construction of 44 Nos. Dist Headquarters under the newly created Dist. one at Chuadanga (S.H.: Construction of Civil Surgeon's Residence at Chuadanga).
 - Estimated cost : Tk. 9,01,351/55
 - Earnest money : 18,028/=
 - Contract documents consisting of B.D. Form No. 2911, schedule of items additional terms and conditions etc. can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned and from all of the office of the Executive Engineers, under P.W.D. Circle, Jessore during the office hours.
- SAFIUDDIN AHMED
Executive Engineer,
P.W.D. Division, Chuadanga.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Family Welfare Inspecress Training Centre
32 Green Road, Dhaka

Memo No. FWITC/Dhaka/91/432 Dated 07/09/91

TENDER NOTICE

Separate sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned subject to terms and conditions are hereby invited from bonafide repairers/suppliers firms for repair/assembly of some parts for this office vehicle Nos. JAS-63-1261 and Dhaka-CHA 2208.

Tenders will be received up to 12.00 hours on 19-9-91 and opened on the same day at 12-30 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers. Tenderers may collect the schedule of work regarding the aforesaid vehicle repair/assembly by depositing Taka 30/- (thirty) only under head ৩৬-আই health and population control (non-refundable) with Bangladesh Bank and submitting a copy of the challan thus received to this office (32 Green Road, Dhaka). No schedule will be supplied after 18-9-91.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason.

Dr. Mahmuda Begum
Principal
Family Welfare Inspecress
Training Centre
32 Green Road, Dhaka.

Tk 32 cr French aid for reconstruction

The French government will donate French franc 50 million (approximately Taka 32 crore) as grant for the repair and reconstruction of damaged infrastructures in the cyclone-affected areas, reports BSS.

An agreement was signed in Dhaka Monday between the French and Bangladesh governments.

Joint Secretary of ERD Faizur Rahman Chowdhury and Joint Secretary of the treasury division of the French government Dov Zerah signed the agreement.

The amount will be available for repair, replacement and reconstruction of cyclone damaged Chittagong airport, procurement of a TV transmission antenna for Chittagong, telecommunication link between Chittagong and off-shore islands and coastal areas, mobile hospitals and veterinary vaccines.

The tender for buying the materials was called in May 1990 and it was finalised in the month of November. During this period, the Chairman, S I Khan, was not working there. He took over the charge of chairmanship in December 1990, the handout said.

Four of the ten tenders were found valid as per the World Bank specification, while the rest were considered non-responsive. Of them, T and T Board accepted the lowest tender, submitted by local firm Messrs Electromechano and recommended to the financier, the World Bank.

As per provision, all invalid tenders and their relevant reports including the proposal of the Board have been sent to the World Bank for its perusal.

But the World Bank had advised to accept the second lowest tender of Rekem of Belgium without approving the T and T Board proposal. On persuasion the World Bank agreed to give purchase order to Rekem through their local licence Messrs Electromechano with 21 per cent value added tax, the handout said.

Earlier, T and T Board used the materials supplied by Messrs Rekem and found the quality of those satisfactory. Besides, the present quotation of the Rekem was seven per cent less than those bought by T and T in 1986.

One of the participants of the tender proposed purchase of inferior materials at a cheaper price from India, out of specification and he also created pressure in different ways to accept it and even threatened to complain to the Bureau of Anti-Corruption, the handout said.

But the T and T Board expressed the opinion that those goods were out of order and were not used before which was contrary to the practice to preserve the telecommunication network.

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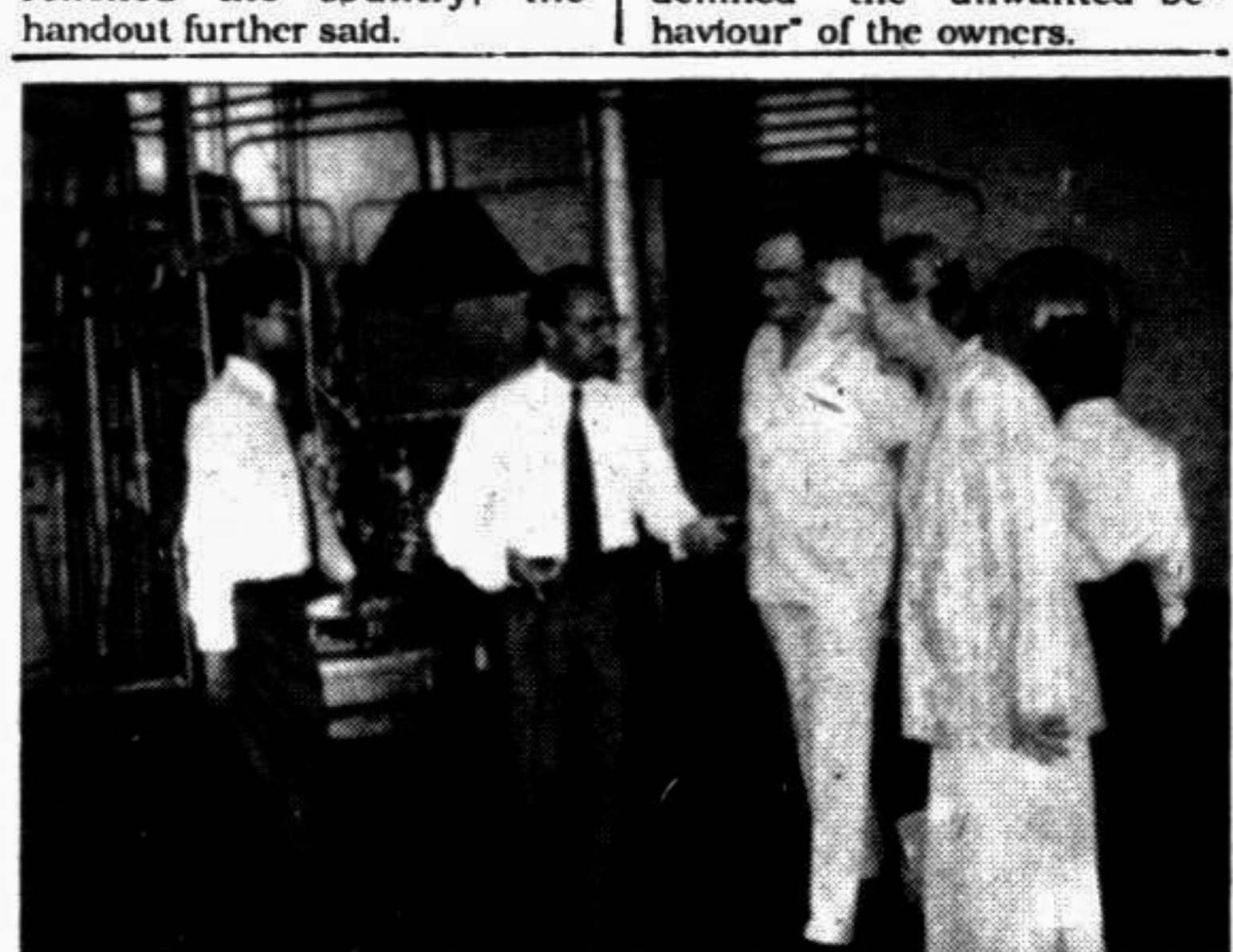
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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H)
Workshop Division Baya, Rajshahi

TENDER NOTICE OF ROADS & HIGHWAYS (3RD CALL)

(Sealed Tenders in Form No. 2911 are invited)

- Tender Notice No. : 11/91-92.
- Name of work : Work of supply and fitting fixing wooden decking for 6 pontoons and 4 ramps of uniload ferry 'Umi No. 1' of Manda Ferry Ghat under (R&H) Workshop Sub-Division, Rajshahi during 1991-92 financial year.
- Estimated amount : Tk. 1,19,837/20
- Earnest money : Tk. 2,400/-
- Time limit : 25 (twenty five) days.
- Eligibility to submit tender : 'A' to 'C' General class enlisted contractors of (R&H) Department, 'D' General class enlisted contractors of (R&H) Mechanical Ferry Circle, Dhaka and 'E' General class enlisted contractors of (R&H) Workshop Division, Rajshahi.
- Offices from where the tenders to be collected : Executive Engineer, (R&H) Workshop Division, Rajshahi/Sub-Divisional Engineer, (R&H) Ferry Maintenance Sub-Division, Bogra/Assistant Engineer, (R&H) Workshop Sub-Division, Rajshahi.
- Offices where tenders will be received : (A) Superintending Engineer, (R&H) Mechanical Ferry Circle, Dhaka. (B) Executive Engineer, (R&H) Workshop Division, Rajshahi.
- Last date and time of receiving tender : 19-09-91 (03-06-98 BS) up to 12-00 Noon.
- Date and time of opening tender : 19-09-91 (03-06-98 BS) at 12-30 PM.

Mir Aminul Islam
Executive Engineer, (R&H)
Workshop Division, Rajshahi.

Weather

Heavy rains likely

By Staff Correspondent

Heavy rainfall is likely at one or two places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions and the regions of Sylhet during the next 24 hours commencing 6 pm Tuesday.

Met office said rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind with a few moderately heavy fall is also likely to occur at most places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions and at many places over Chittagong and Khulna divisions.

Meanwhile, 130 mm rainfall was recorded at Ranpur. During the last 12 hours till 6 pm. Teknaf and Sitakund had 32 mm each, Dhaka and Satkhira 28 each, Feni 21, Sylhet 18, Kutubdia 17, Faridpur 16 and Rangamati 12 mm shower during the period.

Khulna recorded 19 mm while Hatiya 14 mm shower during 6 am - 12 noon period.

Day temperature during the period may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

Day's maximum temperature in Dhaka was 28.2 degree Celsius and the minimum 25 degrees. Sylhet recorded the highest temperature 32.7 degree Celsius while Mymensingh the lowest 22.3 degrees.

The sun sets today (Wednesday) at 6.08 pm and rises tomorrow (Thursday) at 5.44 am.

Temperature and humidity recorded at major cities and towns of the country were :

Cities/towns	max	min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	28.2	25.0	92	92
Chittagong	30.0	26.2	87	85
Rajshahi	30.0	24.6	92	85
Khulna	31.5	24.8	95	90
Dinajpur	28.4	22.4	93	100
Barisal	29.1	25.5	90	92
Sylhet	32.7	24.5	87	100
Feni	29.2	24.5	93	90
Mymensingh	29.0	22.3	92	89

Flood-hit people assured of govt help

RAJSHAHI, Sept 10: State Minister for Relief Lutfur Rahman Tuesday said the government would provide relief materials including 100 tons of wheat, 150 tons of rice, 1000 pieces lungi, 1000 carton biscuit and Taka 3 lakh as gratuitous relief for the flood affected people of Rajshahi district, reports BSS.

He said this while visiting some flood affected areas and a shelter centre in Rajshahi City Corporation.

Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation Mizanur Rahman Minu also accompanied the State Minister during the visit.

The State Minister Monday visited flood affected areas of Mohanpur, Tikrampur under Sadar upazila of Chapainawabganj district.

Among others, the State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Kabir Hossain, Whip of the ruling party in the Jatiya Sangsad Shajahan Mia, Aminul Huq, MP, Luthfunnesa Hossain, MP, accompanied him.

During the visit, the State Minister for Relief was apprised that about 182 sq km area of 37 unions of the district were affected by flood.

What's on today

Certificate awarding ceremony

The certificate awarding ceremony of the Disaster Management Workshop organized by the South Asian Disaster Management Centre (SADMC) of the International University of Business, Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) for the 30 officers of World Vision, Bangladesh will be held at 7 pm today (Wednesday) 1991 at the Conference Room of the Bangladesh Meteorology Department at Agargaon.

Dr AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, Minister for Education will award certificates to the participants as the Chief Guest.

Terry L Jeggie, Representative of the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok will be the guest of honour and Prof Dr M Alimullah Miyan, Chairman of the South Asian Disaster Management Centre, will preside over the function.

Film show at Soviet Cultural Centre

The feature film entitled 'A Happy End' directed by V. Fetisov and V. Grammatikov will be screened at 6 pm today (Wednesday) at the Soviet Cultural Centre auditorium as part of the week-long film festival organized by the Rainbow Film Society in cooperation with the Soviet Cultural Centre.

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Musical evening

The newly formed Dhaka Performing Arts, a cultural organisation, will hold a musical evening at the Shipakala Academy auditorium at 7 pm tomorrow (Thursday). The organisation has been formed to protect the interest of performers and to participate in healthy cultural activities. The function will be participated by Shayam Shudra Baishnab, Shefal Gosh, Dilruba Khan, comedian Kajal and others.

Shudhijan Pathagar

In observance of the 27th founding anniversary of the Narayanganj Shudhijan Pathagar, a seminar in cooperation with the National Book Centre will be held at 5 pm tomorrow (Thursday) at the Library premises.

The seminar entitled 'planned development of non-government libraries in Bangladesh' will be followed by the Hossain Jamal Memorial Award '91 ceremony. Mr. A U Mallick, Additional Secretary of the Cultural Ministry, will be the chief guest and it will be presided by Fazle Rabbi, Director of the National Book Centre.

DU Teachers Assoc

A general meeting of the Dhaka University Teachers Association is scheduled to be held at 11.30 am tomorrow (Thursday) at the University Club premises to discuss the demanding of the teachers. The association has urged all DU teachers to be present at the meeting.

BNP's acceptability now at lowest level : Sajeda

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League General Secretary Begum Sajeda Choudhury MP Monday said the ruling party's acceptability to the people was now at the lowest level following imposition of VAT and deterioration of law and order situation.

She was addressing two bye-election meetings at Gulshan and Rayer Bazar areas of the city in favour of AL candidates Advocate Shahara Khatun (Dhaka-5) and Mokbul Hossain (Dhaka-9).

Sajeda Choudhury alleged that due to inefficiency of the ruling BNP in running the administration, production in the industrial units was decreasing and prices of essentials were shooting up causing untold sufferings to the commonman.

The AL leader accused the BNP chief and Prime Minister, Khaleda Zia of violating bye-election codes and instigating terrorism for her partisan interests.

AL Publicity Secretary and Opposition Chief Whip in the Jatiya Sangsad (parliament) Mohammad Nasim, Krishak League chief Rahmat Ali, MP, Rashed Mosharraf, MP, Advocate Shahara Khatun, Mokbul Hossain, Fazlur Rahman and other local leaders of the party also addressed the meetings.

Mohammad Nasim, MP, stressed the need for repealing the Indemnity Ordinance and ending politics of killing in the country for all time to come.

Nasim claimed his party, under the leadership of Sheikh Hasina, established parliamentary democracy in the country and vowed to force the government repeal the Indemnity Ordinance with the support of the people.

Awami League will launch a vigorous movement like that against Ershad regime if the BNP's dilly dallying continues in repealing the black law, warned Nasim.

Shoe store looted

By Staff Correspondent

A group of miscreants allegedly looted a shoe store at gun point in Lalbagh Tuesday morning.

Police said a four-member gang armed with pistols entered the shoe store located at 197 Nandankumar Road at around 11 am and decamped with Taka 8,500 in cash, a wrist watch and a golden chain.

A case was registered with the Lalbagh police station.

Bahai community leaders meet Prof Mannan

A three-member delegation from the national spiritual assembly of the Bahai community of Bangladesh led by Dr A Hossain called on State Minister for Religious Affairs Prof M A Mannan at the latter's office, reports BSS.

Other members of the delegation were Mrs Mala from Malaysia and Dr J Shahidi from Iran.

Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation
"Krishi Bhaban"
49-51, Dilkusha Commercial Arca, Dhaka (Purchase Division)

International Tender Notice

- Tender No. : PUR/FERT/2F/109/91
Dated : 9-9-91
- Description of Stores : T.S.P. Fertilizer.
- Quantity : 37,000 Metric tons (±5%)
- Sale value of Tender : Tk. 3100.00 or US \$ 84.00 (Non-Refundable)
- Date and time for submission of Tender : 09-10-91 at 11.00 A.M.
- Date and time for opening of Tender : 09-10-91 at 11.05 A.M.
- Place of submission : Purchase Division, BADC, Krishi Bhaban, 49-51, Dilkusha C/A., Dhaka-1000.
- Source of Finance : Dutch Grant.
- Source of Product : Any developing countries and the Netherlands.

SPECIAL POINTS:

- Tender documents may be collected from the Cashier of Accounts Division (Cash Section), Krishi Bhaban, on payment of the scheduled value.
- No Tender documents will be sold on the day of closing or opening of the Tender.
- Tender documents may be collected by post on sending stamps of Tk. 3 (three) in favour of the Cashier of Accounts Division.
- No Tender or any part thereof, will be accepted after closing of the Tender.

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BADC, Dhaka.