

SKOP, jute-textile workers plan another 72-hour shutdown

By Nazmul Ashraf

Massive preparations are underway to enforce another shutdown, likely a 72-hour one in early May, by the labour forces belonging to the industries, transports, banks and other government, semi-government and autonomous bodies, organisers told this paper yesterday.

The fresh programme by the Sramik Karmachari Otkya Parishad (SKOP) and the Action Committee of the trade unions in the jute-textile-cotton-sugar-BSEC is nearing finalisation as their separate accords with the government yet to be implemented.

Leaders of the SKOP and the Action Committee are now holding hectic parleys among themselves to finalise the new shutdown, its duration and the strategies to make the programme effective, sources said adding "this programme aims at paralysing the capital city and creating a deadlock in the production to compel the authorities implement the agreements."

The accords provided, among other issues, announcement of National Wages and Productivity Commission report, fixation of national wages and halt to the government's disinvestment process. The SKOP and the Action body observed a nationwide 48-hour strike March 15-16 in this regard.

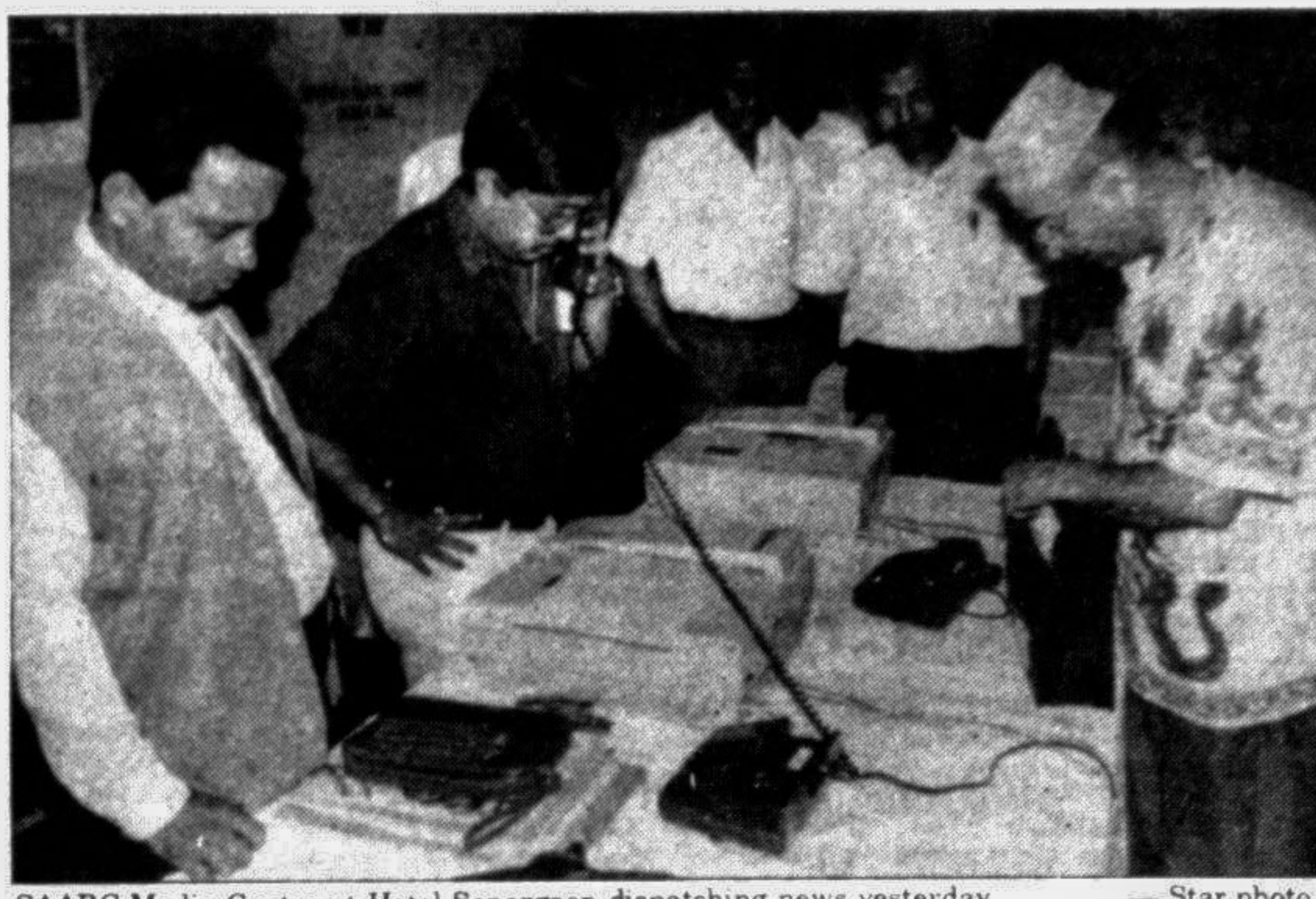
According to competent sources, the Action Committee in its national convention that began in the city yesterday discussed the fresh programme with special emphasis on a 72-hour work-stoppage in the first week of May. The convention was adjourned to meet again at 3 pm Sunday at Hotel Purbargh where the new programme would be finalised. The adjournment was decided to reach consensus with the SKOP leaders on a combined or a simultaneous action.

The SKOP-Action body leaders will meet today at 5 pm at the Trade Union Centre (TUC) office to exchange opinion on the issue.

Action Committee leader, Abul Bashar told The Daily Star, in today's joint meeting "we will try to negotiate with the SKOP on the fresh action programme in the light of the convention's deliberation and will endorse the same Sunday."

Revealing that the SKOP starts hectic parleys with the labour leaders in various public and private sectors tomorrow, SKOP leader Abdullah Sarkar told the paper, "We expect to decide on a 72-hour shutdown, possibly in early May, soon after our talks with all concerned are over." "But this time we attach special emphasis on the effectiveness of our action," Sarkar said adding "the government doesn't pay heed to our demand unless public life in the capital is paralysed."

The 3-day parleys of the SKOP with its components begins tomorrow and similar talks with the political parties and organisations will start shortly after, sources said.



SAARC Media Centre at Hotel Sonargaon dispatching news yesterday. — Star photo

'Lack of mutual trust hinders SAARC spirit'

By Staff Correspondent

The willingness of the people for a peaceful co-existence can play a major role in the close co-operation of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC).

This was emphasized by different speakers at a discussion meeting titled 'Improving the bilateral relations: a precondition for peace and stability in the South Asia' held at the National Museum auditorium yesterday organised by Bangladesh Peace Council.

Presenting the key-note paper, former Foreign Secretary, Shah A M S Kibria said that lack of mutual trust and friendly relations are the main reasons behind the stagnation of SAARC.

"Communalism has been playing as a major set back for co-operation of the SAARC countries and the main agenda for this Seventh SAARC Summit should be to arrest this phenomenon", Kibria said.

"Unless communalism is eradicated, atmosphere for co-operation for this region would not prevail," he added.

Talking about the Indo-Bangladesh relationship, he said, "India can not expect good ties by depriving Bangladesh of its just share of Ganges water."

Former Chief Justice Kemal Uddin Hossain while presiding over the function also endorsed the view that communalism must be eliminated.

He said the people must be made aware of the fact that communalism and fanaticism hinder good relationship.

Prof Kabir Chowdhury of Dhaka University said political commitment is a must for improving mutual co-operations between the countries. He said the people can play a role in forming that political commitment. "If the government is not true representative of the people, people's will gets bogged down", Prof Chowdhury said.

Maidul Hassan, writer of Muldhara '71, said there is a silver lining showing as the cold war has ended and a democratic government has been set up in the country.

Bangla-Dutch accord on investment promotion

Bangladesh and the Netherlands here Thursday signed a bilateral agreement on the protection and promotion of investment, reports UNB.

The agreement is aimed at intensifying bilateral economic relations with regard to investments by Bangladeshis and the Dutch in the two countries. Industries Secretary A H M Abdul Hye and the Netherlands Ambassador to Bangladesh Henricus Gajentaan signed the agreement on behalf of their respective governments at the conference room of the industries Ministry.

Speaking on the occasion, the Industries Secretary explained five objectives of the country's industrial policy and said the present government is trying to increase infrastructural facilities to the foreign investors.



Saturday

Morning Session

8:30 Opening announcement
9:00 Live telecast of the inaugural session of the 7th SAARC summit

Evening Session

5:00 Opening announcement
Al-Quran Programme summary
5:10 News in Bangla
5:25 Amra Natun
5:50 Cartoon film: The Peter Pan and the Pirates
6:30 SAARC cultural programme
7:00 Bamsbari
8:00 News in Bangla
8:30 Matt-o-Marush
9:00 Abhimat
10:00 News in English
10:30 Film show: Dallas
11:30 Khabar/The News
11:45 Closing



Saturday, 10th April (All programmes in local time)

6 am	World News
6:25	Newsnight
7:00	World News
7:25	Mastermind
8:00	World News
8:25	Newsnight
9:00	World News
9:25	Kilroy
10:00	World News
10:25	Network East Extra
11:00	World News
11:25	Film 93
12:00	World News
12:25	France Means Business
1:00	World News
1:25	The Late Show
2:00	World News
2:25	Public Eye
3:00	World News
3:25	TBA
4:00	World News
4:25	World News Week
5:00	World News
5:25	A Question Of Sport
6:00	World News
6:25	Cats
7:00	World News
7:25	The Late Show
8:00	News Headlines
8:25	Rough Guides
9:00	World News
9:25	Network East Extra
10:00	World News
10:25	Reportage
11:00	World News
11:10	Assignment
12:00	World News
12:25	The Late Show
1:00	World News
1:25	Network East Extra
2:00	News Headlines
2:05	Rough Guides
3:00	World News
3:25	UN World
4:00	World News
4:25	Top Gear
5:00	World News
5:25	Floyd On Britain



6:00	Size Small
6:30	Dinky Dog
7:00	Easter Special: Alice Through The Looking Glass
8:30	The STAR Kid Show
9:00	Family Specials: Two Of Hearts
10:30	Attitudes
11:50	Today's Gourmet
12:00	Easter Special: The Least Leaf
12:30	Matinee Classics: Dressed To Kill
2:30	Holiday
3:00	A Traveller's Guide To The Orient
3:30	Street NOISE
4:00	The Spectacular World Of Guinness Records
4:30	VideoVision Monthly: Gender Bender
5:00	Easter Special: Elaine Page Live in Concert
6:00	Sledge Hammer!
6:30	The New Statesman
7:00	Lou Grant
8:00	Crime Story
9:30	St Elsewhere
10:10	Ruth Rendell: The Speaker Of Mandern
11:10	Mini Serca: Choosing Rainbows
12:30	Movie Television
1:10	Fame, Fortune & Romance
2:10	White Shadow
3:00	Beyond 2000
4:00	Easter Special: Elaine Page - Live in Concert
5:00	Choppy & The Princess
5:30	Ovid & The Gang

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বিদ্যুৎ বিল নিয়মিত পরিশোধ করুন

Tenders are invited from Power Development Board enlisted contractors for construction of 11/0.4 KV, 0.4 KV Lines & Sub-station for (1) electrification of Mughia union & Shekha Para village in Magura Sadar thana, (2) electrification of Sreerampur village in Magura Sadar thana, (3) electrification of Sana Daha & irrigation project in Jhenidah Sadar thana, (4) electrification of No. 5 Baliadi union in Mohammadpur thana and (5) electrification of irrigation pump at Andralia village in Harinakundu thana - under Planning & Development Division, PDB, Jessore Office as per tender. All documents of tender notice, terms & conditions etc. will be sold at Taka 150/= (one hundred fifty) only (non-refundable) per set per work from Additional Chief Engineer, Distribution, Western Zone, PDB, Khulna; Superintending Engineer, Planning & Development Circle, PDB, Khulna & Janata Bank, Chanchra Branch, Jessore on permission of head of the office up to 21-04-93. Tenders will be received up to 12:00 Noon on 22-04-93 and the tender box will be opened on the same day at 12:30 minutes in presence (if any) of the tenderers.

Executive Engineer
Planning & Development Division
PDB, Jessore

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DFP (BA) 2716-1/4
G-478

Mannan condoles Zahir's death

State Minister for Textiles Major (Retd) Abdul Mannan has expressed his deep shock and condolence at the sad demise of prominent businessman and a past-Governor of Lion District-315A, Humayun Zahir, reports BSS.

In a condolence message, the State Minister said Governor of Lion district late Zahir was a very popular and prominent figure in the country. Mannan said he (Zahir) dedicated and devoted himself for the welfare of humanity and distressed people of the country.



Obituary

Md Aminul Karim, Associate Professor of Islamic History and Culture, Government BM University College, died of massive heart attack at Barisal on April 4. He was 51, says a press release.

His namaz-e-janaza was held at BM College mosque premises.

He was the second son of Abdus Sobhan, well known lawyer of Barisal. He left behind his wife and two sons.

The BM College Students' Union and the BM College Teachers' Council in separate resolutions have condoled the sad and sudden demise of Karim.

Eminent educationist Prof Mushahid Ali Choudhury died of old age complications at a city clinic yesterday, family sources said. He was 87, reports BSS.

He left behind his wife, three sons, three daughters and a large number of admirers, relations and students to mourn his death.

His namaz-e-janaza was held at Baitul Mukarram National Mosque after Asr prayers yesterday and he was buried at the Banani graveyard.

A retired Professor of General Animal Science of Bangladesh Agricultural University, late Choudhury hailed from Bhanibazar of Sylhet district.

His qukhwan will be held at his eldest son's residence at House-99A, Road-4, Banani on Monday after Asr prayers.

What's on today . . .

Lecture on Ceramic Industries
A lecture on quality control in ceramic industries, organised by Bangladesh Ceramic Society, will be held today (Saturday) at the auditorium of BCSIR at 10 am.

Seminar on Independence and Bangabandhu
Dakhin Bangla Jubo Kalyan Samity will hold a seminar on 'Independence and Bangabandhu' to mark the Independence Day at the Jatiya Grantha Kendra at 5 pm today (Saturday).

Council of Editors seminar
Bangladesh Council of Editors will hold a seminar on 'Farakka and its adverse effect' today (Saturday) at the VIP lounge of National Press Club at 3 pm.

Eminent water expert B M Abbas will attend the function as the chief guest.

1400 Year Celebration Council meet
The National Committee of Bengali 1400 Year Celebration Council will hold a general meeting today (Saturday) at 4 pm at the Bangabandhu Bhaban.

Educational fair
An educational fair titled 'Meeting our neighbours - The SAARC countries' will be held at the New English School in Dhanmondi in the capital today (Saturday), at 4.30 pm.

Mrs Sigma Huda, Secretary General of Bangladesh Society for Enforcement of Human Rights, will inaugurate the fair at the school premises.

The fair depicting culture, history, economy and tradition of all the seven SAARC countries through sketches and drawings, has been prepared by the students of the school themselves.

HERE and THERE

Stamp Vendor Samity meet
The Central Convenor Committee of the Bangladesh Stamp Vendor Samity held a meeting in the city with the President of Naogaon Stamp Vendor Samity Habibur Rahman Mia in the chair.

The session was attended by A I B Duza as chief guest and President of Dhaka Dalil Likhak Stamp Vendor Samity Syed Yunus Ali.

It was addressed, among others, by Samity Convenor Syed Helal Uddin Helal, Lokman Hossain, Strajul Islam Chowdhury, Al Haj Abdul Gafur Mandol and Md Abul Hassem.

St Joseph's Old Boys' Assoc
The Annual General Meeting and election of the office-bearers of St Joseph's Old Boys' Association was held recently at the school premises, says a press release.

The elected office-bearers for the year 1993-94 are: Riazur Rahman - President, Ijaz Hossain - Vice President, Mudasir Murtaza Moin - General Secretary, Anwarul Kabir - Treasurer, Mostafa Moin - Joint Secretary, Abu Nasr Mainuddin - Activities Secretary, Tanvir Ahmed, Anwar Zahid, Omar Serajul Hasan, Tareq Ali, Rezaul Amin, Sanjeev Farid.

UNAB
In observance of World Health Day, the United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB) arranged a seminar on World Health Organization's theme 'Handle Life with Care - Prevent Violence and Negligence' on Thursday at the Conference Hall of the P G Hospital, says a press release.

Dr A N A Abeyasundere, Representative, World Health Organization (WHO) in Bangladesh was the main speaker while Professor Dr T A Chowdhury, Director IPGMR presided over the meeting.

The seminar was addressed by Charles Larimont, Resident Representative, UNDP, Dr A Majid, President, Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA), Dr Rashiduddin Ahmed, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery, P G Hospital, eminent social scientist Dr Kazi Kholiqzaman Ahmed, Chairman Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad and Advocate Syed Ahmad Hossain, Secretary-General, UNAB.

Weather

Rain with gusty wind likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast for the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Saturday) says rain or showers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at a few places over Khulna, Barisal divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Chittagong divisions.

The Met office forecasts day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The maximum temperature of the country recorded yesterday was 36.5 degree Celsius in Cox's Bazar and the minimum of 18.0 degree was reported from Rangamati.

The sun sets today (Saturday) at 6.18 pm and rises tomorrow (Sunday) at 5.41 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
Dhaka	Max 31.6, Min 20.2	9 am 62, 6 pm 57
Chittagong	34.4, 20.0	68, 71
Rajshahi	33.0, 18.8	64, 58
Khulna	33.6, 20.2	53, -
Barisal	32.6, 19.4	66, 65
Cox's Bazar	36.5, 23.8	60, 74
Sylhet	30.3, 18.6	78, 59
Dinajpur	33.0, 20.5	54, 47

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Ministry of Defence
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Tender Notice

1. Sealed Tenders in foreign/local currency is invited from bonafide Manufacturers/Dealers/Suppliers/ Indentors (Enlistment with this Directorate General is not necessary) for supply of following item for Army:-

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2. Tender schedule with specification will be available on cash payment Tk. 30.00 (Not refundable) from 13-4-93 to 25-5-93 on any working day between 08.00 hours to 12.00 Noon. The tender will be opened on 26-5-1993 at 10.00 hours in presence of all tenderers present (if any).

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Time Extension of International Tender for Expansion of City Gate Station, Chittagong

Date for submission of Tender for Expansion of City Gate Station, Chittagong scheduled to be opened on 20-4-93 hereby extended up to 28th April '93. Time & place remains unchanged.

All intending bidders are requested to note the above. They are also requested to contact BGS office to ensure receipt of clarifications and minor changes made in the tender document earlier, which were notified to them by Telex/Fax.

গাছ লাগান গাছের পরিচর্যা করুন এবং পরিবেশ বাঁচান—প্রধানমন্ত্রী

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Notice Inviting Tender

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from Public Works Directorate approved sewerage & water supply contractors, as per financial capacity for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received by the undersigned/Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Sirajganj/Jaipurhat & Superintending Engineer, Public Works Circle, Bogra at their respective offices upto 12:00 Noon on 19-4-93 and opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence (if any) of the willing tenderers.

No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Class of contractor eligible to submit tender
	Sewerage & water supply to 4(four) unit armed & unarmed Sub-Inspectors' quarters at Bogra Police Line.	Taka 2,99,097/=	Taka 5,982/=	Public Works Directorate approved first & second class sanitary & plumbing contractor.

Schedule of work of tender, additional terms & conditions and tender form etc. can be seen at the office of the undersigned/Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Sirajganj/Jaipurhat/Sub-Divisional Engineer, Public Works Sub-Division No. 1/2 & Public Works E/M Sub-Division, Bogra during office hours and bought at prescribed price (non-refundable) upto 5.00 PM of 17-4-93.

Md. Amjad Hossain
Executive Engineer
Bogra Public Works Division
Bogra
Phone No. 6604

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G-479

Death anniversary

The third death anniversary of noted music director and singer of Radio Bangladesh and Television Md Shamsuddoha will be observed today, reports BSS.

Quarankhwani and milad mahfil will be held at his 15/4, Tajmahal Road, Mohammadpur residence after Asr prayers.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the milad mahfil.