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BJMC earns Tk 375cr in eight months

The 13th meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Jute Ministry was held here yesterday with the chairman of the committee Jute Minister ASM Hannan Shah in the chair, reports BSS. The meeting discussed various aspects of exporting jute goods abroad. Meanwhile, Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) has exported one lakh ninety-six thousand metric tons of jute goods and earned 375 crore taka in the first eight and a half months of the current financial year. The quantity of export is 19 per cent higher while the earned amount is 7.1 per cent more than that of the corresponding period of last year. But at the same time the Bangladesh Jute Mills Association (BJMA) and the Bangladesh Jute Spinners Association (BJSA) have failed to attain its export target both in terms of quantity and earnings. Members of the Jatiya Sangsad Advocate Khairul Enam, AKM Fazlul Haq, Mosharrar Hossain and Altaf Hossain Golandaj were present in the meeting.



National Professor Shamsul Haq speaking at a discussion on the book titled 'Bangladesh in International Politics: The Dilemmas of Weak States' at BIIS auditorium yesterday. Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman is seen on dais. (Story on page 12) — Star photo

Gamma irradiation plant commissioned in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Mar 30: The first commercial gamma irradiation plant in the country was formally commissioned today in the BSCIC industrial estate at Faujdardhat here, reports BSS. Gammatech Limited, a private joint venture company between Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC) and Beximco Group established the multi-purpose gamma irradiation plant to preserve foods and sterilise medical, family planning and personal care products and supplies. Inaugurating the plant as the chief guest Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sirar said irradiation was a convenient and efficient technique for food preservation and sterilisation of medical products, which is now recognised and accepted internationally. He said the use of this technique would help achieve high degree of sterility for bulk supplies in a short period of time. Presided over by BAEC Chairman Dr M A Mannan, the inaugural function was addressed, among others, by L K Siddiqui MP, Additional Secretary in-Charge of the Science and Technology Division Abdulla Haroon Asha, Beximco Chairman Sobel Rahman and Managing Director of Gammatech Dr Mir Mosharrar Hossain. Speaking on the occasion Dr M A Mannan, who is also Chairman of Gammatech Limited, said food irradiation is used to save energy, reduce foodspoilage, ensure supply of safer and quality foods, extend storage life, improve distribution and marketing leading to stabilisation of food prices. The irradiation plant has been established at a cost of Taka 8 crore with the technical assistance of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Dr Mannan said irradiated food was safe and beneficial for mankind and it was proved by experiments conducted by the UN agencies like FAO, WHO and IAEA. Dr Mosharrar Hossain said irradiation could be profitably used in preserving frozen shrimps, fish and meat by prolonging storage life, reducing spillage bacterial load, reducing the number of certain pathogenic microorganisms which cause food borne diseases and safeguarding against foreign buyer's rejection. He said irradiation could inhibit sprouting and rotting of potatoes, onions and garlics during storage and reduce sweetening of potatoes in the off-season. It can also control insect and fungal infestation of dried fish, he added.

Move to make DCs project coordinators slated

By Staff Correspondent Engineers, agriculturalists, physicians and Bangladesh Civil Service coordination committee Tuesday slated government move to make the DCs and Divisional Commissioners the coordinators of the local-level development projects. In an emergency meeting of the committee chaired by its chairman Dr M A Majed, the organisation reviewed the report published in The Daily Star and said "it considers the move as a backward step by the government." The committee urged the government to give up the idea and to implement the BCS action committee's decision to handover the charge to the functional departments or the organisations or the project directors. It urged its members to make the committee's programme from April 5 to 18 a success.

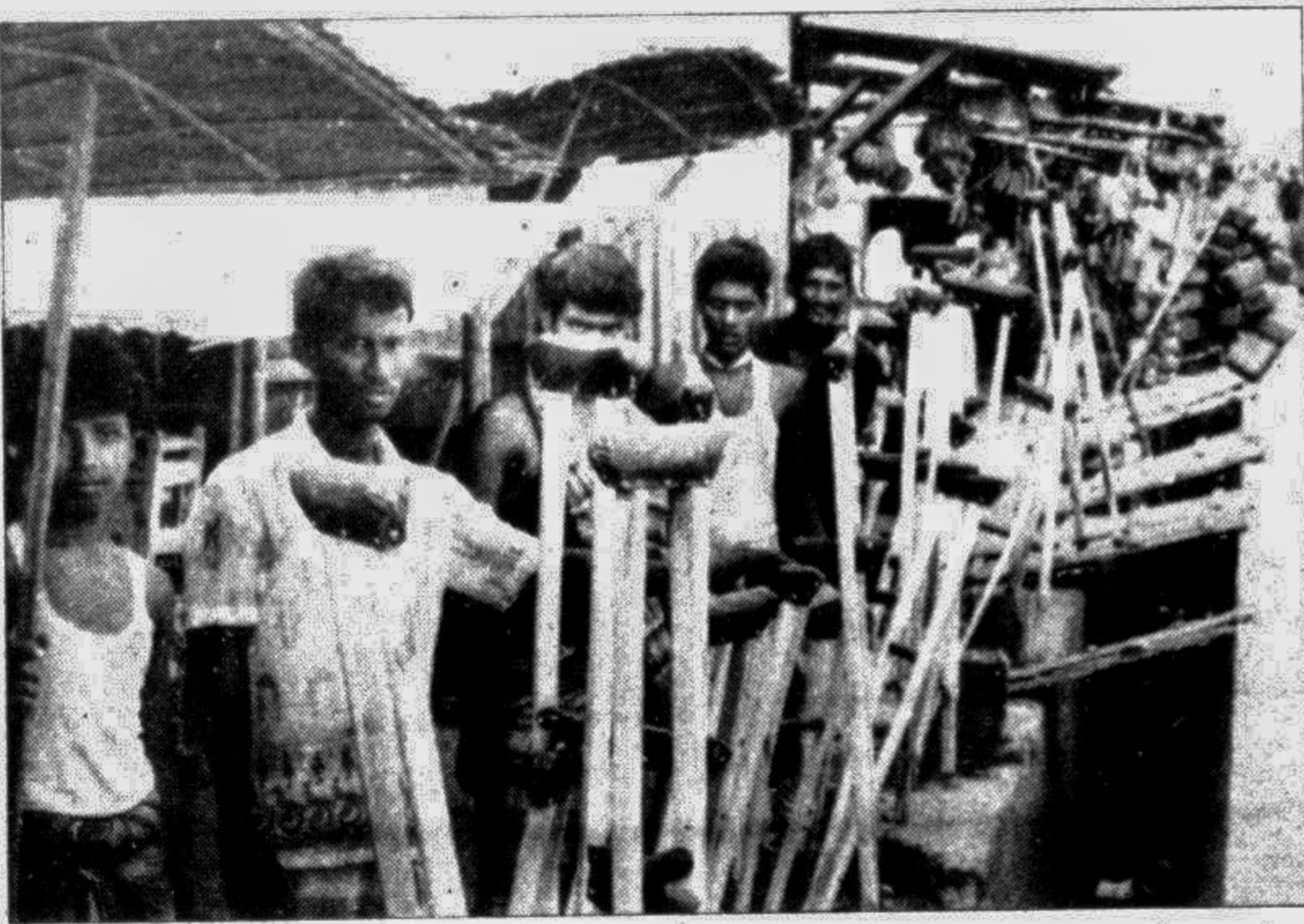
Eye-Specialist Surgeon Wanted

Applications are invited for the post of an Eye-Specialist Surgeon for Karmirhath Eye Hospital, College Road, Gaibandha. The applicants should have passed DO or DCO at least. Salary and other benefits will be fixed up on negotiation. The candidates will have to appear before an Interview Board on 04-04-93 at 11 am at Karmirhath Karjalaya. No TA or DA will be paid for this purpose. President Karmirhath (NGO) Phone 365-633 D-242

Dhaka Day by Day

When the Going Gets Tough

By Shamsad Mortuza



"We cannot pray for accidents to occur for the sake of our profit," said Mohammad Ayub Ali, one of the nine craftsmen involved in making crutches in front of the "Pongu Hospital." There are nine small hut-like shops in total that sell wooden crutches for the lame patients at the city's biggest orthopaedic centre. "Gamar, Garzan and Mango timbers are generally used to make these crutches, essential for the treatment of injured or handicapped persons," added Ayub, pointing at the crutches that stood in front of him. Usually, the sale varies from eight to ten pairs a day — however, often there is a day without a single sale, informed the 26-year-old young man. "There was not a single client yesterday, and until now we have not had a customer," said he looking at the blazing sun. "Our business rises and falls with the number of accidents," conceded Ayub. "Sometimes there are some rich customers who buy 10 to 12 crutches at a time to donate them among the poor," came a voice from aside. Matur Rahman, a crippled man in his early thirties appeared. "We take less money for a large volume of supply," he said, while working on the curved wooden portion of the crutch. The normal price of a pair of crutches ranges from Taka 100 to Taka 150. Steel made crutches are sold for Taka 250. Typhoid cost Matur Rahman both his legs when he was just a year old. Being crippled himself, he with his skilled hands prepared the 'helping sticks' for the handicapped to walk with. "I was trained in this profession by the Baptist missionaries at Tongi. This is the only thing I am capable of doing to earn my bread," sighed Matur, while sawing off the timber into sizes. "The making charge of the crutches are around Taka 100, but we have to pay Taka 400 per month for the shop." The shops, though built on government khas land by the side walk, opposite to the orthopaedic hospital is "owned" by some local musclemen, whose name the traders declined to mention. "We have to pay the police also for looking after us...." said one salesman. "We are here because we are needed... whenever a crippled man comes into the hospital, crutches are a must to support his plaster wrapped legs," he added. One patient of the orthopaedic hospital, however, had a different opinion about the crutch-shops. "It is very painful to see the crutches just opposite to the entrance of the hospital... it reminds you that you are an invalid," said the patient sitting at the corridor of the hospital. "We will be very much obliged if the government makes a permanent shed for us in the hospital premises," said another salesman. "In that case the government, instead of the 'musclemen,' will earn some revenue, and we will be saved from the harassment of the bullies," he added.

5-party call to make Nirmul rally a success

The Five Party Alliance Monday called upon the people to unitedly resist any attempt of the government to thwart tomorrow's public meeting in the city called by the Nirmul Committee, reports UNB. The call was given by the steering committee of the alliance at a meeting held at the residence of Rashed Khan Menon in the evening. The Alliance convener Hasanul Haq Inu chaired the meeting. The National Coordination Committee for Elimination of Killers and Collaborators of 71 called the country-wide demonstration on March 31 to protest police excess on during their rallies March 26 and 28. It called for making the March 31 programmes of the Committee an outright success.

JS body on Social Welfare meet held

About 11.5 thousand men and women have been rehabilitated socio-economically during the last 12 years through six government rehabilitation centres run by Social Services Department, reports BSS. This was informed yesterday in a meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Welfare Ministry at the Sangsad Bhaban here. State Minister for Social Welfare and Women's Affairs Sarwari Rahman presided over the meeting. It was informed in the meeting that 1354 inmates of six government rehabilitation centres are residing at Mirpur of Dhaka, Godnail of Narayanangj, Betila of Manikganj, Dhala of Mymensingh, Kashimpur and Pubail of Gazipur.

Commemorative stamps on World Health Day

Bangladesh Postal Department will release two commemorative stamps of Tk 6 and Tk 10 denomination on April 7 on the occasion of World Health Day, reports UNB. A first day cover valued at Tk 5 will also be released and a special cancellor will be used on the occasion, said an official handout yesterday. The stamps and the first day cover will be sold at the main post offices of the country including four GPOs.

BFUJ forms tribunal to solve problems

A 10-member tribunal was formed at a meeting of the Executive Committee of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) yesterday to solve various organisational problems, a BFUJ press release said, reports BSS. Held at the Jatiya Press Club with Acting President of BFUJ Alhaj Zahurul Haq in the chair, the meeting took the decision as per provision of its constitution. The meeting decided to hold the re-election for the posts of president and two members of the executive committee by September 23 next instead of April 2 as scheduled earlier. The meeting also unanimously adopted some specific measures to overcome various organisational problems.

শাখা উদ্বোধন... দেশের আর্থ-সামাজিক ব্যবস্থার সার্বিক উন্নয়নে ব্যাংকিং সেবা সম্প্রসারণের প্রয়াসে অন্য, ৩১শে মার্চ, ১৯৯৩ ইং তারিখে চূড়ান্তগো জেলার আলমডাঙ্গায় রূপালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড এর ৫১৭তম শাখার শুভ উদ্বোধন করা হচ্ছে। রূপালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড উত্তম সেবার নিশ্চয়তা



City Awami League brought out a procession yesterday protesting police attack on Nirmul rally. —Star photo

HERE and THERE

Lok Nattya Dal Lok Nattya Dal organised a get-together at the Mahila Samity auditorium recently. Activists of fifty theatre groups took part in the get-together. Sports, music were the highlights of the day. Bangladesh Cancer Society The 20-member Executive Committee of the Bangladesh Cancer Society (BCS) was formed recently with Prof Syed Fazlul Haq and Prof Samir Kumar Sharma as President and Secretary-General respectively. The meeting forming the committee was held at the office of the society with its President Prof Haq in the chair. The other office bearers of the society are: Vice-President— Prof Mirza Mazharul Islam and Shahabuddin Mahlab, Treasurer— Dr MA Mazed, Joint Secretary— Dr SM Anisur Rahman, Organising Secretary— Dr Sheikh Golam Mustafa, Social Welfare Secretary— Advocate Humayun Kabir, Publicity Secretary— Dr AKM Azad, Scientific Affairs Secretary— Prof AKM Nurul Islam.

Weather Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent Weather forecast by Met office for the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Wednesday) says, weather is likely to remain dry and day temperature may rise by one to two degree Celsius over the country. The maximum temperature of the country recorded yesterday (Tuesday) of 32.7 degree Celsius was reported from Jessore and the minimum of 12.5 degree was from Ranpur. The sun sets today (Wednesday) at 6.14 pm and rises tomorrow (Thursday) at 5.51 am. The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some of the major cities and towns of the country yesterday were: Cities/Towns Temperature in degree Celsius Humidity in percentage 9 am 6 pm Dhaka 31.3 15.8 45 34 Chittagong 30.0 16.4 45 54 Rajshahi 32.5 13.8 44 37 Khulna 31.0 17.1 65 44 Barisal 30.8 17.4 72 65 Cox's Bazar 31.6 18.7 48 55 Sylhet 29.5 16.3 64 39 Dinajpur 31.5 13.0 47 35

নোটিশ সাবজজ ও ৪র্থ অর্থশ্রম আদালত, ঢাকা। মানি মোকদ্দমা নং-১১০/১৯৯২। রূপালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড, মাধ্যমে রূপালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড, মতিঝিল শাখা, ৫৯, মতিঝিল বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা, বাসা- মতিঝিল, ঢাকা। - বাদী - - স্বাক্ষর - জনাব সি, জেড, হুদাভার, পিতা- মৃত সি, এ, হুদাভার, স্বত্বাধিকারী- মেসার্স হাইট মেটাল ইন্ডাস্ট্রিজ, ৩৯, বি, বি, এ্যাভিনিউ (২য় তলা), বাসা- রমনা, ঢাকা। - বিবাদী - এতদ্বারা উপরোক্ত মোকদ্দমার বিবাদীকে জানানো বাইতেরে যে, বাদী রূপালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড, উক্ত বিবাদীর সিকট বিলত ০০/০৯/৯২ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত হিসাবে অন্যদ্বারা ১১,৯৬,২৮০০৫ (এগার লক্ষ ছিয়ানব্বই হাজার দুই শত পঁচাত্তি টাকা পাঁচ পয়সা) টাকা মাত্র আদায়ের জন্য আপনার বিরুদ্ধে বাদী উপরোক্ত মোকদ্দমা দায়ের করিয়াছে। আপনি বিবাদী উপরোক্ত মোকদ্দমার প্রতিবন্ধিতা করিতে চাহিলে আগামী ইংরেজী ৬/৪/৯৩ইং তারিখে আদালতে আপনি নিজে অবধা নিবৃত্তির কৌশলীর মাধ্যমে উপস্থিত হইয়া যথাযথ ব্যবস্থা লিখিব। অন্যথায় উপরোক্ত মোকদ্দমা আপনার অন্যদ্বারা সুদানী ও নিশ্চিতি করা হইবে। অন্য ১৬/০৩/১৯৯৩ ইং তারিখে আদায় স্বাক্ষর ও আদালতের মোহরসহ প্রেরণ করা হইবে। আবেদনকার মোঃ খোরশেদ আলম খাঁর। শেরেভাঙ্গার সাবজজ ও অর্থশ্রম আদালত নং- ৪, ঢাকা।

Carry out duties sincerely: Abbas By Staff Correspondent Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Mayor Mirza Abbas, MP, has urged all to carry out their duties sincerely to make the hard earned independence of the country meaningful. He was addressing a discussion meeting organised by DCC Karmachari Sangsad to mark the Independence Day as chief guest yesterday. The function was addressed, among others, by DCC Secretary Abdus Shukur, sangsad president and general secretary Amruzzaman and Samsul Haq Bhuyyan respectively. BTV Wednesday 5.00 Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary 5.10 News in Bangla 5.25 Sports programme 6.30 Open University 6.55 Hikal Tamal 8.00 News in Bangla 8.30 Writer Talk Talk 9.00 Film: The Fall Guy 10.00 News in English 10.30 Magazine: Shurato Surkalpa 11.30 Khubar/ The News 11.45 Closing

PERSONNEL OFFICER

We invite applications for the post of Personnel Officer for our Dhamrai Complex. The position is ideally suited for a person with initiative, strong organisational skills and ability to deal with the personnel functions of different categories of employees. The successful candidate will have a University Degree, preferably with a diploma in Personnel Management having at least 5 years experience of working in a large Industrial Organisation in a similar position. Knowledge of Labour Laws will be an advantage. Age should not exceed 35 years on 1st April, 1993. Applications with full Curriculum Vitae and passport size photograph to reach the Company by 20th April, 1993. Envelopes should be superscribed with "Personnel Officer". Company Secretary Bata Shoe Company (Bangladesh) Ltd. Tongi, Gazipur. BATA/1504E/93

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