

**JS condoles deaths of 4 political personalities**

The Jatiya Sangsad Tuesday passed obituary resolutions on four eminent personalities who died since the beginning of the current winter session, reports BSS.

Speaker Shaikh Razaque Ali moved the resolutions on former minister and Leader of the Opposition Asaduzzaman Khan, eminent politician and legal practitioner Hamidul Huq Chowdhury, former parliament member Oli Ahmed and former National Assembly member Syed Kamrul Ahsan.

**Steps taken to narrow trade deficit, JS told**

Food Minister Shamsul Islam Tuesday told the Jatiya Sangsad that the government was determined to narrow the trade deficit through boosting the country's export, reports BSS.

The minister was replying to a call attention notice of Maulana Matiur Rahman Nizami (Jamaat) on "trade deficit of Taka 6,329 crore during 1991-92 would leave an adverse impact on the process of country's economic development."

He informed the House that steps had already been taken to regenerate various sectors of economy including industry, jute and tea with a view to bringing down the gap between import and export.

The minister said there were already some improvement in the jute sector and added that improvements were also expected in other sectors.

Islam said Bangladesh had been experiencing trade deficit since its very inception and pointed out that compared to two previous years the trade deficit during the period under review was less.

Besides, he said, trade deficit was also expected to diminish after reaching a certain stage of the development process.

The minister further informed the House that the government had also put restrictions on import of luxury items to reduce the import bill.

Speaking in favour of his call attention, Maulana Nizami said import of luxury items, lack of negotiations and conditionalities of the donor countries were the reasons of the alarming trade deficit.

He suggested that government should take steps to reduce the import bill through boosting the export.



Shopkeepers in Nilkhet kept their shutters down yesterday to protest an earlier attack by a group of toll collectors in the area. —Star photo

**Docs asked to educate patients about hygiene, nutrition**

Deputy Leader of the Parliament Professor AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury Tuesday urged the physicians to combine their professional excellence with social obligation for providing proper treatment to the ailing countrymen, reports BSS.

He said the present democratic government was pledge-bound to ensure a pro-people health system in the greater national interest.

The Deputy Leader of the Parliament was inaugurating the first national conference of Bangladesh Association of Urological Surgeons (BAUS) held here at the Birdem auditorium.

The inaugural session of the day-long conference was also addressed by Prof Md Idris Uddin, Dr MA Wahab and DR CM Delwar Dana, President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively of the association.

A scientific session followed the inaugural function and the conference was rounded off with annual general meeting of BAUS. Maj Gen (Retd) KM Siraj Jinnat presided over the scientific session.

Prof. Chowdhury asked the physicians to educate the patients about hygiene and nutrition, which are no less important than medications. "You must be equipped to provide total medicare to the needy

and the poor", the Deputy Leader said.

Referring to problems raised by Dr Wahab, Prof. Chowdhury said steps would be taken so that Urology Department were set up in all the medical college hospitals. He, however, asked the physicians to see the current trend of going abroad for treatment. "This not only drains foreign exchange, but hurts our ego as

a self respecting nation" he mentioned.

Referring to the indifference of the autocratic government in the development of the health sector, Prof. Chowdhury said present government's decision to set up kidney institute was a right step. He called upon the doctors to cultivate futuristic idea and speedily progress to heal human ailments.

**What's on today...**

**Founding anniversary of Sandhani**  
The 15th founding anniversary of Sandhani will be held today (Wednesday) at the Institution of Engineers at 8.30 am.

**Bangla Academy press confce**  
Bangla Academy will hold a press conference today (Wednesday) at 4 pm at the Academy premises on the occasion of Amar Ekushey.

**Peace for all**  
The Executive Committee meeting of Peace For All will be held at 5 pm today (Wednesday) at central office.

**Rotary Club of Dhaka mid-town**  
Past district Governor Rtn Iftekharul Alam who is also Chairman, Rotaract Committee of Rotary International will give a talk on "Rotary awareness" in the regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka today (Wednesday) at 5.30 pm at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel.

**Industrial exhibition**  
A two-day industrial exhibition '92 on electronics and electrical products will be held at the Ball room of Hotel Sonargaon today (Wednesday) at 11 am.

Minister for Industries, Shamsul Islam Khan will inaugurate the programme.

**Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga**  
The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga will be held today Wednesday at 5.30 pm at Sonargaon Hotel.

The guest speakers of this week is the High Commissioner of Pakistan to Bangladesh, Anwar Kemal. He will speak on Bangladesh-Pakistan economic relations.

**Rapport management programme**  
A one-day top and Senior Management Programme on 'Managing Performance' will be inaugurated by M Mosharrar Hossain, Managing Director, Rapport Bangladesh Limited today (Wednesday) at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel.

The programme will be conducted by an eminent management expert from India, Sharu S Rangnekar.

**Rotary Club of Dhaka North West**  
The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held today (Wednesday) at 5.30 pm at Sonargaon Hotel.

**FPCO workshop**  
A workshop has been arranged by the Flood Plan Coordination Organisation (FPCO) of the Ministry of Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control in collaboration with SIDA and M/s HIFAB and MARC, consultants to the study on Land Acquisition and Resettlement under Flood Action Plan (FAP-15) today (Wednesday) at 9 am at Hotel Sonargaon.

The objective of this workshop is to present the findings and recommendations before experts and scholars in order to obtain feedback.

M Majid-ul Haq, Minister for Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control, will be the chief guest at the inaugural session.

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**Gold medal awarding ceremony**  
The gold medal awarding ceremony of Dr M R Khan and Anwara Trust will be held tomorrow (Thursday) at Ibrahim Memorial Diabetic Hospital auditorium (BIRDEM), Shahbag at 4.15 pm.

President Abdur Rahmani Biswas will be the chief guest.



**Obituary**

M N Begum Chowdhury wife of Dr M A Chowdhury ex-Medical Officer, Burmah Eastern Ltd died on February 1 at a hospital in England, says a press release.

She is survived by her husband, two sons and three daughters.

Her namaz-e-janaza will be held tomorrow at New DOHS Mosque after Maghreb prayers.

Her body will be taken to Sylhet for burial at Dargah-e-Shahjalal.

Qul khwani of M N Begum will be held February 10 after Maghreb prayers at House No 218, Lane 14, Lake Road, New DOHS, Dhaka, the press release added.

Dr A H M Abdur Rahman, Member, Bangladesh Public Service Commission died of heart attack at Dhaka Medical College Hospital early Tuesday morning. He was 60, reports UNB.

Dr Rahman was formerly Director General of Health and Director of Dhaka Medical College.



President Abdur Rahman Biswas addressing an award giving ceremony organised by Social Marketing Company at a local hotel Sunday.

**HERE and THERE**

**City Corporation Save the distressed people**

The Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation, Mirza Abbas MP on Tuesday said educating the people was essential for the development of the nation.

Addressing the freshers reception at Kabi Nazrul College in the city, he said the students should remain ever vigilant to foil evil designs of destroying their image by autocratic forces.

**Pallidal**

The President of Jatiyatabadi Pallidal, Benazir Ahmed, in a statement on Tuesday urged the government to take effective steps against so called Shantibahini members.

He also demanded to resolve of the border issue with Myanmar.

**BSCIC**

A discussion in memory of renowned Artist Quamrul Hasan was held Tuesday at the Head office of the Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) in the capital.

Presided over by BSCIC Director Quazi M Abdullah, the discussion was addressed among others by renowned journalist Fazl Ahmed, Artist Syed Jahangir and BSCIC National Project Director Mohammad Rezaul Haque.

It may be mentioned that late Quamrul Hasan was the founder of BSCIC design centre.

**Shop owners' ASSOC**

The Secretary General of the Federation of the Bangladesh Shop Owners' Association, Amir Hossain Khan, in a statement Tuesday expressed solidarity with the demands of the hotel and restaurant owners.

He called upon the government to accept their demands.

**BSTI**

The fourth meeting of the council of Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) was held Tuesday at the BSTI conference room.

Presided over by BSTI Council Vice Chairman Dr Ekram Hossain, the meeting was attended by representatives from the ministries, government and Non Government Organisations and from the autonomous bodies.

**Bangladesh-US Friendship Assoc**

The annual general meeting of Bangladesh-US Friendship Association was held at Sonargaon Hotel on January 28 with Moslem Ali Khan in the chair.

A new committee for next two years term was elected in the meeting with Moslem Ali Khan as President, Benazir Ahmed as Secretary General and Selim Ahmed as treasurer.

**Electrical goods exhibition begins today**

A two-day exhibition of indigenous electronics and electrical goods begins today at Hotel Sonargaon, aiming to promote market for indigenous products, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) has organised the display to create awareness about the local products among the people and to diversify export items, said BSCIC Chairman M Muniruzzaman at a press conference today.

Minister for Industries Shamsul Islam Khan will inaugurate the exhibition where more than 50 small-scale electronic and electrical units as well as research organisations will take part.

The government has identified it as a priority sector, the BSCIC Chairman said, adding the corporation has already taken steps with the financial support of Sonali Bank to expand the electronic industry.

**Tender Notice**

বিদ্যুৎ বিল নিয়মিত পরিশোধ করুন

Description of work: Works of electrification of deep, shallow tubewells, school and village of Char Moyezuddin area from Jasimbag via Kazem Matabbar's Dangi via Uzir Masud Haji's house.

Eligibility of contractor: A,B,&C class valid enlisted electrical and civil electrical contractors of PDB. Estimated cost: Tk 5,16,664/50. Price of tender: Tk 400/= Place and date of tender availability: From Addl. Chief Engineer, Distribution, Western Zone, PDB, Khulna/Superintending Engineer, Operation & Maintenance Circle, PDB, Faridpur/ Agrani Bank, main branch, Faridpur up to 11-02-92. Date of receiving and opening: 12-02-92 up to 12-00 Noon and on the same day at 12-30 P.M. All terms and conditions of the tender must be complied with.

Resident Engineer (Executive) PDB, Faridpur Biddut/Jan 744(4) 91-92 DFP(G)-642-28/1 G-119

**BCIC Tender Notice**

Sealed tenders are invited by the Managing Director, Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd., Ghorasal, Narsingdi for supply of wooden furniture against tender Enquiry No. UFFL/P-13/91-92 dt. 22-1-92. Tenders will be opened on 02-3-92 at 3-00 PM. Tender documents will be available on all working days against cash payment of Tk. 25/- (Twenty five) each set (Non-refundable) from (1) BCIC Bhaban, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka (2) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad, Chittagong and (3) UFFL, Ghorasal, Narsingdi.

No tender documents will be sold on the opening date.

BCIC 73-29/1 DFP (BA) 698-30/1 G-118

**Bangladesh Railway International Tender Notice**

No. M & S-1/92/BG-MG/CRANE Dated :- 02-02-1992

1. Sealed tenders are invited from the manufacturers of France for supply of 1 No. BG & 2 Nos. MG Relief Cranes for Bangladesh Railway under French Financing (French Protocol signed on 19th & 20th December/1991).

2. The Tenders should be submitted in one original and three other copies in a sealed cover superscribing "Tender for supply of Cranes for Bangladesh Railway."

3. The Tender should be accompanied by a Bid Bond of the required amount in the prescribed proforma from a Scheduled Bank in Bangladesh valid for 150 days from the date of opening of tender.

4. Tender documents can be obtained between 10.00 hrs. and 13.00 hrs. on all working days except Fridays and holidays with effect from 05-02-92 to 21-03-92 from the office of the Chief Controller of Stores, Bangladesh Railway, Pahartali, Chittagong on cash payment of Tk. 4,000/= (Four thousand) only which amount will not be refunded under any circumstances. If tender papers are required to be despatched by post, extra postal charges of Tk. 50/-(fifty) only (non-refundable) is to be paid in advance.

5. Tenders should be addressed to the Chief Controller of Stores, Bangladesh Railway, Pahartali, Chittagong and must reach or be dropped in the Tender Box placed in the Chief Controller of Stores Office, Pahartali, Chittagong latest by 13.00 hrs. on 22-03-1992 and will be opened at the same day at 13.05 hours in front of the tenderers if any. Tender sent by post or any other means, must reach the above office by the date and time specified above. Postal delays or delay due to any reason, shall not condoned under any circumstances.

6. Tenders received after the date and time as specified in Paragraph 5 above, shall be rejected.

7. Tender documents with not be sold on the date fixed for opening of the tender.

Chief Controller of Stores, Bangladesh Railway, Pahartali, Chittagong. D-100

**Thakurgaon Sugar Mills Ltd (BS&FIC)**

PO Thakurgaon Road, Dist. Thakurgaon

**Sub: Tender Notice for Purchase of 450 M Ton MP (Dana) 500 M Ton Urea and Laboratory Equipment**

Sealed tenders are hereby invited by the General Manager, Thakurgaon Sugar Mills Ltd (BS&FIC), PO Thakurgaon Road, Dist. Thakurgaon for supply of 450 M Ton MP (Dana) 500 M Ton Urea Fertilizer and Laboratory Equipment on free delivery at Mills site basis from the bonafide manufacturers/suppliers/stockists/agents etc. who must be qualified either of the following 4 (Four) categories viz (a) Original Manufacturers or (b) Registered importers having entitlement of import of tendered items or (c) Agents of Internationally reputed manufacturers (d) Reputable stockists having Show Room in Dhaka/Chittagong/Khulna/Jessore/Rajshahi/Bogra/Rangpur/Dinajpur/Thakurgaon and other District H Qrs Towns and the tenderer must possess valid trade licence. Apart from requisite Earnest Money tenderer must submit along with his tender valid Trade Licence, GIR Certificate and Bank Certificate.

Sealed tenders shall be received in the specified Tender Box as will be placed in front of Mills Administration Office and in front of the office of the Chief (Purchase), M/s Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation, Purbani Annex Building (3rd Floor), 1 No. Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000, up to 11-30 A.M. on the due dates as shown below and shall be opened on the same day at 12-30 P.M. in presence of the tenderers, if any:

S1 No.	Tender Number	Description of materials	Cost of tender	Earnest money	Date of opening
1.	375(P/T)/91-92	MP (Dana) Fertilizer 450 Metric ton, 500 M. Ton Urea.	Tk.750/-	Tk. 1,00,000	16-2-92
2.	376(P/T)/91-92	Heavy duty Balance, Hand Refractometer, Electronic Precision Analytical Top loading Balance.	Tk.100/-	Tk. 5,000/-	17-2-92

Tender schedule with detailed terms and conditions may be available on payment of cost of tender in cash at above rate (Non-refundable) from Office of the Finance Manager, Thakurgaon Sugar Mills Ltd, PO Thakurgaon Road, Dist. Thakurgaon, the Addl. Chief Accountant (Cash), BS&FIC, HO Adamjee Court, 115-120, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000 and the General Manager, BS&FIC, Shipping Office, Arag Chamber, 68, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong on any working day during working hours of above offices.

No tender schedule shall be sold on the due date of opening.

S. F-419 DFP(BA) 687-30/1 G-117 General Manager

**BCIC Tender Notice**

Managing Director, Natural Gas Fertilizer Factory Ltd, Fenchuganj, Sylhet invites sealed tenders from BCIC A-3 and above categories contractors for maintenance work of heavy duty Jetty road at an estimated cost of Tk. 3,56,484.80. Tender documents are obtainable from (i) Controller of Accounts, BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka and (ii) Accounts Department, NGFF, Fenchuganj till 17.2.92 on cash payment of Tk. 200/=

Earnest money amounting to Tk. 7,200/= in the form of Bank Draft drawn on any scheduled bank must be submitted by the contractor along with the tender. Submission of tenders at NGFF Construction Department on 18.2.92 up to 11-00 A.M. and opening on same day at 11-30 A. M. Authority reserves the right to accept/ reject tenders. - BCIC 78-29/1 DFP (BA) 700-30/1 G-116