

Plea to improve human settlement for progress

Bangladesh has called for new strategies to stop rapid deterioration of physical conditions in many parts of the world, according to a message from United Nations received here yesterday, reports UNB.

Addressing a session on human settlements in United Nations Tuesday Nizamuddin Khan MP, a member of Bangladesh delegation to the 47th UN General Assembly said improvements in human settlement sector would lead to economic and social progress which would be instrumental in the alleviation of poverty.

Khan said efforts of developing countries in this field should be supplemented by mobilization of necessary new and additional financial resources.

He said provision of shelter was an essential element of human resource development and added government of Bangladesh was committed to provide safe and sustainable habitat to its population by the year 2000. In this connection, he stressed the need for concerted and coordinated efforts by the international community to improve the housing conditions of the people in urban and rural areas.

He referred to natural disasters in many parts of the world including Bangladesh and emphasised that early warning system, emergency preparedness as well as strategies for post-disaster reconstruction and resettlement were of great importance.

Workshop on quality of Norplant services Oct 27

A workshop to disseminate the findings of a study titled "Quality of Norplant Services in Bangladesh" will be held here October 27, reports UNB.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf will be the chief guest at the workshop, organised by the University Research Corporation (Bangladesh).

Deputy Minister for Health and Family Welfare M Serajul Haque and William R Goldman, Director, Office of Population and Health, USAID, Dhaka, will be special guests.

A B M Siddique, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, will chair the inaugural session which will be followed by a business session.



An artiste rendering song at a function organised by Baitatik Shilpi Gosthi at the auditorium of Engineers' Institution in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Poverty alleviation our first priority, says Noman

Minister for Environment, Forest, Fisheries and Livestock Abdullah Al-Noman yesterday said that the economic development strategies must be compatible with environmental goals, reports BSS.

For that purpose the environment policy of the government calls for mandatory environmental examination of any development projects, he said.

The minister was addressing as the chief guest the inaugural function of the environmental management training programme organised jointly by environment department and Asian Development Bank at Cota auditorium, Shahbag.

The minister called for taking multidisciplinary aspects of environmental management. Training in this field has become of utmost importance in order to build up institutional capacity both in the government and non-government sector, he added.

Termining poverty as the major bottleneck, the minister observed that our first priority is poverty alleviation which would obviously reduce the stress on our land, water, forest and other resources making sustainable development easier.

Noman said that the tree plantation programme launched by Prime Minister Khaleda Zia in last July has found enthusiastic response from the people and already created a social movement.

Presided over by the Additional Secretary in charge of the Ministry of Environment and Forest Dr Akbar Ali Khan the function was addressed, among others by Director General of Environment Department Resalat Ahmed, Henning Schroll of Dan Educ Consulting, RK Banerjee of ADB, HT Imam of Pathmark Associates Ltd and Director-General of BCS Academy Dr Saadat Hossain.

Withdrawal of BMAT

The British Military Advisory Team (BMAT) was formed at Mirpur under the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding signed in Dhaka on February 2, 1977 to assist in the establishment and operations of a Defence Services Command and Staff College. The initial strength of the team was eight. As the years passed the size of the team gradually reduced with the last Royal Air Force Group Captain departing in 1991, and the last Brigadier leaving in February 1992 until only a Royal Naval officer Captain Tony Peters RN, was left. He is now due to be withdrawn on November 4 and to mark the final closure of BMAT the British High Commissioner Sir Colin Imray hosted a reception at his residence on October 22, says a press release.

Over the years 24 British Naval, Army and Air Force officers have served with BMAT at the Defence Services Command and Staff College, Mirpur, and assisted in the training of 811 officers from all three services, of whom 183 were from 24 overseas countries.

Eight-member team leaves for Italy tomorrow

An eight-member delegation led by Jute Minister A S M Hannan Shah leaves here for Italy on Saturday, reports UNB.

The delegation will hold meetings with representatives of ACIMIT, the Italian Association of Textiles Machinery Producers in Milano, TEXIMA PRATINO, a consortium for the promotion and development of exportation of textiles machinery and accessories, and producers of textile machinery in Bologna.

Italy is expected to help Bangladesh with necessary technology and know-how to convert its jute mills into modern ones.

During the visit, the delegation will discuss with the Italian representatives the possibilities of joint ventures in the process of rehabilitation of jute mills.

It will also visit Italian textile companies.

Major reforms by govt put economy in right track : B Chowdhury

Deputy Leader of the Jatiya Sangsad Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday said that major reforms undertaken by the present democratic government had put the economy in the right track and boosted productions, reports BSS.

The package of reforms being implemented in the agriculture and industries sectors and in financial management had already resulted in success, Prof Chowdhury said this while inaugurating a seminar on "External competitiveness and economic efficiency of Bangladesh" here.

He said the reforms also include deregulations for effective functioning of the market-economy, efficient project management and lessening the debt burdens.

Jointly organised by the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) and the World Bank, the inaugural session of the day-long seminar was also addressed by Planning Minister AM Zahiruddin Khan, who is also the Chairman of the Board of

Trustees of BIDS, resident representative of the World Bank Christopher Willoughby, senior economist of the World Bank Dr Hafez Ghanem and acting Director General of BIDS Dr M R Khan.

Prof Chowdhury underlined the need for speedy progress in all spheres of life through eradication of hunger and illiteracy and providing better health care for dignified and honourable living of each and every citizen of the country.

The Deputy Leader of the House also referred to the reforms undertaken with regard to taxes and tariff.

He said the reforms programme had helped the economy recover from the impact of the Gulf crisis, the devastating cyclone that hit the coastal belt of the country in April 1991 and problems like influx of Myanmar refugees.

Referring to the economic anarchy and mismanagement during the autocratic regime, Prof Chowdhury said nine-year of misrule had pushed the country's economy to ruination. He said the mismanagement had led to diminishing rates of economic growth, declining savings and investment, huge accumulation of loss by the private sector and debt default by a handful of private business groups under the patronage of autocratic regime.

Prof Chowdhury pointed out that despite constraints the sustained stabilisation policies undertaken by the government and supported by the World Bank and the IMF had helped reduce fiscal deficit to 6-7 per cent of the GDP in 1990-91 from the level of 10-12 per cent in early 1980s.

He said the rate of inflation had also been brought down to nine per cent from that of 16 and said policies were now designed to promote export.

Dhaka WASA Tender Notice

অবৈধ পানি সংযোগ আজই বিচ্ছিন্ন করুন

Tenders are invited from Dhaka WASA enlisted 1st, 2nd and 3rd class civil contractors for repair and maintenance works of staff quarters at Faridabad Sewer Pump Compound at an allotted cost of Taka 37,036/-. Tenders will be received up to 12-00 Noon on 26-10-92 and opened on the same day at 2-15 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers or their representatives.

Tender schedule will be available from the office of the Chief Accountant of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka and all MODS Zonie offices of Dhaka WASA. Other detailed descriptions will be available from the office of the undersigned.

Address : WASA Bhaban, 98 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka
 Md. Siraj Uddin, Executive Engineer (Current Responsibility), SM Division, Dhaka WASA

WASA-P.I.-354/92
 DFP (G) 18289-18/10
 G-1323

PDB Tender Notice

বিদ্যুৎ বিল নিয়মিত পরিশোধ করুন

Tender No. APSC/OP-/AC-16/92/2475 dated 13.10.92 for supplying 75.00 (seventy five) m.ton sodium chloride to the Ashuganj Power Station Complex store at Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria.

Detailed schedule/Tender Document is obtainable at a cost of Tk. 900.00 (Taka nine hundred) only (Non-refundable) from the office of the Manager, Janta Bank Branch, Ashuganj, B. Baria and the Asstt. Chief Engineer (Gen.), PDB, WAPDA Building, MCA, Dhaka till 8.11.92 at the time of office hrs a day before opening of the tender.

Deputy Manager (Operation), 150 MW Ashuganj Power Station Complex, PDB, Ashuganj, B. Baria.
 Biddut/Jan-453 (5)/92-93
 DFP (BA) 10146-18/10
 G-1319

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Sub-Divisional Engineer, Public Health Engineering
 Meherpur Sub-Division, Meherpur

Short Tender Notice

সবাই স্বাস্থ্যসম্মত পায়খানা ব্যবহার করুন

Tender No. 5/1992-93 Dated : 12-10-92 (27-5-99 BS)

Tenders are invited in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under separate sealed covers for separate groups from 'A' category contractors of Public Health Engineering Directorate renewed for 1992-93 financial year for the undermentioned works. Tenders for the stated works can be seen and purchased from the office of the undersigned/Executive Engineer, PHE, Kushtia Division/Sub-Divisional Engineer, PHE, Chudaganj up to 5 PM on 28-10-92. Tenders will be received on the next day i.e. 29-10-92 up to 12-30 minutes in the tender box kept at the office of the undersigned/Executive Engineer, PHE, Kushtia Division/Sub-Divisional Engineer, PHE, Chudaganj. The tenders received, after being collected from the office of the Executive Engineer/Sub-Divisional Engineer, will be opened on 31-10-92 at 12.00 hours at the office of the undersigned before the tenderers (if any) present.

Sl No.	Nature of work	Number of groups	Estimated cost of each group	Earnest Money
1.	Installation of Tara Deepset Tubewell under Rural Water Supply Project in low water level areas of Meherpur Sadar Thana under Meherpur Sub-Division.	1	Taka 1,65,949	Taka 3319/=
2.	Renovation of Rural Water Supply system and resinking of shallow permanently out of use PVC/GI pipe tubewells in different thanas under Meherpur Sub-Division.	1 to 7	Minimum Tk 91534/- to Maximum Tk 105909/-	Minimum Tk 1831/- to Maximum Tk 2119/=

Shamsul Haq Pramanik
 Sub-Divisional Engineer
 Public Health Engineering
 Meherpur Sub-Division
 Phone : 405

DFP (G) 18229-17/10,
 G-1322

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
 Bandarban PWD Division
 Bandarban

Notice Inviting Tenders

1. Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited for the undermentioned work from Special Class-I as well as Class-II approved Bldg. Contractors of Public Works Department, Bangladesh & Class-II approved Bldg. contractor under PWD: Chittagong Zone, Chittagong and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, Chittagong PWD: Division No. III/IV, Chittagong and the Executive Engineer, Cox's Bazar PWD: Division, Cox's Bazar up to 12-30 PM of 29/10/92 and will be opened on the same day at 12-35 PM in presence of the contractor who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.

2. Name of work : Construction of 44 New District-Head quarters one at Bandarban (SH: Constn. of District Judge's Residence).

3. Estimated Cost : Tk. 26,02,043/67

4. Earnest Money : Tk. 52,041/00

5. Time for completion of the work : 120 (One hundred twenty) days.

6. Contractor documents comprising of BD Form No. 2911, schedule of items additional terms, and conditions etc. can be seen and obtained from the Office of the Executive Engineer, Bandarban PWD: Division, Bandarban, Executive Engr., Cox's Bazar PWD: Division, Cox's Bazar, Executive Engineer, Chittagong PWD: Divn., No. III/IV, Chittagong on payment of usual charges of Tk. 750/- (Taka seven hundred fifty) only (Non-refundable) of the notice inviting tender, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc. and a sum of Taka 25/- (Taka twenty five) only (Non-refundable) of BD Form No. 2911. The tender form may be purchased by the contractor himself or his representative on production of authorized letter bearing the signature of the representative duly attested by the contractor along with the Registration book any day during office hours up to 28/10/1992.

7. Notice inviting the tenders, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc. duly signed by the tenderer in every page will form a part of the tender and will be binding upon the tenderers.

8. Earnest money amounting to Tk. 52,041/- in Pratiksha Sanchay Patra or 5-year BD Sanchay Patra or Bonus Sanchay Patra duly pledged or in TC or BD, SDR, PO, or CD from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, Bandarban PWD: Division, Bandarban must accompany the tender without depositing earnest money. If the amount of earnest money is covered by FD amount but they must quote reference to that effect on the body of respective tender at appropriate place of Form No. 2911 enclosing certificate from the concerned Executive Engineer, with whom the deposit is lying, issued not earlier than 90 days or receiving of tender stating the amount of deposit. But if after calculation it is seen that the amount of earnest money in a tender exceeds the FD amount, the balance amount of the earnest money beyond FD amount must be deposited by the FD holder contractor along with the tender in the aforesaid manner, failing which their tender without requisite earnest money will be summarily rejected. In case the FD is lying Chief Engineer's office the attested photostat copy of order acknowledging the FD money from the contractor concerned should be attached with the tender otherwise tender will be rejected.

Executive Engineer
 Bandarban PWD Division
 Bandarban

DFP (G) 18326-18/10
 G-1327

Notice

[Notice vide Money Debt Court Section 5(A)]
 Barisal Money Debt Sub-Judge's Court
 DC No 17/92

1. Sonali Bank, Barisal branch Bogra Road, Barisal ... Plaintiff

Versus

1. Messrs Barisal Fishing Ltd
 30, Bijoy Nagar, Dhaka-1000
 2. Md Nurul Islam Manjur
 Managing Director, Messrs Barisal Fishing Ltd
 3. Md Golam Kibria Khan
 Director, Messrs Barisal Fishing Ltd
 4. Alhaji Md Ali Islam
 Director, Messrs Barisal Fishing Ltd
 5. Alhaji Muslim Bhuiyan
 Director, Messrs Barisal Fishing Ltd
 6. Alhaji Fozal Ali Khan
 Director, Messrs Barisal Fishing Ltd
 7. Dr Sufia Begum, W/o Md Nurul Islam Manzur,
 Gulshan Model Town, Rd No 30 B, Plot No 5,
 Block No NE (N), Dhaka. Defendants.

Whereas for not paying the money taken as loan the plaintiff has brought in the above case against you to realise total Tk 3,66,97,955.70. Therefore you are served the summon that you, by yourselves or through authorised lawyer should attend the court and explain. Otherwise hearing will be conducted in your absence.

By Order
 Serestadar
 Money Debt Sub-Judge's Court
 Barisal

SB/Pub/16/317/92
 DFP (BA) 10072-17/10
 G-1321

HERE and THERE

Chaturtha Sreni Karmachari Samity

The central executive council of the Bangladesh Chaturtha Sreni Sarkari Karmachari Samity held a meeting Wednesday at its regional office in Sher-e-Bangla Nagar with its president Golam Mostafa Talukdar in the chair.

The meeting was attended, among others, by Md Rezaul Mostafa, Md Dewan Asaduzzaman, Md Shahjahan Mia, Md Abdul Baten, Md Ali Akbar, Md Osman Ali, SM Shahjahan Kabir, Md Abdul Hannan, Nizamul Islam, Mafizuddin Ahmed, Md Daulat Hossain and others.

The meeting was held in solidarity with the "Black flag movement" called by JSD against the BNP government.

In a statement, BCL central president and RUCSU GS Ruhul Kuddus Babu and general secretary Abdullahil Kalyum said, "We think that the black flag movement will add a new positive dimension with the people's movement against the BNP government."

The leaders urged all to join the movement.

Zahir Raihan Film Society

Zahir Raihan Film Society organised a session of three films by the great Russian poet of the celluloid, Andrey Tarkovsky. These films were shown on October 18, 19 and 21 at the Goethe Institute. The films screened are "Solaris", "Stalker", and "Nostalgia".

BCL (B-K)

Bangladesh Chhatra League (B-K) Thursday expressed its

What's on today . . .

Cargo Vessel Owners' Assoc

The seventh annual general meeting of the Bangladesh Cargo Vessel Owners' Association will be held today (Friday) at 1 pm at the auditorium of the Notre Dame College.

Council of Chhatra Moitree, GCU

Bangladesh Chhatra Moitree and Ganotantrik Chhatra Union will hold separate councils today (Friday) at 10 am at the TSC of Dhaka University as part of their unity council that will be held on the following day.

Free Birds International Club

Free Birds International Club will render a free treatment and medicine distribution service today (Friday) at 9 am for the poor people of Gandaria area.

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FUNSA

Federation of United Nations Staff Association (FUNSA) will observe UN Day, tomorrow (Saturday) through a discussion on 'The Role of UN in Bangladesh' at 10-30 am at the Bangladesh Shishu Academy.

Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda, UN Coordinator in Bangladesh Charles H Larisimont and other Chiefs of the UN agencies will take part in the discussion.

Chhatra Kalyan Sangstha

A seminar on 'World Peace and United Nations' will be held tomorrow (Saturday) at 10 am at the auditorium of the National Press Club under the auspices of Bangladesh Chhatra Kalyan Sangstha on the occasion of the UN Day.

Prof Nurul Momen of the International Relations Department of Dhaka University will preside over the seminar while former Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Emajuddin Ahmed, Chairman of Bangladesh Shilpa Rtn Sangstha Dr Abdullah Faruq and President of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) will participate in the discussion. President of the organisation Mujib Khan will read out the key note paper in the seminar.

Chhatra League (B-K)

JSD (Inu) backed Chhatra League (B-K) has decided to hold demonstration tomorrow (Saturday) throughout the country protesting Indian 'push back' and subservient foreign policy of the government.

The BCL (B-K) central committee will hold a rally at the Arts Building area of Dhaka University on the day as part of the countrywide programme.

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Friday, October 23, 1992

STAR TV

WORLD SERVICE TELEVISION

8 am World News
 8.25 Newswatch
 9.00 World News
 9.25 Question Time
 10.00 World News
 10.25 QED
 11.00 News Headlines
 11.05 The Ascent of Man
 12 Noon World News
 12.25 Top Gear
 1.00 World News
 1.30 BBC Business Morning
 2.00 World News
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 6.25 Newswatch
 7.00 World News
 7.25 Business Matters

STAR Plus

8 am Children's Room
 8.30 Cartoon Classics
 9.00 The Magic Crown
 9.30 Worzel Gummidge
 10.00 Northwood
 10.30 Jupiter Moon
 11.00 Attitudes
 12 Noon Image Workshop
 1.00 Santa Barbara
 1.50 Hollywood Stars: Grand
 2.00 The Bold & The Beautiful
 2.30 Donahue Heart Transplant
 Patient Inherits Habits of Donor
 3.30 International Treasure Hunt Corfu
 4.30 The Magic Crown
 5.00 Worzel Gummidge
 5.30 Northwood
 6.00 Jupiter Moon
 6.30 Just For The Record
 7.00 Movie Television
 7.50 City
 8.00 The Irish RM
 8.50 Hollywood Stars
 9.00 Blue Blood
 10.00 Newhart
 10.30 The Bold & The Beautiful
 11.00 Santa Barbara
 12 MN Lifestyles of The Rich & Famous
 12.50 Hollywood Stars
 1.00 Lou Grant
 2.00 Sir John Gielud Talking With David Frost
 3.00 Si Elsewhere
 4.00 White Shadow
 5.00 Who's Line Is It Anyway
 5.30 Runaway With The Rich & Famous
 6.00 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records
 6.30 The Travel Magazine
 7.00 Kidsworld
 7.30 Worzel Gummidge

PRIME SPORTS

8 am Talking Baseball
 8.30 Primetime Motorsports
 9.00 Vy Motorsport Hour
 10.15 Primebodies
 10.45 ABC National AM Challen
 12.15 International Motorsport
 Trans World Sport
 1.15 Cup Night: Rangers v
 Stuttgart or Leeds
 2.00 Sprintman Triathlon, Orlando
 4.15 Get Wet
 4.45 WWF Wrestling Spotlight
 5.15 Beat Of The 1991 Dunhill
 Cup
 6.15 Big 8 Gridiron Report
 7.15 Snooker European Open
 10.15 Rugby Union England v
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