

CAR FOR SALE

One Toyota Corona Sedan Car 1986 Model in good running condition. Buyer (non-privileged person/agency) shall have to pay duties and taxes to Customs Authority. Car is available for inspection at CIRDAP Office from 0830 to 1700 hrs. during Ramadan and 0830 to 1700 hrs. after Ramadan during Sunday through Thursday. Written offers may be sent to the Administrative Officer, CIRDAP, Chameli House, 17, Topkhana Road, GPO Box 2883, Dhaka by 16 April 1992.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Public Works Directorate Division No. 1 Khulna Tender Notice

1. Tenders in prescribed form are hereby invited from intending bonafide traders and firms for the following works, sale of undermentioned goods. The tenders will be received by the undersigned and Executive Engineer, Public Works Directorate Division-2, Khulna/Bagerhat/Sakhira at their respective offices upto 12.00 Noon 25.3.92 and the tender will be opened on the same day at 12.15 minutes in presence (if any willing to be) of the tenderers.

No.	Name of work	Earnest money
1.	Call for auction sale of Barbed wire kept at Khulna Public Works Resources Sub-Division-1, Maheshwarpasha godown Group No. 9 (nine)	2% percent of quoted value
2.	Group No. 9 (nine): Call for auction sale of wood chunks kept at Public Works Resources Sub-Division-2 Maheshwarpasha godown	-Do-

3. Tender schedule, terms and conditions can be seen and procured at prescribed price (non-refundable) from the offices of the undersigned and Executive Engineer, Public Works Directorate Division-2, Khulna/Bagerhat/Sakhira during office hours. Tender will be sold upto 24.3.92.

Abdul Wahed Zoarder
Executive Engineer
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Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide contractors and supplying firms for purchase of bedding, utensils, clothing and training equipment and raw materials, purchase & repair of steel & wooden furniture for use of residents at different Government vagrant homes viz Pubail & Kashipur (Gazipur), Godenail (Narayanganj), Dhaka (Mymensingh), Betila (Manikganj), Mirpur (Dhaka) and Distressed Children's Training & Rehabilitation Centre, Konabari under Directorate of Social Service, as well as electrical works, supply of guards' liveries and other repair works of the centres and bits of civil works.

Tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned and the centres concerned up to 12-00 Noon on 30-3-92 and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 minutes in presence (if any) of the tenderers. Schedule of tender and terms & conditions will be available from the centres concerned and office of the Vagrants' Controller during office hours up to 29-3-92. As Earnest Money 2 1/2 % of total value quoted in the tender must be submitted with the tender in Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the undersigned. No tender will be acceptable without Earnest Money. Firms/contractors/traders having valid trade licence, financial solvency and experience of work and who have been clearing Income Tax & other taxes regularly, only can participate in the tender. At the time of collecting tender schedule, valid trade licence, income tax certificate and financial solvency certificate from bank should be produced. Otherwise schedule will not be supplied. Right to accept or reject any tender will remain reserved by the authority. It may be noted that work order will be issued after receipt of allotment & grant of fund.

M.A. Samad
Vagrants' Controller
Department of Social Service
Dhaka, Bangladesh

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Independence at stake, says Nasim

Opposition Chief Whip Mohammad Nasim on Thursday blasted the BNP government for pursuing a "subservient" foreign policy, reports UNB.

He told a big rally in Jamalpur in the afternoon that the country's independence and sovereignty had been at stake because of the week-kneed foreign policy pursued by the government. "If not, how a small state like Myanmar could dare to attack our country".

Nasim, the Publicity Secretary of Awami League, further said that the Indian goods had flooded the domestic market, destroying the national economy.

Questioning the utility of canal digging programme, he said BNP activists have been looting wheat from food godowns in the name of "this funny programme" hampering the real developmental works.

The World Bank is also unwilling to give aid to Bangladesh because of the wrong policies and programmes of the BNP, he added.

Nasim accused the ruling party of harassing leaders and workers of their party and its front organisations all over the country.

He alleged that some 15 Chhatra League workers have been arrested in last 15 days at the instruction of BNP Secretary General Abdus Salam Talukdar. He also asked the administration to remain neutral.

Madarganj Upazila Awami League President Advocate Muzammel Haq presided over the meeting at a local madrasa maids in the upazila. It was addressed by party's Agriculture Secretary Begum Matia Chowdhury MP and local MP Mirza Golam Azam.

The meeting was organised to protest BNP's "repression" on the activists of Awami League, Chhatra League, Juba League and Sramik League and to demand the release of the arrested party workers.

Begum Matia Chowdhury criticised the government for increasing price of fertilizer four times in last one year, hampering the agriculture production and aggravating the hardship of poor farmers.

Power supply suspension

Power will be suspended today (Saturday) from 9 am to 3 pm at Shahzadpur area on Sunday at the same hours at Mohammadpur, Dhanmondi, Hazaribagh partly, Lalmatia, whole eastern side of Mirpur Road and on Wednesday, at same hours at Madhabdi, Gopaldi, Shekherchar, Narasingdi PBS-I area, says a DESA press release.

Progress of rehabilitation projects satisfactory

The over-all progress of the post cyclone and flood rehabilitation projects, except a few, has been found satisfactory, reports BSS.

This was revealed in an inter-ministerial review meeting held under the chairmanship of Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman at the National Economic Council (NEC) Committee No-2 here Thursday.

Planning Minister M Zahiruddin Khan was present. Convened by Economic Relations Division (ERD), Secretaries of 18 concerned ministries and high officials attended the meeting.

The meeting had an in-depth review of the progress of 90 projects taken for rehabilitation under different infra-structure and establishments and agencies involving a total foreign assistance of US dollar 340.19 million equivalent to Taka 1360 crore.



The city unit of Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh held a rally at Baitul Mokarram yesterday protesting the price-hike, water scarcity and deterioration of law and order situation. — Star photo

Shortage of land major constraint to increasing rural income

By Staff Correspondent

Spread of new technology in agriculture has 'considerable' effect on increasing rural income while poverty alleviating effect of rural infrastructure is of 'critical importance'.

This was disclosed in a paper on 'determinants of poverty' presented by Mahub Hossain at the second-day of the two-day 'National Workshop on Rural Poverty' at the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), on Friday.

The poverty alleviation effects of these factors along with promotion of non-farm activities and the spread of education broadly emerges as a major conclusion in the study with 'strong implications for policy interventions'. Hossain, a former Director General of BIDS, mentioned in his paper.

The findings of the study suggests that in Bangladesh the diffusion of new agricultural technology makes a 'significant positive contribution' to the rural economy.

Noting that a major constraint to increasing rural income is the shortage of land as the average size of cultivable land decreased from 3.6 acres in 1961 to 2.1 acres in 1989.

The study pointed out that farmers have been trying to overcome the disadvantages by increasing the productivity of the land through the adoption of new 'seed-fertilizer' technology.

The study suggests that the positive effect of the spread of this technology will be particularly stronger for marginal and small farmers as they are better adopters of the technology than comparatively large farmers.

However, the study found, investment on water resources development and ensuring

controlled irrigation was found to be the primary determinants of the diffusion of new technology.

Irrigation contributes 'substantially' to the reduction of poverty, the study pointed out. In 1989-90, the number of 'hardcore poor' was found to be 16 per cent in households having access to irrigation facilities compared to 32 per cent for lacking this access, while the estimates for 'moderate poverty' are 27 and 29 per cent respectively.

A comparative study of 1987-88 showed that the proportion of the poor was reduced from 52 per cent to 43 per cent with access to irrigation while the situation did not show a change for non-irrigated households.

Considering the impact on poverty alleviation, the study suggests an appropriate mix of pricing, subsidy, credit and extension policies should be undertaken to promote expansion of new agricultural technology.

The poverty alleviation effect of rural infrastructure was found to be even higher compared to the impact of new technology in the farming sector, according to the study. The average household income for a village with access to electricity is about 27 per cent higher than a village lacking the access.

The study pointed out that with access to electricity the income of non-farm households increases at a higher rate (33 per cent) than that of a farm household (23 per cent).

A village with good transport facilities also has about 11 per cent higher income compared to a village with a less developed transport network.

Thus, the findings of the study refer to the beneficial effect of investment on rural infra-structures, particularly for generating employment opportunities in the non-farm sector.

The study suggests that the promotion of non-farm activities will have a strong poverty alleviation effect as the income from non-agricultural sectors was identified as the most important factor behind the moderation of rural income inequality.

Access to non-agricultural employment provides scope for 'income mobility' for the rural land-poor households. 'The importance of undertaking various targeted self-and wage-employment programmes under different institutional arrangements can hardly be over emphasised in this regard,' the study pointed out.

The spread of education tends to have a 'significant' impact on increasing rural incomes and is higher for non-farm households than farming households. The impact of primary education is statistically significant at nearly 10 per cent probability level only for poor households while secondary education has significant positive effect on income only for non-poor households.

Poor rural households whose head has passed secondary schools earn 15 per cent more than one who had no formal schooling.

The study points out that little improvements has been achieved in the primary health care sector and indicates that direct provisioning of health care in the rural areas thus emerges as a priority area for state and NGO interventions. Nothing that about 13 per

cent of the rural households (which also constitutes 23 per cent of the rural poor) represents the most vulnerable segment within the rural community, the study suggests 'income-transfer' programmes for the lowest 10 to 15 per cent of the rural population which would require 'significant commitment' of the government budget to poverty alleviation programmes.

Noman invited to attend meet on environment in Malaysia

The Malaysian High Commissioner to Bangladesh, Tunku Dato Nazifah Mohd Rus, called on the Minister for Environment, Forest, Fisheries and Livestock Abdullah Al-Noman at his secretariat office here Thursday, reports BSS.

They discussed various matters relating to environmental degradation in this region and exchanged views of both the governments on mutual cooperation to address the situation.

Malaysia is going to convene a ministerial level meeting on environment and development among the developing countries which will be along the line of the Beijing ministerial meeting with direct relevance to the preparation of the developing countries for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) to be held in Brazil in June next.

The Malaysian High Commissioner offered an invitation to the minister to attend this conference scheduled to be held from April 27 to 29 in Kuala Lumpur as Bangladesh has always been on the front line to raise the voice of the developing countries on environmental issues in different international forums.

Obituary

The former Chairman of Bangladesh Export Processing Zone, Brigadier (ret'd) A K M Azizul Islam died of a massive stroke at the Combined Military Hospital here Wednesday night. He was 53, reports BSS.

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Old Faujians Assoc

The election to the Dhaka Chapter (1992) of Old Faujians Association (OFA) an organization of Ex-Cadets College, was held at Panda Garden on February 28. Monzur Mannan and Musleh-uz-Zaman were elected as President and General Secretary unopposed respectively.

The other elected executives are: Saiful Islam—Executive Vice President, Jahangir Khan and Amin—Vice President, Mehdi Mahub—Joint General Secretary, Mr Anwar Zahid—Treasurer.

Fishermen's Assoc

A joint meeting of the Bangladesh Small Fishermen's Association and Bilanchal was held Friday at Kakral in the capital with Bilanchal President Barrister MA Aziz in the chair. The meeting urged the government to take steps for releasing fishermen detained in Myanmar and India.

Asian People's Friendship Assoc

A new organisation called 'Asian Peoples Friendship Association' was formed Friday in the capital to promote cultural exchange, increase communications and improve relationship among the people of the South Asian countries.

A 21-member committee was also formed in this regard with Omar Faruque as the President and Md Golam Mostafa as the Secretary General.

Islami Biplobi Andolon

A meeting of Bangladesh Islami Biplobi Andolon was held on Friday with its founder Maulana Shamsul Haq Jahedi in the chair.

The meeting demanded death penalty to Golam Azam and other members of Majlis-e-Sura of Jamaat-e-Islami.

The meeting also demanded access of all quarters to the national media like radio and television irrespective of political ideology.

The meeting was also attended, among others, by Organising Secretary of the organisation, Rezaul Karim and Md Shahidul Islam Khan.

Aleem-Al-Razee's anniversary of death observed

Tangail Zila Samity held a discussion here yesterday on the occasion of the 7th anniversary of death of eminent lawyer, noted educationist and renowned parliamentarian Dr Aleem-Al-Razee, reports UNB.

The meeting, presided over by Kamruzzaman, was addressed, among others, by Advocate Dewan Sekandar Ali, Shamsul Alam, Dr Mirza Mazharul Islam, Sultan Hossain, Amanullah Khan, Abdus Salam Majnu and Nazrul Islam.

The speakers discussed the multi-dimensional talents of Dr Razee and recalled his contribution in different fields.

The meeting also consoled the death of film director F Kabir Chowdhury.

Save the distressed

A farmers' rally was held at Joydevpur Strichala village with former local member Mariam Begum in the chair to implement the projects under crop diversification programmes.

The chief guest of the rally was Benzir Ahmed, Chairman of the Save the Distressed People (SDP). He urged the farmers to intensify cultivation of pulses and crops producing edible oil.

Ganotantrik Front

The President of Jatiya Ganotantrik Front, Dr M A Karim and General Secretary, Protap Uddin Ahmed in a joint statement on Friday urged the government to realise the demands of government employees for a new pay scale.

They also condemned the government repression on the workers.

They called upon the government to refrain from such activities.

Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikya

A meeting of Narayanganj District Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikya on Friday urged the party activists to become united for the trial of Golam Azam.

The meeting was presided over by Maksud Ibne Rahman, President of Narayanganj wing of the Oikya and addressed, among others, by Abdus Sattar Khan and Belal Chowdhury.

Communist Party

The President of the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB), Saifuddin Ahmed Manik and General Secretary, Nurul Islam Nahid in a statement on Friday urged the government to settle the strike of the municipal workers peacefully.

They also condemned the attack on the workers rally. They urged the government to realise the just demands of the workers.

Islamic Research Bureau

A seminar on development strategy based on marketing system organised by Islamic Economics Research Bureau Friday viewed that the agriculture market of Bangladesh is burdened with conditionalities of loans.

The key-note paper was presented by Ishtiaq Ahmed Chowdhury. It was presided over by Prof Muhammad Sharif Hussain.

The seminar viewed that the NGOs failed to halt the pauperisation of the rural poor.

Khelafat Majlis

Bangladesh Khelafat Majlis on Friday held a rally in front of Baitul Mokarram Mosque in protest against un-Islamic activities, and failure of the government in checking price hike.

The rally presided over by Maulana Md Yusuf Ashraf was also addressed among others, by A R M Abdul Mattin and Maulana Shaqiq Uddin.

The rally condemned the government saying that un-Islamic programmes are being telecast in the month of Ramadan.



Islami Chhatra Samaj brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting the attack of hotel owners and workers on its rally at Maheshkhali.

Chittagong Port Authority Employment Notice

Chittagong Port Authority invites applications from bonafide citizens of Bangladesh in plain paper with complete bio-data to prepare a panel for filling the following posts:

Sl No	Name of post	Number of post	Pay scale	Age limit as on 31/03/92	Educational qualification and experience
01.	Inland Master 1st Class	08 Nos	Tk 1725-3725/-	18 to 45 years	Should be class VIII passed and have 1st class Inland Master certificate with 02 years experience and Kamaphuli endorsement.
02.	Engine Room Serang	01 No	Tk 1200-2335/-	18 to 35 years	Should be class VIII passed and have 2nd class Engine Driver certificate.
03.	Sub-Assistant Engineer(Hydro)	01 No	Tk 1725-3725/-	18 to 30 years	Should have Diploma-in-Survey/Civil/ Electrical/Electronics from recognised institute.

N.B. (A) Name of post, Name of candidate, Father's name/Husband's name (with occupation and address), Date of birth, Present address, Permanent address, Marital status, Religion, Nationality, Educational qualification, Experience, Hobby and other extra-curricular activities should be mentioned in the application. Bank Draft or Postal Order for Tk 15/- (Fifteen) in favour of Chief Finance and Accounts Officer/CPA should be attached with the application. It may be noted that no allowance for travelling will be provided.

(B) Proper estimation of the candidates having expertise in extra-curricular activities specially scouting, sports, athletics, social and cultural activities will be made. Copies of Nationality, Educational qualification, Training and other Certificates and 02 (Two) copies passport size recent photographs duly attested by Gazetted Officer or Officer of the Port Authority must be enclosed with the application. The undersigned may be contacted for detailed descriptions.

In complete application will not be entertained. Appointment will be made on the basis of District/Division wise quota as well as Freedom Fighter, Tribal and Orphan quota etc. as per Government Order.

Last date of receiving application is 31-03-1992.

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Chittagong Port Authority.

Rajshahi City Corporation Strike Muster-roll employees resume duties

RAJSHAHI, Mar 13: The striking muster-roll employees of Rajshahi City Corporation have resumed their duties today, reports BSS.

Meanwhile, the street lights of the city were and the city has been cleaned. The development work in the city area has also started.

Mayor of the Corporation Mizanur Rahman Minu on Friday called upon the rest striking employees to join their duties immediately to mitigate the sufferings of the city dwellers.

An earlier report adds: Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation Mizanur Rahman Minu Friday called upon the striking employees of the Corporation to resume their work immediately.

In a statement, the Mayor said, work of emergency road repair, street lighting, eradication of mosquitos and sweepings had been hampered due to the strike. As a result, he said, the city dwellers and the musallis were facing manifold problems during the holy holy of Ramadan.

He hoped that the employees would join their services soon to mitigate the sufferings of the people.

The Mayor expressed his sorrow for the inconvenience being faced by the city dwellers due to the unexpected strike and urged all to cooperate with the City Corporation authority to bring end to it.