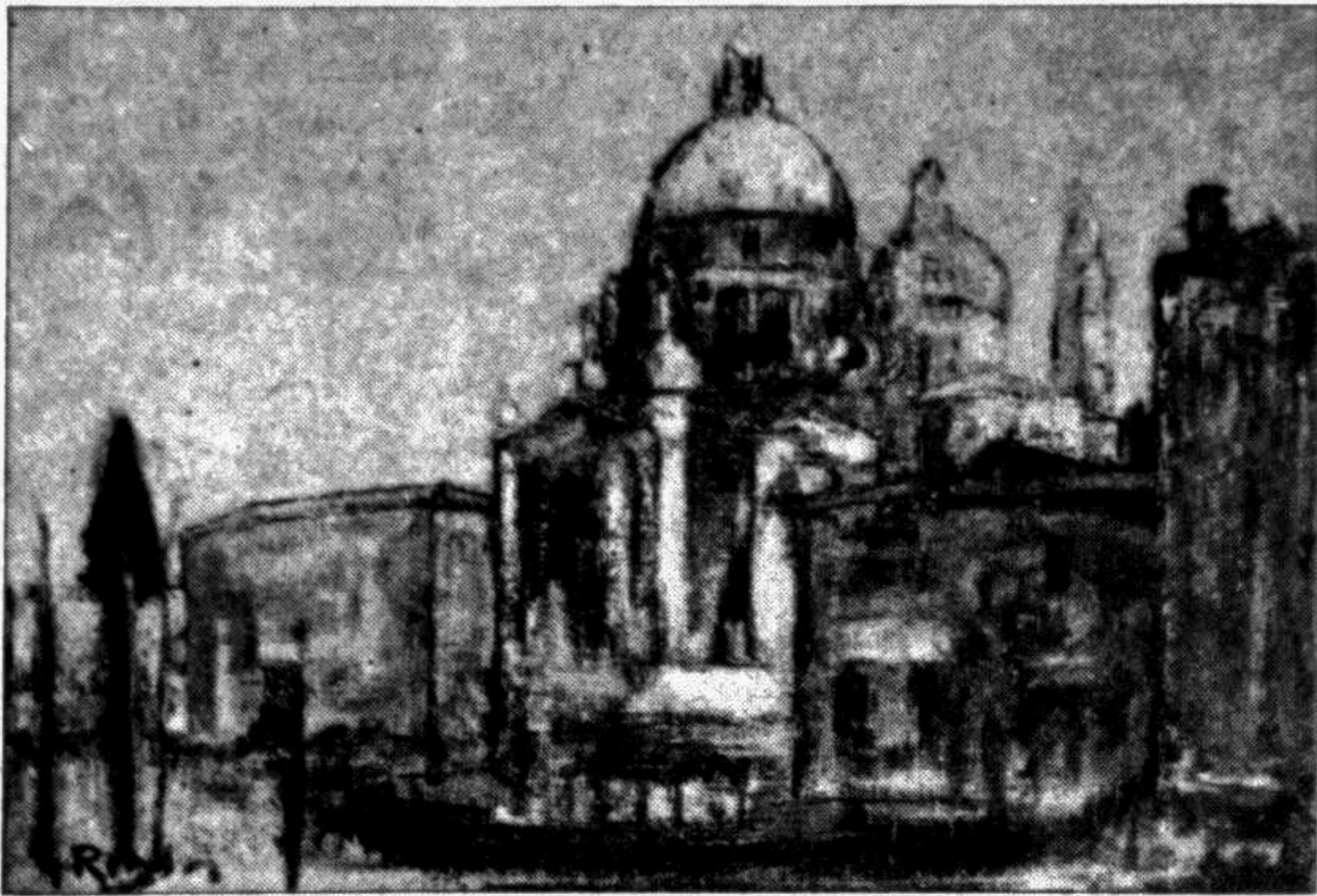


Dhaka Day by Day

Italian Idylls With Feathery Strokes

by Fayza Haq



Who does not like the peaceful and picturesque scenes of Italy? The Prince of Wales is reputed to have been besotted with them. If you visited 'La Galerie' to see the water colour works of Giuseppe Rigon, you felt you were transported to Italy—by some wave of a magic wand—with its peaceful lagoons, lakes, houses and trees. The artist had often been impressionistic, and it was a welcome change from the ambitious abstract works of the local young artists with their angst ridden visions, and their preoccupation with rectifying political and social injustices.

'Lagoon of Venice' was an ethereal creation of a landscape with soft, delicate touches. There were brown houses juxtaposed carefully with leafless trees. There were 'barrel clouds' of purple and blue in the sky. The reflection of the houses and trees on the lake in front was done with such meticulous details that it enhanced the beauty of the composition.

'Valiano's Windmill-Milan' was an impressionistic creation of an old dilapidated mill with wet streets and bleak bare trees. The sky was a steely grey and the rest of the composition had a surfeit of dark colours, but this was offset by beige and white. The creation with the grey and purple sky with the shadows of the foreground was a pleasing optimistic painting.

'St. George Venice' had all the romance of a church with a dome and a steeple along with a blue and yellow gondola in the foreground. There was an old fashioned lantern to add to the poetic image. 'Island of Good Advice' was a combination of pink and yellow ochre houses with sailing boats in the foreground. Everything had a serene look — from the sky in the backdrop to the water in front.

Another version of 'St. George Venice' (No 20) was a grey and mauve composition on a misty morning. The lines and colours were so light, while the pencil strokes were done with such discretion, that it appeared like some dream — such was the impact of the light washes.

'Vicenza's Pre Alps' was another ingenious creation. Here, however, the artist had used darker colours — dark green and burnt sienna, mixed with grey and blue. The artist's theme remained a landscape which spoke of peace and

harmony. 'Sails in Chioggia' was a sketchy creation with more lines and stronger colours than most of the artist's other works. He had done the sails in light burnt sienna on white, while the elegant houses at the back were lightly sketched and shaded at the sides. The sky was a brilliant turquoise blue with soft patches of clouds.

'Church of Health-Venice' was an impressionistic creation in which the artist had used turquoise blue for the gondola in the foreground and the church cupolas at the centre. The whites of the composition were highlighted with mellow soft ochre and burnt sienna. The strokes remained feathery, dreamy and tranquillising.

Trees, houses, rivers and lakes in front created a harmonious image yet again in 'Old Windmill, Quinto Ventino'. Even though the trees were bare, and the water was not clear, yet the pristine effect of an old but solid building was held up with such lines and strokes that one was reminded of the lines 'A thing of beauty is joy forever'.

'Beric Hills' and 'Lagoon of Chioggia' were miniatures done in rich oil and touched with metal paints. They meticulously brought in the gentle and quite undisturbed atmosphere with grey and copper clouds to go with the quaint houses — almost floating on water, with black boats tied near at hand.

'Lagoon of Venice' had the artist's pet theme of houses and boats, only he had used dark hues along with gold paints, as well as his favourite soft blues and mauves. There were deft strokes of subtle green and red to added to the colour, harmony and balance.

The artist, Giuseppe Rigon, was born in 1929 in Villaverla and is now living in Milan. He studied in the Brera Academy and in the Fine Arts Academy of Venice. In 1955 he got his diploma and at the same time won the 'Tursi Prize' as the best student. He has been invited to have his works included in art exhibitions of international repute. In 1969 he received a special prize by the Tourism Board of Vicenza in 'Thiene Exhibition'. He has had several exhibitions at private galleries, and since 1956 he has been working as scenographer for the theatre 'Alla Scala' of Milan.

Political commitment a must to improve maternal, child health

An international conference on obstetrics and gynaecology has termed the present Maternal and Child Health (MCH) scenario of the country an "unacceptable situation" and called for a "strong political commitment" to improve the situation, reports BSS.

The conference, organised by the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Bangladesh, has recommended for forming a national MCH Council, headed by the Prime Minister, that should be responsible for appropriate policy making in place of the existing national MCH coordination committee with the health secretary as its chairman.

Talking to newsmen at the IPGMR here yesterday, the office-bearers of the society said the recommendations were made at the concluding session of the international conference held in the city from December 11 to 14.

The conference suggested to make a full-fledged MCH directorate under the ministry of health and family welfare. Coordination of MCH service delivery system, it recommended, should be established at each level of administrative areas.

The conference recommended for framing a minimum standard in MCH service delivery keeping MCH as a package service that should include, among other things, health, education, nutrition and treatment of anaemia, EPI, screening of high-risk preg-

nancies, antenatal care, safe delivery and back-up service, effective referral system and transport.

The conference observed that there were many areas in government MCH programme which were not functioning properly for want of facilities and technical supports. These unfulfilled demands, it suggested, should be met with NGO collaboration as far as possible.

Giving the present MCH situation, the office-bearers of

Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society said the country's maternal mortality rate is 5.7 per thousand live births while the neo-natal death rate and infant mortality rate is 85 and 110 per thousand births respectively.

Every year 28,000 mothers and nearly three lakh new born die during child birth, they said and added that another 3,75,000 mothers escape 'near death' what is called morbidity. Nearly 40 lakh babies are born every year in the country.

DUTA polls Dec 24

By DU Correspondent

The teachers of the Dhaka University are passing days in hectic campaign as the election of the university teachers' association is knocking at the door.

The election of the 15-member working committee of the Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) for the year 1993 is scheduled to be held on December 24 at the University Club.

This year the three panels — White, Blue and Pink — of the teachers are participating in the election. Last year the Blue and Pink panels jointly contested the election.

Dr K M Mohsin, Professor of the Department of History and Dr. Badrul Alam, Associate Professor of the Department of Physics have been nominated on the President and General Secretary respectively from

the White Panel. The Blue Panel is headed by Dr A T M Zahurul Huq, Professor of the Department of Economics while Dr SM Mahfuzur Rahman, Associate Professor of the Department of Finance and Banking made the General Secretary.

Professor A F M Khodadad Khan, Chairman of the Department of Mathematics and Syed Abul Kalam Azad, Associate Professor of the Department of Marketing have been nominated from the Pink Panel for the post of President and General Secretary respectively.

Besides the three panels will also compete for the other 13 posts which include one Vice President, one Treasurer, one Joint Secretary and 10 members.



Dr Kamal Hussain, Convenor of the Democratic Forum addressing the press conference at the Forum office yesterday. Story on page -1. — Star photo

Nat'l Art Exhibition begins today

By Staff Correspondent



Artist: Qayyum Choudhury

The 10th National Art Exhibition 1992 begins at Shilpakala Academy in the capital today (Monday).

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is expected to open the month-long exhibition at the Academy auditorium and distribute awards to the winners.

A total of 247 artworks by 207 artists will be put on display.

What's on today

Certificate awarding ceremony

The certificate awarding ceremony of 5th Workshop on Disaster Management organized by South Asian Disaster Management Centre (SADMC) of International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) will be held today (Monday) at 4:00 pm at the Seminar Hall of Engineering Institution of Bangladesh, Dhaka.

French film show

French filmmaker Rene Clair's 'Silence is Golden' will be screened at the auditorium of Alliance Francaise at 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka at 5:30 pm today (Monday).

Zahir Rathan Film Society in collaboration with the Alliance Francaise of Dhaka has arranged the film show.

Russian film show

Unmesh Film Society has organised a Russian film session at the auditorium of Russian Cultural Centre. Today's (Monday) film 'The princess and The Pea' will be screened at 5:00 pm.

Weather

No change in night temperature

By Staff Correspondent

The Met office forecasts weather is likely to remain dry with fair sky all over the country during the next 24 hours commencing from 6 am today (Monday). No appreciable change in night temperature is expected during the period.

The maximum temperature 26.7 degree Celsius was recorded at Bogra while the minimum 8.8 degree Celsius was reported from Srimongal Sunday.

The sun sets today (Monday) at 5.16 pm and rises tomorrow (Tuesday) at 6.37 am. The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity of some major cities and towns of the country recorded Sunday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9am	6pm
Dhaka	25.6	11.0	79	72
Chittagong	25.3	14.0	83	68
Rajshahi	25.0	9.5	74	76
Khulna	25.6	10.6	84	75
Cox's Bazar	26.5	14.8	77	70
Sylhet	25.6	12.2	71	60
Barisal	25.6	10.3	93	83
Dinajpur	25.0	9.8	78	76

Kachi-Kanchar Mela painting contest Dec 29

The central Kachi-Kanchar Mela has arranged a children's painting and recitation contest on the occasion of the 78th birth anniversary of artist Zainul Abedin and 90th birth anniversary of poet Jasimuddin, a press release said here, reports BSS.

The painting competition will be held at 9:00 am on December 29.

On January 1, the birthday of poet Jasimuddin, a recitation contest of his poems will be held at the same place at 9:00 am.

All children of 3-14 years can take part. The intending participants should enlist their names by December 28 at the office of the Central Kachi-Kanchar Mela, 58/1A, Purana Paltan.

Rehabilitation of 69 sick tanneries demanded

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Tanners Association yesterday demanded the rehabilitation of 69 tanneries identified as sick by the Sick Industries' Rehabilitation Cell.

Addressing the press conference at a city hotel, the Secretary General of the Association, Md Abdul Hye also demanded the implementation of the recommendations of the cell.

He said that the total amount of interest and penalty on the loans of these tanneries should also be waived to revamp these units.

The Association said units are now suffering from acute shortage of working capital and demanded financial sup-

port for Balancing, Modernisation, Rehabilitation and Extension (BMRE) for the units.

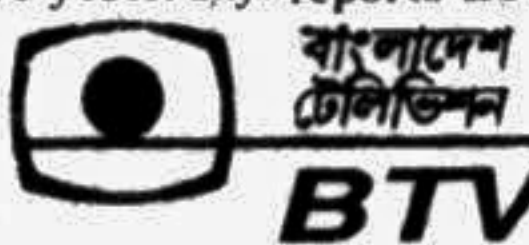
The association also demanded the withdrawal of cases filed against some defaulting units and said the past loans should be segregated under separate account.

Hye also mentioned that about 200 tannery units across the country had been closed down due to the ban on the export of wet-blue leather and said wet-blue worth Taka 160 crore are rotting in different godowns.

Hye pointed out that the high rate of export duty, fall of leather price in international market, ban on wet-blue leather export, flood in 1988, the Gulf War and political unrest as the main causes of sickness of the industry.

Hasan made envoy to Luxembourg

The government has decided to appoint Syed Hasan Ahmad, at present Ambassador of Bangladesh to the Kingdom of Belgium, as Ambassador of Bangladesh to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg with residence in Brussels, it was announced here yesterday, reports BSS.



Monday

5.00	Opening announcement Al-Quran
	Programme summary
5.10	News in Bangla
5.20	Recitation from the Gesta
5.30	Sports programme
6.30	Open University
7.05	TV debate
8.00	News in Bangla
8.30	Programme on health
9.00	Upahar
10.00	News in English
10.30	Filmshow: The Wizard
11.30	Khabar/The News
11.40	Tuesday's programme summary
11.45	Closing

Participants are invited for the Seminar on Japanese Business and Industrial Management

By Mr. Isamu Ohara, Managing Director, Central Japan Industries Association Dhaka, 14-15 February, 1993

The above seminar will be organized by the Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS), Japan in cooperation with Bangladesh AOTS Alumni Society (BAAS) and Bangladesh Management Development Centre (BMDC).

Managers, General Managers, Directors, Managing Directors and owners of business and industrial establishments in both private and public sectors of Bangladesh are invited to apply (on company's letter head) for registration by 20 January, 1993 to :-

The Chairman, Steering Committee, C/o. AOTS Dhaka Office, Block-A, 3rd Floor, Aziz Cooperative Housing, 72 Purana Paltan Line, Dhaka-1000. Tel : 413566

Please note that the participation is free and tea and lunch will be served during the seminar.

New laws soon to combat crimes

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Mirza Gohar Hafez said yesterday that new laws would be enacted to curb present trend of criminal activities in the country, reports BSS.

Addressing two separate public meetings at Atary of Panchagarh district the Law Minister said, like many other countries of the world, Bangladesh also has been facing terrorism and new trend of social crimes which must be arrested through enactment of laws.

He said, the present democratic government is pledged to establish rule of law for maintaining peace and tranquillity in the society.

Mirza Hafez said that the 19-point development programmes would be implemented in phases to improve the socio-economic condition of the people.

The country's total manpower would be transformed into productive force to build self-reliant economy through boosting production in fields and factories, he said.

Indian Airlines ANNOUNCEMENT

Indian Airlines announces operation of its normal functions temporarily from Sheraton Hotel Shopping Arcade effective 21.12.92 from 9-30 a.m. to 4-30 p.m. Contact Phone No. 863391/861191 extn. 665. Passengers may also contact our Zia International Airport office Phone 892205 from 10 a.m. to 5 p. m.

ADB WARNING ON FRAUDULENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

IT HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB) THAT SOME UNSCRUPULOUS INDIVIDUALS ARE MISREPRESENTING THE ADB TO DEFAUD THE PUBLIC IN BANGLADESH.

IN SOME CASES, THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE MAILED LETTERS UNDER A FAKE ADB LETTERHEAD OFFERING TO SPONSOR EMPLOYMENT FOR STUDENTS OVERSEAS PROVIDED PAYMENTS ARE MADE TO A CERTAIN POST OFFICE BOX NUMBER IN DHAKA.

IN OTHER CASES FAKE ADB ADVERTISEMENTS HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THE DAILY SYLHET BANI NEWSPAPER FRAUDULENTLY SOLICITING FUNDS FROM STUDENTS IN THE COUNTRY.

THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK WISHES TO INFORM THE PUBLIC THAT IT DOES NOT SOLICIT FUNDS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, NOR DOES IT SPONSOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES FOR STUDENTS OR EMPLOY AGENTS TO PROMOTE SUCH SCHEMES. THE PUBLIC IS WARNED AGAINST THESE ILLEGAL ATTEMPTS TO EXTORT MONEY.

THE BANK'S RESIDENT OFFICE IN DHAKA HAS BROUGHT THIS MATTER TO THE NOTICE OF THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES.

BANGLADESH EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES AUTHORITY

222 New Eskaton Road Dhaka-1000

TENDER NOTICE

No. 5/92-93

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from bonafide contractors as per eligibility stated below for the undermentioned work in Chittagong EPZ at South Halishahar, Chittagong.

Name of the Work	Estimated cost (in lac)	Eligibility of Contractors	Time for completion (in month)	Cost of tender document (Nonrefundable)
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Construction of Security Barrack in CEPZ.	Tk. 30-50	i) Enlisted Contractors of PWD/ Housing & Settlement/ MES having experience of building construction amounting to a minimum of Tk. 15 lac in a single work order during last 3 years. ii) Contractors previously worked in CEPZ and now working in DEPZ building construction having a minimum contract value of Tk. 15 lac.	5 (five)	Tk. 500.00
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Each tender must accompany earnest money as mentioned in the tender documents in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft drawn on any scheduled bank in favour of BEPZA. The contractors shall have to submit the original and photocopy of following papers/documents along with the application addressed to the undersigned for purchasing of tender document :

1. Uptodate Trade licence.
2. Current enlistment document.
3. Uptodate income tax clearance certificate.
4. Work Order and completion certificate of work from an officer not below the rank of executive Engineer in support of contractor's eligibility for purchasing tender document.

The originals of the above mentioned papers/documents will be returned later on after verification.

Tender documents may be purchased from the Accounts Dept. of BEPZA's Head Office at 222 New Eskaton Road, Dhaka on all working days upto 2-1-1993.

Tender may be submitted to the Office of the undersigned at 222 New Eskaton Road, Dhaka up to 12-00 Noon on 3-1-1993 and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 p.m. in presence of the tenderers (if any).

The Authority reserves the right to accept any or to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason.

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