

Election to JU VC panel today

By Staff Correspondent

Election to the Vice-Chancellor panel of the Jahangirnagar University will be held today (Sunday). A total of 91 senate members of the university will cast their votes for nominating

three probable candidates for the post of the Vice-Chancellor. The Chancellor finally appoints one of them the Vice-Chancellor.

Present VC Prof Kazi Saleh Ahmed, Dr Abul Kasem Chowdhury and Prof K M Moudud Elahi belong to one group known as "Chourang Panel" while Prof Mustahidur Rahman, Dr Enamul Haq Khan and Prof Imamuddin belong to its opposition "Rangamit Panel".

Belgium may withdraw grant

A Belgian grant amounting Tk 24 crore for BMRE of the Osmania Glass Sheet Factory has not been utilised for the last four years, causing serious resentment of the donor, concerned officials said.

They told UNB that the government of Belgium might withdraw the grant for Balancing, Modernisation, Rehabilitation and Expansion of the country's only glass sheet factory if it is not used within this month.

Former Belgian Ambassador to Bangladesh M Geuens in a letter to the Industries Minister had said "any major modification affecting this project might be misunderstood in Belgium".

"This even might send the wrong signals regarding smooth development of our future cooperation," the letter was quoted to have added.

Explaining the background of the grant, the ambassador said "it was at the repeated insistence of Bangladesh that the Belgian government agreed to extend a grant for execution of this BMRE".

Chairman of the Osmania Factory had also expressed concern over the non-utilisation of the grant. "It may even have an adverse impact on the existing industrial development assistance by Belgium in Bangladesh".

Government decision to

disinvest shares of the factory in 1982 was learnt to have had little public response due to its poor plant ratio (profitability 4.89 per cent and assets value Tk 17.60 crore).

Accordingly, ECNEC decided its BMRE for assisting in disinvestment, and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was drawn up in 1989 for a Belgian turnkey grants-in-aid package.

Belgian technical experts had also completed a production-floor study of actual operation and decided to raise production by 70 lakh square-feet

plain/tinted/thicker glasses. A grant agreement was signed between the Belgian Administration for Development Corporation (BADCO) and Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) in March last year.

Since then, the grant has remained in the pipeline and could not be utilised for the planned BMRE in the face of objections by certain quarters reportedly identifying the enterprise as a "losing concern" with an ulterior motive to grab it under the disinvestment strategy.

The factory, set up in 1961 and expanded in 1969, has already expired its economic life losing its productivity by 50 per cent, which has made it uncompetitive.

If BMRE of the factory is done, it will enable the country to export good quality glass sheet in neighbouring Nepal, Sri Lanka and Myanmar (Burma).

Bulk of normal glass sheets and the entire need of tinted/thick glass sheets are now imported from India, China and Japan, draining huge foreign exchange.



Hotel workers and owners demonstrating in the city yesterday to keep city hotels and restaurants open during Ramadan. —Star photo

HERE and THERE

Sandhani Jatiya Chakkhudan Samity
The 'Orbis' (mobile eye hospital) team Saturday visited the Sandhani International Eye Bank at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). The Orbis team includes Shadlec Baujawa, Medical Director and Pina Taormina, Mission Manager of the mobile hospital. The delegates expressed satisfaction over the performance of the Sandhani Jatiya Chakkhudan Samity and assured of their all-out cooperation in continuing the activities of the samity.
Prof Ilasna Banu, Prof C H Kabir, Dr Idris Ali, Dr Abul Kalam Azad and Dr A S M Abdul Fatah participated in the discussion with the team.

Udichee Shilpi Gosthi
A new 29-member executive committee of the Bangladesh Udichee Shilpi Gosthi, Dhaka city unit was formed Friday with Dr Shafi Ahmed, M I Chowdhury Sha-meen and Mohammad Shajahan as the President, General Secretary and Treasurer respectively.
The committee was formed at the first national conference of the unit held Friday at its central office at Topkhana Road. President of the central executive committee of the organisation Panna Kalsar inaugurated the conference as the chief guest while Nilas Dev, Mohammed Khaleel and Hatan Siddiqui presided over the three sessions of the conference.

Jatiya Sramik League
A day-long seminar on the Labour and Factory Law was held on Friday at the auditorium of the Sunrise Kindergarten at Mirpur under the joint auspices of the Bangladesh Jatiya Sramik League and the International Confederation of Free Trade Union.
General Secretary of the Sramik League Mujibur Rahman Bhuiyan inaugurated the seminar while President of the Metal Workers' Union Ataur Rahman presided. The seminar was addressed, among others, by Badruddoza Nazam, Shahidullah Badal, Saleh Ahmed and Mahmuda Begum.

Pro-liberation forces unit
An emergency meeting of the National Coordination Committee for Implementation of the Spirit of Liberation War and Annihilation of the Killers of 1971 called upon all pro-liberation forces to form units of the Coordination Committee at all the corners of the country.
A three-member body led by Abdul Matin was also formed at the meeting to form its units at all the corners of the Dhaka city.
The meeting presided over by the Convener Jahannara Inam was addressed, among others, by Quazi Aref Ahmed, Shahrier Kabir, Nurul Islam Nahid, Abdullah Sarkar, Nasruddin Yusuf, Naim Jahangir, Ahad Chowdhury and the leaders of 14 student organisations.
The meeting alleged indiscriminate attack on the members of the committees and demanded interference of the administration into the matter.

Janadal
Janadal Chairman Khondkar Mahabuddin and Vice-Chairman Abul Hasan in a statement Saturday expressed their solidarity with the programme of Ekattorer Ghatak Dalai Nirmool Committee of prosecuting Jamaat leader Golam Azam in the people's court on March 26.
The statement also condemned the persecution of Myanmar government on the Rohingya Muslims and called upon the United Nations to interfere into the matter.

Co-operative Credit Societies
Office-bearers of the Association of Co-operative Credit Societies, Dhaka were elected at a meeting of the association's convening committee held on March 3 at the office of the Chartered Credit Society Ltd in Dhaka.
Abul Ehsan, Chairman of Investment Credit Ltd was elected chairman of the association while T Hossain and S A Hakim were elected vice-chairmen.
Besides, Azizur Rahman, Mufti M Jalil and M A Masud Bhuiyan were elected member secretary, joint secretary and treasurer of the association respectively.

Hotel workers demonstrate in city
Hotel-restaurant workers demonstrated in the city Saturday in protest against the government's directive to keep the hotels and restaurants closed during Ramadan hours.
The workers brought out processions and paraded the city streets Saturday morning.
About 600 hotel workers also demonstrated in front of the Sonargaon Hotel at about 11:30 am yesterday.
During the demonstration, a security guard of Sonargaon Hotel sustained minor injury. A window pane was broken as the demonstrators pelted stones, an official of the hotel said.

Bangladesh still deserves food aid :IFPRI DG

Dr Just Faaland, the visiting Director-General of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Saturday expressed optimism about Bangladesh's food self-sufficiency saying that food deficit was being reduced rapidly as the country made a tremendous progress in food production, reports BSS.

Addressing a press conference at IFPRI's office at Dhanmondi in the city residential area Dr Faaland, who was in Bangladesh as World Bank chief of mission during 1972-74 and Director of the Independent Agriculture Sector Review during 1987-88, said he found a persistent improvement in the country's food production.

Quoting research findings of the Institute, the Director-General said Bangladesh had proved to be a pessimistic country so far the food production, particularly the rice was concerned. But he mentioned that the country was still lagging behind in wheat production.

He believed that the country would mark a rapid progress within next decade and the dependence on food aid from abroad would be reduced.

But Dr Faaland felt the need for continued food aid to Bangladesh saying that the country still deserved food aid to supplement its development efforts.
He said the production of wheat was far less than the production of rice and if the wheat sector was given priority the production of both the principal food items would rise proportionately.
Dr Faaland said the IFPRI had been working since 1975 aimed at identifying and analysing alternative national and international strategies for improving the food situation of the low-income countries and peoples of the world.
Elaborating a number of researches on Bangladesh food situation, he said that his institute was only forwarding the findings of the research works suggesting improvement in the conditions of the food management.
He, however, refuted the allegation of a section of the press that the government had postponed the rationing system following suggestions from the USAID and IFPRI.
He said the institute has not imposed any decision so far. Dr Faaland explained that the research found out that the rationing system had proved to be an ineffective system and there was substantial leakage in it.
The IFPRI Director General also felt that instead of rationing system which could not reach its benefits to the poor, the useful alternative to the system should be the food for work programme.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Facilities Department, Ministry of Education Dinajpur Zone, Dinajpur Tender Notice

Tender Notice No 10/Revenue/Xen/FD/Dinajpur Zone/91-92 Dated : 03-03-92

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from the enlisted contractors of category A & A-1 of Facilities Department for the works as mentioned below during the financial year 1991-92 under revenue budget.

Group No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Taka)	Earnest Money (Taka)	Time for completion of work (in months)	Remarks
34.	Re-construction of four storied 100 (One hundred) bedded hostel building including water supply, sanitary works and electrical works at Mokbulur Rahman Govt College, Panchagor.	70,50,907/-	1,41,020/-	12 (Twelve)	
35.	Re-construction of four storied 100 (One hundred) bedded hostel building including water supply, sanitary works and electrical works at Thakurgaon Government Womens' College.	70,62,956/-	1,41,260/-	12 (Twelve)	

A) Last date for purchasing tender documents : 21-03-92.
B) Date and time for submission of tender documents : 23-03-92 up to 12-00 Noon.
The Tender schedule & all connected papers may be obtained from the office of the undersigned and from the office of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Rajshahi and Rangpur Zone and also from the office of the Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department, Dinajpur, Thakurgaon & Panchagor district on all working days during office hours on cash payment of Tk 750/00 (Taka Seven hundred and Fifty) only (Non-refundable) for each set of tender document.
Permission for purchase of tender documents may be obtained only from the undersigned or from the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Rajshahi/Rangpur Zone or from the Director, Facilities Department, Shikha Bhaban, Dhaka.
The contractors duly permitted only may purchase tender documents from the aforesaid zone & district offices.
Tender will be received by the undersigned at Dinajpur Zone office and by the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Rajshahi and Rangpur Zone office and also by the representative of the Deputy Commissioner and Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department of respective district at the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Dinajpur, Thakurgaon and Panchagor district on date and time as mentioned above and will be opened on the same date at 12-30PM in presence of the tenderer (if there be any). No tender will be entertained after expiry of receiving time as mentioned in the tender notice.
The contractor of Facilities Department who have successfully completed the construction of a pucca building estimated cost of which is not less than 1/3rd of the total estimated cost as shown against each group of work in a single work order under Facilities Department or any other Government/Semi-Government Department are eligible to participate in the tender.
The intending contractors shall have to produce the following documents in support of their eligibility to participate in the tender before obtaining permission for purchase of tender document.
i) The original work order of the previously completed work.
ii) The original completion certificate of the previously completed work (related with the work order) from an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer.
The attested photo copy of the documents as stated above in Si No (i) & (ii) which must be enclosed with the dropping tender schedule by the tenderer.
Each tender must accompany a Bank Draft/Pay Order from any Nationalised/Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh for an amount as mentioned above against each group of work as earnest money in favour of the EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, FACILITIES DEPARTMENT, DINAJPUR ZONE, DINAJPUR.
The tender documents shall not be sold to the contractors whose enlistment have not been renewed and who have not deposited their renewal fees for the financial year 1991-92.
All other instruction to bidders are stated in the tender documents.
The authority reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all tender/tenders without assigning any reason what so ever.

Md Zulfiqar Ali Haider
Executive Engineer
Facilities Department
Dinajpur Zone, Dinajpur.

CHEC executive Vice-Chairman in city

Executive Vice-Chairman of Commonwealth Human Ecology Council (CHEC) Zena Dnysh arrived in the city Friday night on a four-day visit to Bangladesh.
Talking to BSS on her arrival Daysh said the purpose of her visit was to see the ongoing CHEC projects in Bangladesh and to discuss future programmes here.
She said she would also discuss with the concerned government and non-government people for holding a consultative conference on "sustainable development through cultural dialogue" in England next month prior to the UN conference on environment.

Salam seeks help to achieve goal

LRGD and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukder inaugurated the re-excavation of 2.32 km long Takuria canal at Sarishabari upazila in Jamalpur district Saturday, reports BSS.
The Minister said the government of BNP was elected democratically and committed to make balanced development of the country.
He said the government was implementing their development programmes one after another to fulfil their pre-election commitment to the nation. He sought cooperation from people to achieve the goal.

What's on today . . .

Rotary Club of Dhanmondi
The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhanmondi will be held today (Sunday) at 5-30 pm at Sonargaon Hotel. Mustafa Zaman Abbasi will speak on "Rotary aspect and significance of Ramadan".

Ganotantri Party
A meeting of the National Conference Preparatory Committee of the Ganotantri Party will be held today (Sunday) at the party central office at 4 pm.

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Lions Club of Dhaka Central
In observance of the 'Lions day with the United Nations', the Lions Club of Dhaka Central will arrange a function tomorrow (Monday) at 9 am at the premises of the UNIC (Road 11, House 25, Dhanmondi).

Milad mahfil
On the occasion of the death of M M Lufar Rahman, former Vice President of Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies, a milad mahfil has been arranged tomorrow (Monday) at 5 pm at the FBCCI auditorium in the city.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Directorate of Health

Central Medical Store, Tejgaon, Dhaka
Memo No. CMS/Procurement-5/Publication-5/91-92
Corrigendum Notice

It is hereby notified for general information that the date of submitting tender proposal against this office invited Re-tender No. 2/C/91-92 dt 30-1-92 and sale of schedule, date of submitting sample and tender proposal against Re-tender No. 2/B/91-92 date 30-1-92 are declared held up for the time being under unavoidable circumstances.
Next date regarding this will be announced through newspapers.
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Directorate of Health
Central Medical Store, Tejgaon
Dhaka.
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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H) Road Division, Moulvibazar Phone : 245

Corrigendum to Tender Notice

No. 52 (Fiftytwo)/EERDM 1991-92

The tender invited vide Tender Notice No. 52 (Fiftytwo)/EERDM 1991-92 and Memo No 657 dated 27-02-92 (14-11-98 BS) through Bangladesh Form No 2911 from Roads & Highways Department enlisted "A" to "E" class contractors for the undermentioned work is hereby amended as follows :
"Repairing the road surface by providing premixed bituminous carpeting and seal coat work at 97th KM(part) of Sylhet-Teliapara Road under Road Division, Moulvibazar during the year 1991-92" Ch to :- Special Maintenance.
Should be replaced by —
"Repairing the road surface by providing, premixed, bituminous carpeting and seal coat work at 98th KM (Part) of Sylhet-Teliapara Road under Road Division, Moulvibazar during the year 1991-92" Ch to :- Special Maintenance.
Except the above amendment, date of selling tender and opening, tender schedule, specification, terms and conditions etc will remain unchanged.

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