

# Dhaka Day by Day

## The Lure Of Kabab

By A S M Nurunnabi

For those with a discriminating palate, kabab as a food item exercises a peculiar attraction. That its appeal is widespread and ever increasing can be gauged from the rising trend of new shops in this line on many important thoroughfares.

It is a Central Asian Uzbek or Mughal cuisine in origin. Because of its tremendous popularity, it has managed to survive over the years in the subcontinent and is still going strong in its appeal. It is surprising how a simple meat preparation like this could hold sway over the palate of millions for so long. The universality of its savouriness recommends itself as an antidote for anyone suffering from loss of appetite.

Kabab can be of several kinds, such as *taz kabab*, *jali kabab*, *chapli kabab*, *sikh kabab*, *bott kabab*, *mughlat kabab*, etc. Of these, *sikh kabab* (*shaslik* in westernised form) enjoys the greatest popularity. If you take this with *tanduri chapatti* and sauce, you will have a really tasty dish. If it is a rainy day, and you cook *khichuri*, you can have it with kabab of any kind and the combination will then make a dish hard to beat in its palatability.

The people of the old part of Dhaka are very fond of this food.

When evening sets in, the small shops in the lanes and by-lanes of that part become astrife with customers who fall for *sikh kabab* as it is cooked on sizzling fire. In the new part of the city also, new kabab shops are steadily coming up. It is not a cheap item, yet its popularity is such that there is no dearth of customers.

Its popularity is not confined to the limits of this sub-continent. It has spread far and wide, even to the distant shores of the east and the west. In those distant places, wherever there are oriental restaurants, the presence of kabab is ubiquitous.

As I was dining at an oriental restaurant in Tokyo a few years ago, I saw a middle-aged couple eating with obvious relish *nan roti* and

kabab. The Japanese people take mostly boiled and spiceless food. They now seem to be veering to the highly spiced and hot food such as kabab. The large presence of the Japanese in that restaurant testified to that. The same was found to be true in London and New York judged by the large-scale presence of westerners in oriental eating houses. I was told that trend in this line has been steadily mounting there. The west had its barbecue but it is debatable whether in taste and delectability it comes anywhere near the kabab. The west has also other forms of broiled meat, but to an eastern palate, kabab has an appeal of its own.



is not a confirmed vegetarian, will opt for the kabab dish.

The bottom line in the matter is that in the cuisine of every country there are certain dishes which surpass others in appeal and popularity. Kabab is one such dish in this region. The non-vegetarians with the tastes of a gourmet just revel in the glory of the kabab.

Dhaka has its one glorious tradition of kabab. Before the partition of India the mainstream kabab here was the *sooti kabab*—a *sikh* of that weighing several seers of mashed meat. Although cornered by the onset of several kinds of upstart kababs, this *khandani* dish is still holding out specially among the Dhakaite *khandani* gourmet.

## Push-in operation cross-border crimes discussed with India

Indo-Bangladesh annual border coordination conference began yesterday (Monday) at the BDR headquarters here to discuss cross-border crimes and some prickly issues like 'push-in' operation, reports UNB.

Officials said the border talks also dwelt on airspace violation, activity of the so-called 'Nikhil Bangla Nagarik Sangha' and disputed land in frontier areas.

Besides, the conference discussed in detail law and order situation in the border areas including killing, firing, smuggling, kidnapping, arrest, illegal manufacture of firearms, forgery of Bangladesh currency by Indian nationals, cattle lifting, dacoity and trespassing.

T Ananthachari, Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF), is leading an 11-member Indian delegation in the conference while Major General Mohammad Anwar Hossain, Director General of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR), heading a 19-member homedite.

The conference began in a spirit of traditional cordiality existing between the two friendly border forces. Among other members of the Bangladesh delegation are Deputy Director General of BDR, Joint Secretary (Border) of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Director of Land Record and Survey, Director, Operations and Training, BDR Sector Commanders of Myamensingh, Comilla, Khulna, Dinajpur, Rangamati, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Sylhet, Kustia and Khagrachari and General Staff Officer-1 (Operation and Intelligence) Staff Officer.

## Damage of Shishu Academy property condemned

Twelve juvenile organisations yesterday condemned the acts of damaging and setting property of Bangladesh Shishu Academy on fire by a group of unruly people on Sunday, reports BSS.

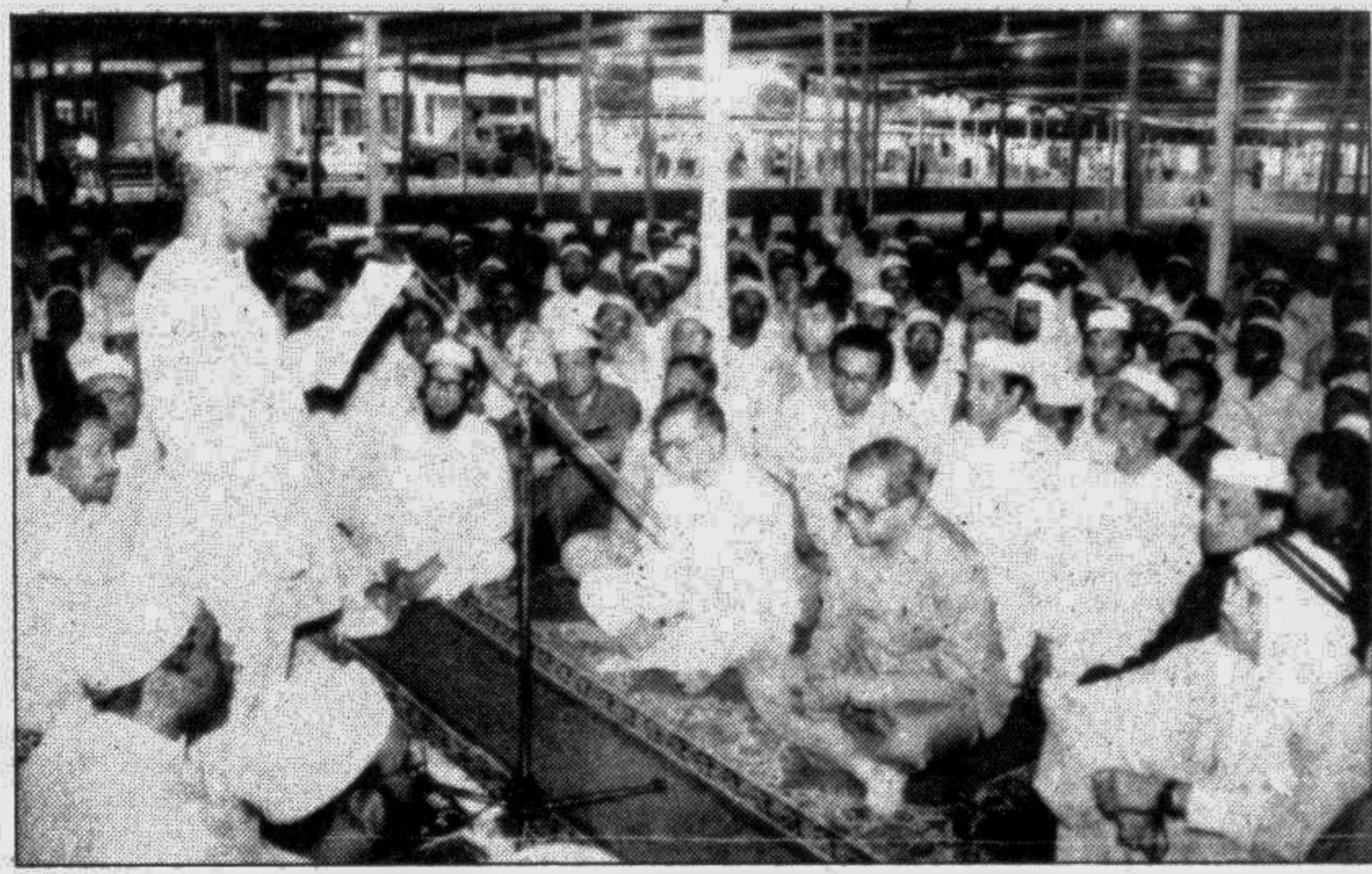
In a statement, the organisations described the Shishu Academy as symbol of the hopes and aspirations of children belonging to all walks of life of the country. They said the academy was the lone institution in the country working for the over-all welfare of the children.

## Mannan back home

Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan returned here yesterday from Tehran after attending the 13th conference of the labour ministers of the Asia-Pacific region of the International Labour Organisation (ILO), reports BSS.

Talking to newsmen at his official residence, the Labour and Manpower Minister said that the three-day conference, which ended on April 21, dealt with labour administration and technical cooperation among the member countries.

Delegation from 49 member countries and representatives of the ILO, ESCAP and UNDP attended the conference which was presided over by Iranian Labour and Social Welfare Minister Hossain Kamali.



President Abdur Rahman Biswas addressing as chief guest the inaugural ceremony of the temporary Hajj camp at Uttara Model Town yesterday. —PID photo

## Temporary Hajj Camp inaugurated Hajj establishes bonds of unity: Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday said the ideals of unity, brotherhood, equality and tolerance of Islam is established every year through performance of Hajj, reports BSS.

He said the bonds of unity established among the world people during Hajj develops great inspiration of mutual fellow feelings and obedience to Allah.

President Biswas inaugurated as the chief guest the temporary Hajj Camp at Uttara Model Town here. Built at a cost of over Taka one crore the camp can accommodate about 2,000 pilgrims at a time.

He said Allah had given the opportunity of expressing the strength of mind and the greatness of Islam only to the Muslims and that was why all Muslims should follow the teachings and ideals of Islam in their everyday life and activities, and at the same time strengthen the unity and solidarity of Muslim ummah.

Presided over by the State Minister for Religious Affairs Prof MA Mannan the function was also addressed by Secretary of the Ministry Abdul Awal and a pilgrim Moulana, Mohammad Hafizullah, Imam of Joydebpur Masjid. State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism M A Mannan, Deputy

Minister for Shipping A B M Zahidul Huq and some MPs were present.

The President urged the pilgrims to pray for peace, progress and prosperity of the country during performance of Hajj and also to pray for emancipation of the oppressed Muslim brethren in different countries.

He said a total of 15,000 Bangladeshis living at home and abroad will perform Hajj this year including 8,100 pilgrims who will perform Hajj under government arrangement.

State Minister M A Mannan said better houses with modern facilities were hired this year for accommodation of the Bangladesh pilgrims in Mecca.

He said the number of pilgrims under government arrangement is 8,100 this year which was 4,448 in 1992 and slightly over 1200 in 1991.

Organisers of the camp said the first batch of 301 pilgrims already reported at the camp yesterday and the would fly for Jeddah on May 1. All the pilgrims will be ferried by May 20 in 27 flights.

The camp has facilities for boarding, health and prayer, volunteers of the Ministry of Religious Affairs is in overall charge of supervision of the Hajj Camp.



Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-I) brought out a procession on the campus yesterday in protest against police action during Nirmul body's sit-in programme Sunday. —Star photo

## Iodine mixture plant in each refinery planned

Industries Minister Shamsul Islam Khan yesterday said that a programme had been taken up to set up iodine mixture plant in each of the 265 salt refineries and crushing factories of the country within this year with the cooperation of UNICEF, reports BSS.

He said this while inaugurating a new iodine plant at a salt factory at Fatulla yesterday.

The function was also addressed by Amanullah Aman MP, BSCIC Chairman Moniruzzaman Chowdhury and Chief Coordinator of UNICEF in Bangladesh Delwar Hossain. The function was presided

## VOA listeners contest begins

Continuing with the success of the Voice of America's 50th anniversary world-wide listeners contest in 1992, VOA has arranged a new contest around the world. The contest began on Friday last and promotional announcements regarding the contest are being broadcast on VOA's special English programmes. The announcement will continue for 30 days until May 21, says a press release.

The Industries Minister said, iodine plays a very important role in human health. He said due to deficit of iodine about one crore people of the country are suffering from goitre and other iodine deficiency diseases. He said that by using iodized salt those diseases could easily be prevented.

## Weather Showers with hail likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast for the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Tuesday) says, rain or showers with hail accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind may occur at few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Chittagong divisions and at one or two places over Khulna, Barisal divisions.

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

The maximum temperature of 36.4 degree Celsius recorded yesterday (Monday) was reported from Satkhira and the minimum of 18.3 degree from Sylhet and Rangpur.

The sun sets today (Tuesday) at 6:25 pm and rises tomorrow Wednesday at 5:26 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	
	Max	Min	9am	6pm
Dhaka	32.7	25.6	73	77
Chittagong	32.0	24.4	75	78
Rajshahi	33.7	23.8	76	64
Khulna	35.2	26.0	72	60
Barisal	33.6	26.0	82	75
Cox's Bazar	33.0	25.0	72	77
Sylhet	28.1	18.3	98	77
Dinajpur	27.0	18.5	76	72



Procession of Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya on the campus yesterday. —Star photo

## Unified ML council deferred

The national council of the unified Muslim League scheduled for April 30 has been deferred to May 21, reports UNB.

A decision to this effect has been taken at an emergency meeting of the party with Alhaj Kazi Abdul Kader in the chair.

## Beel Dakatia project to be completed by May

KHULNA, Apr 26: The emergency action plan of Beel Dakatia Water Stagnant Drainage Project at a cost of Taka one crore fifty two lakh undertaken by Bangladesh Water

Development Board is now under implementation in full-swing, reports BSS.

The project is expected to be completed by May 31 next. After completion of the project about thirty per cent land of the marsh now under water will be saved from inundation and be brought under cultivation. This is the first phase of work of the main Beel Dakatia Water Stagnant Drainage Project.

The action plan includes, excavation and re-excavation of about eight kilometres drainage canals at Salua, Amvita and Thakra sluice area, three kilometres dredging of Soilmari river and repair of three sluice gates.

The water stagnation problem of Beel Dakatia has been there since 1982. About thirty thousand acres of cultivable land goes under-water due to stagnation of water.

Whip of Jatiya Sangsad Md Ashraf Hossain paid a visit to the project area along with the Water Board officials today to see for himself the progress of work.

Md Ashraf Hossain directed the concerned officials to complete the work carefully and within the stipulated time.

## Scholarship

Shakhenabat Kasana (Shampan) has got scholarship in the talentpool in the Primary Examination, 1992 from Lake Circus Girls' High School, Dhaka.

She is the second daughter of Ehsanul Quader Chowdhury and Asma Chowdhury of 44/2, North Dhanmondi, says a press release.

## Dhaka WASA Tender Notice

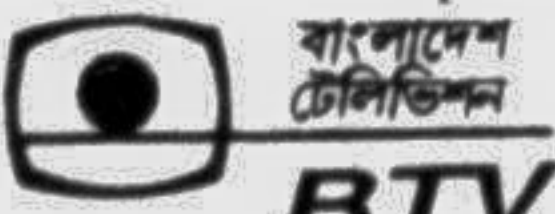
Tenders are invited from Dhaka WASA enlisted 1st class and other Govt. Semi-govt & autonomous establishment enlisted adequately experienced supply contractors/bonafide suppliers/bonafide manufacturers for supply of necessary articles for installation testing & rehabilitation etc in view of installing a modern fire extinguisher system at Dhaka WASA Head Office building (WASA Bhaban) at an allotted cost of Taka 9,51,900/-. Tenders will be received up to 12 Noon on 10-5-93 and opened on the same day at 2-15 minutes in presence (if any) of the tenderers or their representatives.

Schedule/bill of quantities of tender will be available at the office of the Chief Accounts Officer of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka & all MODS Zone offices of Dhaka WASA. Other detailed descriptions will be available at the office of the undersigned. NB:

- Only such contractors as have past experience of successful completion of above type of work worth minimum Taka 6 (six) lakh under a single work order during the preceding 5 (five) years can participate in the tender.
- Intending contractors shall have to obtain prior permission to purchase tender from the undersigned by producing original past experience certificate of above work. Status of the officer issuing experience certificate should be minimum Executive Engineer equivalent.

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DPP (G) 6336-2/14  
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Md Straj Uddin  
Executive Engineer  
S M Division  
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Tuesday

- 5.00 Opening announcement Al Quran
- Programme summary
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.25 TV debate
- 6.05 Special Programme on Sher-e-Bangla
- 6.35 Open University Songeta (programme of modern songs)
- 7.15 News in Bangla
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 Abdullah (drama serial, 2nd part)
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Drama series: ENG
- 11.30 Khabar/The News
- 11.40 Tomorrow's Programme summary
- 11.45 Closing

Happy Birthday

To my loving fiancé' Arif Rana

From Some one Special (Miao!)

Happy Birthday

To Mishu From Abbu, Ammu & Mellisa

India-Pakistan-Bangladesh-Ceylon Conference

NOTICE TO TRADE

CONTAINER DETENTION/DEMURRAGE CHARGES

MEMBER LINES OF THE CONFERENCE HAVE CONSIDERED IT APPROPRIATE TO INTRODUCE THREE SLAB RATES INSTEAD OF THE PRESENT TWO APPLICABLE FOR CHITTAGONG AND DHAKA (KAMALAPUR) ICD IN LINE WITH OTHER BAY OF BENGAL PORTS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE QUICK DELIVERY OF CARGOES. ACCORDINGLY FOLLOWING REVISED CHARGES WILL COME INTO FORCE EFFECTIVE 1ST JUNE, 1993 :-

	GENERAL PURPOSE CONTAINERS PER DAY OR PART THEREOF	
	20 FT.	40 FT.
FIRST 7 DAYS	Tk. 100	Tk. 200
NEXT 14 DAYS	Tk. 200	Tk. 400
THEREAFTER	Tk. 400	Tk. 800

NECESSARY TARIFF AMENDMENT WILL BE ISSUED IN DUE COURSE.

DATED 20 APRIL, 1993

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## Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from bonafide Manufacturers/Dealers and Suppliers by U.M.C Jute Mills, Narsingdi for (1) Hardware & Tools (2) Spare parts (3) Printing & Stationery (4) Electrical goods (5) Re-Rubberisation of Pressing Roller Rim & Boss (6) Repairing of Faller screw (7) Hard Coke (8) Size wood-Mango, Jam & Gorjon etc.

Tender schedule with full specification and terms & conditions will be available on payment of Tk 50.00 per set (Non-refundable) except opening date from the office (1) General Manager (A&F), BJMC, Dhaka Zone, 99, Motijheel C/A (4th floor), Dhaka (2) Dy. General Manager (A&F), UMCJM Mill site, Narsingdi (3) Manager (SP), 44, Dilkusha C/A (1st floor), Dhaka.

Tender will be dropped in the tender box kept at our (1) Purchase Office, 44, Dilkusha C/A, (2) Dy General Manager (Maintenance), BJMC, Dhaka Zone, 99, Motijheel C/A, (6th floor), Dhaka up to 11-30 a.m. on 10.5.93 and will be opened in presence of bidders at 12-00 Noon in same day.

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