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Saudia puts up road signs in city

Saudia, Saudi Arabian airline, has launched a programme in Bangladesh by putting up a number of road signs in Dhaka city, says a press release. These road signs are very distinctive in green and white and at night they glow in the head light glare of vehicles.

Pak delegation meets Sircar

The visiting Pakistan delegation led by Education Minister of Baluchistan Provincial Government, Mir Abdul Majeed Bizanjo called on Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar at his office yesterday, reports UNB.

New BBC World Service programme

BBC World Service Television joins BBC World Service Radio in a first-of-its kind simulcast, a live television and radio phone-in programme, allowing a worldwide audience the chance to speak directly to world leaders, including STAR TV viewers in 98 countries. BBC WSTV hopes this is the first of many such joint ventures, according to a message received in Dhaka yesterday.

A K M Fazlul Haque
Executive Engineer, RHD
Mymensingh Road Division,
Mymensingh.

RHD Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed tenders in B.D. Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from the RHD enlisted contractor as per financial limit and territorial jurisdiction for the following works under Mymensingh Road Division.

1. Tender Notice No : 55/MRD of 1992-93.
2. Name of work : Construction of 10'-0" span RCC Box culvert at 16th KM of Netrakona-Kalmakanda Road under Road Division, Mymensingh, during the year 1992-93.
3. Estimated Amount : Taka 3,71,852/-
4. Earnest Money : Taka 7,437/-
5. Time allowed : 60 (Sixty) days.
6. Name of Offices of availability of tender documents : Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, under Mymensingh Road Circle, Mymensingh/ Executive Engineer, RHD, Planning Division (Roads & Bridge), Dhaka & SDE under Mymensingh Road Division, up to 2.2.93 during office hours.
7. Name of Offices receive tender bids : Superintending Engineer, RHD, Mymensingh Road Circle, Mymensingh/Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Circle, Dhaka/ Executive Engineer, RHD, Mymensingh Road Division, Mymensingh & SDE, Netrakona Road Sub-Division, Netrakona up to 12.30 P.M. on 3.2.93 & will be opened on the same day at 12.45 P.M. in presence of the contractors who may remain present.

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Treasury bench, Opposition split over interpretation of communal frenzy

By Staff Correspondent

Opposition and treasury bench members continued to remain divided over the interpretation of the communal violence that swept the country during the aftermath of the demolition of the Babri Mosque in India.

During the fourth days general discussions Wednesday the members of the Jatiya Sangsad, however, remained unanimous in condemning the demolition of the Babri Mosque and in demanding reconstruction of the historic mosque.

Leading members of both sides took part in the discussions. The seven members who took the floor during the morning session, which began at 10:40 am and continued till about 2:45 pm, were Opposition Chief Whip Mohammad Nasim, State Minister for Establishment Md. Nurul Huda, AL member Tofael Ahmed, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Kh Mosharraf Hossain, Jamaat Parliamentary Party leader Maulana Matur Rahman Nizami, Information Minister Nazmul Huda and Deputy Leader of Opposition Abdus Samad Asad.

Initiating the days discussions on the issue, Opposition Chief Whip Mohammad Nasim expressed deep shock over the demolition of the Babri Mosque and also expressed concern over the revival of communal politics in the region.

He said that the incident and its aftermath "is clearly a politically motivated" threatening the social and communal harmony of the entire region.

Referring to the vested design of the communal forces to grab power in India, Nasim pointed out that the Hindu communal leaders, who had earlier apologised in the Indian parliament for the demolition of the mosque, were now demanding mid-term polls with a hope to win and grab power.

He criticised the Treasury bench members for failing to condemn the communal incidents in the country and even denying that anything had happened.

"We have been hearing for the last two days that nothing has happened in the country," Nasim said, while noting that two of his fellow party members were witnesses to the carnage and that newspapers have reported extensively on the incidents.

"We are saddened that the Treasury bench speakers denied that any communal incidents took place in the country," he added.

Nasim went on to note "I have heard that the BNP Working Committee had discussed who are their political foes and who their allies" "they think that Awami League is their political foe, but I want to state that we are not their political foes but we are their opponents."

Noting that there was an accord between BNP and Jamaat over the Golan Azam issue, he added: "those with whom BNP has joined hands over the last 20 years their hands have become stronger."

With the establishment of parliamentary democracy initiated by the opposition BNP has gained, he claimed and appealed to the ruling party to accept what had happened here and, he added, by doing so they will be the gainer again.

Referring to the communal politics expressed in the statements of some members, Nasim asked: "Why are Sudhanshu Sekhar Haldar, Suranjit Sengupta and others are being attacked only when we speak much more strongly against the communal violence in the country?"

State Minister for Establishment began by saying: "It's not clear to me if I should discuss the demolition of Babri Mosque or the incidents in Bholra as during the last two days one section is talking more about what happened here than what had happened in India."

He then went on to refute claims by the BJP that Ram was born in Ayodhya or that a temple existed at the disputed site. Even Hindu pandits do not believe that Ram was born at Ayodhya, he said, some of them believe that Ram was born about 60,000 years ago and there was no town called Ayodhya at the time, which was only set up some 1500 years ago.

The State Minister claimed that a certain British woman, in 1853, created the historic debate to drive a wedge between the Muslims and Hindus of India.

Following the creation of this controversy, he added, the first riot in India occurred in 1855. The controversy was created to drive a wedge between the Muslims and Hindus, in order to consolidate British rule over the sub-continent, he noted.

Nurul Huda pointed out that the region was rocked by riots several times since then but, he added, the intensity was never so severe like the Babri Mosque demolition and its aftermath.

Some members say that the Babri Mosque incident happened because of the Two Nation Theory, he said, adding: "then they must be wanting one nation, but in fact it is the other way round as such including the floor next, Awami League stalwart Tofael Ahmed condemned the demolition of the mosque and expressed concern at killings let loose during the aftermath."

He held the Indian government responsible for failing to protect the mosque from the hands of the "fanatic Hindu zealots".

He acknowledged that there was no difference among the parties represented in Parliament about condemning the demolition of the Babri Mosque, demanding the reconstruction, rehabilitating and compensating the victims.

He reminded the House that he had already stated that he fully agrees with the first three points of the resolution passed by the Deputy Leader of the House Major Gen (ret'd) Majid-ul-Haq.

"We came here to solve the problems not to create it and we hoped that we could come up with an unanimous resolution," Ahmed said. The opposition never accused the government of breaking temples, he added, "I myself am taking the responsibility as a member for not being able to stem the communal violence in my constituency."

He urged the ruling party to condemn the communal violence let loose in the country, rebuild the damaged temples and rehabilitate and compensate the victims.

Ahmed went to provide details of damages to life and property in a number of southern districts while quoting a particular national vernacular daily.

He recalled that during the communal violence in 1990, the Prime Minister announced in Chittagong that under a democratic government the temples would be protected and that even Ershad agreed to rebuild the damaged temples at the time.

He called for setting up a parliamentary committee headed by the Speaker to investigate into the communal violence in the country.

"Let us not play with fire... we have to bury communal politics and drive out the communal forces from the region in order to have peace in the region and to make SAARC effective," Ahmed said.

Taking part in the discussions, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khandakar Mosharraf Hossain pointed out that the silent role of the Indian government dealt a crushing blow to the foundations of the Indian constitution itself. Citing various articles of the Indian constitution, the Human Rights Charter and the UNESCO declaration, he said all of them have been violated.

Tracing the history of the mosque, the minister said no Indian historians or archeological experts had ever proved that Ram was born at the site.

He said that the Indian government can no longer claim that its secular and has treated all citizens equally. "The Indian government has created a shameful chapter in history," the minister refuted opposition charges that the government failed to take adequate measures to protect the lives and property of the minority community.

Jamaat Parliamentary Party leader Maulana Matur Rahman Nizami, while condemning the demolition of Babri Mosque, noted that it was not merely a mosque but a part of history and its demolition was a blatant attack on the history of Islam.

"The nation and the world at large," he said, expected an unanimous resolution of the Jatiya Sangsad, but unfortunately, he added, a lot of mud-slinging is going on during the discussion on the issue.

"There is no scope for differing in condemning the act and demanding the reconstruction of the mosque and seeking protection of the Muslims in India."

Maulana Nizami pointed out that demolition of the mosque is not an isolated incident but a part of a deep-rooted conspiracy.

"The immediate objective was to force the cancellation of the SAARC summit and destabilise it as SAARC is an obstruction to India's imperialist mentality," the Jamaat leader alleged.

was never above communal politics, but this time it has boomeranged on them."

The sub-continent would never have been divided if the Congress could rise above communal politics, he emphasised.

The Jamaat leader alleged that the long-term goal of the deep-rooted conspiracy was to "wipe out the Muslims and to promote a racial all-India nationalism in order to establish Ram Rajya." He added that he sees no differences between the BJP and the Congress as both espouse the racial all-India nationalism theory.

Saying that the people of Bangladesh believe in communal peace and harmony, Nizami said: "We have kept the communal harmony intact in the country, only a section of people took advantage for personal gains to create disturbances here."

On a note of personal explanation, Nizami said that he visited India "Openly and not secretly like others" and met with both government and opposition leaders.

"But I did not meet Advani and I don't see anything wrong in visiting India in a democratic environment," Criticising those who opposed the two nation theory, he said opposite to that theory is the racial all-India nationalism theory. He added that the geographical boundary of Bangladesh is a result of the two nation theory, he added.

Referring to the mention of Jamaat's role during 1971, during the ongoing discussion, he said it was unfortunate that the issue was being brought up when it was totally unrelated.

"There is no reason for the 1971 incidents to come into this discussion today," he said "I can take criticism for the political decisions of that time, but not a single criminal case can be brought against any Jamaat leader or worker."

Information Minister Najmul Huda, taking part in the discussions, began by saying: "I had a notion that Bangladesh was the land of mosque, but now we see that Bangladesh is a land of temples."

He was referring to the opposition claims that a large number of temples were damaged during the communal violence which swept the country following the demolition of the Babri Mosque in India.

Termining the opposition claims in the House as "exaggerated and devoid of truth," the minister said that had there been such widespread destruction and violence then it would definitely have been shown by the international media like CNN and BBC, similar to the coverage of Bombay and Ahmedabad.

He firmly said that no 'serious' incidents of violence occurred in the country in the aftermath of the destruction of Babri Mosque as a result of timely government action.

"There were lot of provocations to create disturbances, but thanks to the timely administrative steps taken under the directive of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, troubles were averted."

Referring to opposition members claim that 3,000 minority women were raped, Najmul Huda said: "the two advocates who presented the facts, may I ask them how many criminal cases have they filed in this connection?"

Saying that no cases were actually filed, he added "the reason is very obvious as one of them is handling another brief; he is using the constitution to harm the interest of the nation."

The information minister said this is an oblique reference to an Awami League member who had earlier said that a report on the damages

during the communal violence was being prepared and will be presented at the Amnesty International Convention in Geneva.

Opposition members immediately protested the ministers insinuations and a commotion erupted in the House.

Speaker Shaikh Razzaque Ali (ret'd) AL member Colonel (chid) Shawkat Ali for "constantly disturbing the proceedings of the House... you cannot shout him down, let him make his statement and then your leaders can respond." The minister resumed by saying that Bangladesh was the target of an evil political design. "Bangladesh is a non-communal nation, but we are being held hostage by the radical communal forces," he alleged "they have agents inside and they have started in India and will destroy the nation."

At this point, the minister rhymed the first names of two opposition members and insinuated that they are involved in this conspiracy. This was vehemently protested by the opposition members as a number of them sprang up to their feet.

The Speaker promptly expunged that particular statement from the proceedings of the House as Samad Azad sought protection from the chair.

"Please don't be aggressive like that, you have to abide by rule 270 when you speak on the floor... you cannot violate the rules," said the Speaker while censuring the Information Minister. "The reference may not be taken to oneself," the minister said in self defence, adding "people also call me Behuda and Gondogol Huda," saying that he did not say it with anyone in mind, he said "I did not refer to them, if they think that I did then I personally apologise."

The Speaker noted the apology and turning to the opposition said "let us take it in good grace."

Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdus Samad Azad, while taking part in the discussions, called for a ban on all communal politics in the SAARC countries.

The pre-requisite for promoting politics of development is to put an end to communal politics in the region, he added. He noted that the executive committee of his party in a meeting condemned the demolition of Babri Mosque and demanded its immediate reconstruction.

At the same time, he added, the designs of some vested quarters who unleashed communal violence in the country were also strongly condemned.

Saying that "it was not correct to say that no violent communal incidents took place in the country," Samad Azad noted a number of instances where places of worship of the minority community were damaged in Sunamganj, Sylhet and other places.

He alleged that in some instances police even failed to respond to emergency calls. More reasonable and effective measures were expected from a democratically elected government, he said.

"We will always be ready to put out the communal fire whenever and wherever it brakes out," he pledged.

Referring to the tradition of the people of this country is maintaining communal harmony, he noted the historic "Purbabangla rukhla darao" declaration during the riots of 1964 in which Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman took the lead.

He called on the government to propose a ban on all communal politics in this region at the SAARC forum.

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8 am	World News
8.15	Asia Today
8.25	Newsnight
7.00	World News
7.25	Question Time
8.00	World News
8.15	Asia Today
8.25	Newsnight
9.00	World News
9.25	Germany Means Business
10.00	World News
10.25	Film 93
11.00	World News
11.25	Kilroy
12.00	World News
12.30	BBC Business Morning
1.00	World News
1.25	Water Wars Seg A
2.00	World News
2.25	Water Wars Seg B
3.00	World News
3.25	World News Day
4.00	World News
4.25	World News Day
5.00	World News
5.25	Mastermind
6.00	World News
6.25	Question Time
7.00	World News
7.25	News From London
8.00	World News
8.25	QED
9.00	World News
9.25	World Business Report
10.00	Film 93
10.25	World News
10.50	Heart of the Matter
11.00	World News
11.25	Question Time
12.00	World News
12.25	News From London
1.00	World News
1.25	Arena: Graham Green Segment A
2.00	World News
2.25	Arena: Graham Green Segment B
3.00	World News
3.25	News From London
4.00	World News
4.25	First Sight
5.00	World News
5.15	Asia Today
5.25	Germany Means Business

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6 am	Force Five
6.30	Size Small
7.00	Children's Room
7.30	Force Five
8.00	Jack Thompson Down Under
8.30	Jupiter Moon
9.00	Attitudes
10.00	Your Baby And Child
10.30	Growing Up Together
11.00	Santa Barbara
11.50	Hollywood Stars
12.00	The Bold & The Beautiful
12.30	Donahue
1.00	Tenagers Tell Why They Attempted Suicide
1.30	Cooking At The Academy
2.00	Attitudes
3.00	Children's Room
3.30	Northwood
4.00	Jupiter Moon
4.30	Jack Thompson Down Under
5.00	Movie Television
5.30	Floyd On Oz
6.00	Strumpet City
7.00	Wolf
8.00	Newhart
8.30	Hollywood Stars
8.40	The Bold & The Beautiful
9.10	Santa Barbara
10.10	Lifestyles Of The Rich & Famous
11.10	Lou Grant
12.00	Paris
1.00	St Elsewhere
2.00	International Treasure
3.00	Hunt Northern Ireland
3.30	The Tony Randall Show
4.00	Under Southern Skies
4.30	Adventure
5.00	Big City Metro
5.30	Washington
6.00	Sharky & George
6.30	The Little Flying Bears

MTV

6.00	MTV's Most Wanted Notice
7.00	Dial MTV Notice
8.00	Classic MTV Danny
9.00	VJ David Wu
11.00	VJ Danny McGill
12.00	VJ Sophiya
4.00	MTV Top Video
6.00	Countdown Europe
6.30	Day In Back
6.50	3 From One
7.00	The Grind
7.30	MTV's Most Wanted
8.00	Dial MTV
9.00	MTV Mon Amour Video
10.00	MTV Top Video
12.00	Countdown Europe
1.00	Classic MTV
1.30	VJ Danny McGill
3.00	Day In Rock
3.10	3 From One
3.30	The Grind
4.00	VJ Danny McGill

PRIME SPORTS

6.00	Live The Australian Open Day 5
6.30	Day 5 Session
12.30	5 Nations Championships Scotland v Ireland
2.00	Live The Australian Open Day 5 Night Session
8.00	Boxing
10.00	The Australian Open Day 5 Night Session
3.30	Boxing
5.30	Omega 1992 Gold Cup Bermuda

(The timings above are Bangladesh Standard Time)

Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
B.Barua PWD Division, B.Barua

Notice Inviting Tender

1. Sealed tenders in BD Form No 2911 are hereby invited from the approved Special Class-I (One), Class-I (One) Bldg. contractor of PWD, Class-II (Two) Bldg contractor of PWD Chittagong Zone, Chittagong & Class-III (Three) Bldg contractor of PWD Circle, Comilla for the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Comilla/Chandpur/Noakhali/Feni/Lakshimpur in their respective offices up to 1-00 pm on 27.1.93 and will be opened on the same day at 1-15 pm in presence of the tenderers who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.
2. Tender form will be sold up to 26.1.93.
3. Name of work : Constr. of 356 Nos. Thana Health Complex one at Bancharampur in the Dist. of B.Barua (Sub-head: Constrn. of Hospital Bldg. Back portion, west side) during the year 1992-93.
4. Estimated Cost : Tk. 3,43,816.16
5. Earnest Money : Tk. 6,880/-
6. Time allowed for completion of work for the date of issue of Work Order : 60 (Sixty) days.

Executive Engineer
B. Barua PWD Division
B. Barua

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Project Implementation Management Unit
Development of Primary Education in Chittagong Division
Road No. 8/A, House No 72
Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka

Tender Notice

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a Loan No. 1026 BAN (SF) from the Special Fund Resources of the Asian Development Bank for Development of Primary Education in Chittagong Division under General Education Project. The Project Implementation Management Unit with is the executive agency for the project invites sealed tenders from the bonafide local dealers/importers of Motor Vehicles that are substantially produced in any member country of the Asian Development Bank for the supply of the following goods from the ready stock.

Tender Number & Date	Description of goods	Price of tender documents (Non-refundable)	Earnest money	Last date & time of tender submission	Date & time of opening
Tender No. 1/93	1. Group-'A' Jeep - 7 Nos.	Tk. 750/-	2%	31-1-93 12.00 Noon	31-1-93 12.05 PM
PIMU 7-1-93	2. Group-'B' Motor Cycle-125 Nos	Tk. 750/-	2%		
	3. Group-'C' Bi-cycle-525 Nos	Tk. 750/-	2%		

1. Tender documents containing the detailed list and number of each item to be supplied specification and the terms and conditions of the supply, contract, may be obtained from the office of the P.I.M.U. on all working days during office hours on cash payment. Tender to be dropped in to the tender box kept in-office of the P.I.M.U. Road No. 8/A, House No. 72, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka.
2. No tender documents will be sold on the opening day of the tender.
3. Payment of earnest money shall have to be in the form of Account payee Bank Draft or Bank Guarantee from any scheduled bank in favour of the Project Director, PIMU.
4. Delivery of the goods shall have to be made the office of the Project Implementation Management Unit (PIMU) free of cost.
5. The PIMU authority reserves the right to reject all or any tender including the lowest tender or accept any tender in part or full and to waive any irregularity of the tender if it is in the interest of the project, without showing any reason whatsoever.

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A K M Azad Sarker
Project Director

BANGLADESH PARJATAN CORPORATION
National Tourism Organization
233, Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka

Tender Notice for Purchase of Vehicles (Car)

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the reputed Sole Agents/Distributors for purchase of Toyota/Mitsubishi/Nissan/Honda Civic Car only of following specification 1200/1300cc Petrol engine, 4 Cylinder, white 4 doors Sedan car with high ground clearance suspension, Power steering, AM/FM Radio, Cassette player, Quartz clock, heated rear window, Walkie-talkie, Air-mix heater, Central door locking system, Rear heater duct, Airconditioner with all standard tools and accessories as supplied by the manufacturer.

The tenderer shall have to submit detailed technical specification of the car with catalogue along with their offer.

The tender is to be dropped in the tender box kept in the office of the undersigned up to 12 Noon on 31-1-93 and will be opened on the same day at 1 pm by the committee in presence of the tenderer, if any.

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

Capt Sheikh A N Abdul Hai (Ret'd)
Manager

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Information & Plan-A-Car