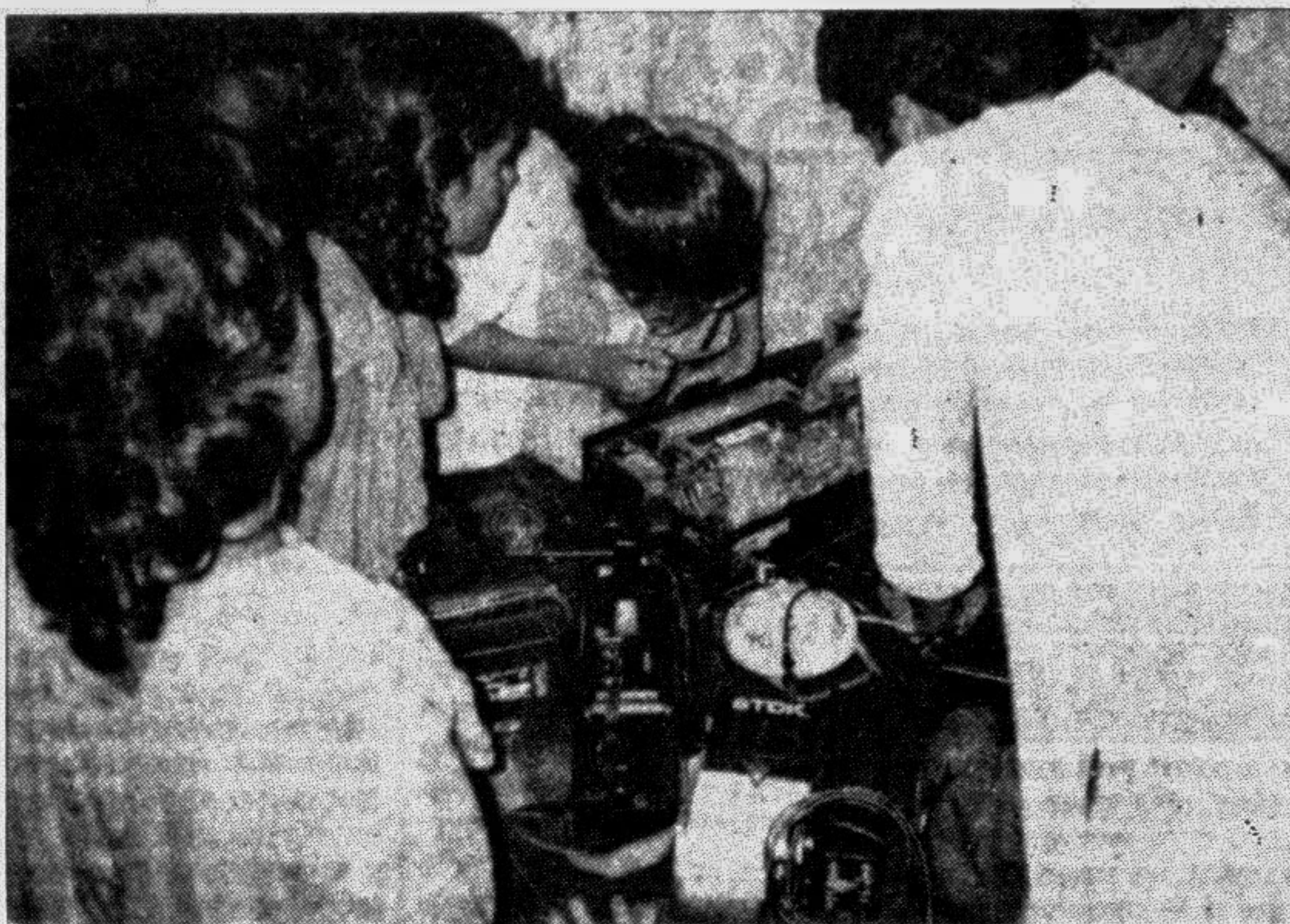


## Dhaka Day by Day

### When Women Look Through, not at, Camera Lens

By Yasmin Khan



Video training course for women only.

Worldwide statistics gathered during the UN Decade for Women which ended in 1985 reflect that women are far behind compared to men in entering the media (both journalistic and visual). Why? When asked, Perveen Ahmad, who took a three months' training course in 1982 at World View International Foundation (the first NGO audio-visual centre) in Dhaka, and continued practical training for three months in the field under Mrs Helen Lawhead, associate member of Women for Women Research and Study Group, said that women have been kept in fear of the job hazard syndrome. She said "Women have been and are constantly told that they will have to be out of the house, or far away from home or will be exposed to great physical danger when they take up work in media. So why expose a woman to these difficult tasks. Let the men take up these jobs."

"What is the net result of that? It means that news, documentaries, reports video films, information films — everything reflects only one way of looking at things, the men's way. But the world is made up of Ying and Yang, the female and the male, in harmony, in balance. Yet for centuries we have allowed an imbalance in the essential world of opinion-formation, in values, standards, and running the world with justice and fair play.

It's true that a few women in the US have made great headway in news reporting (CNN anchor woman Susan Rook and Christiana Amanpour), but the need is to get women into managerial and or decision-making positions.

What is Femlom? It's a group of four women who have agreed to become private professional video film makers. At the core of the group are Perveen Ahmad and Nargis Akter who have concentrated over the past two years on organising themselves and establishing the group.

The objectives of Femlom are to give women

access to the video communication media, provide technical skills in video productions, train women to use the tool of video film in their professional fields as development catalysts.

The group has an action plan to contract their services with a team comprising a camera-woman, director-producer, women sound and light technicians and women logistic assistants. Femlom also provides script-writing services, production planning, research surveys and resource materials.

The group launched its first programme with an intensive 15-day training course from May 9 to 25, 1993. The response has been good as the 15 trainees attending the course are nearly all women employed in development agencies, (one is a housewife and two recently graduated Master-degree holders) the rest are mid-level or top-level managerial executives.

The course has been able to draw upon high quality trainers from BTB and other media institutions, and the syllabus has put strong emphasis on technical know-how training.

The reason for holding a course specifically for women is explained by Perveen Ahmad as providing women the freedom to handle the camera and its accessories without hesitation and complexes, which hold back women in a male training class.

She said that it is a result of centuries of built-up biases that deter women in general from touching machines. Femlom's camera-woman Nargis Akter is a confident young woman, who handles the camera with aplomb, and is inspiring the participants to go ahead.

Femlom, by bringing women into an area, where upto now women feared to tread, is proving that women can train up women in the technicalities of the visual media. It's going to leave a strong impact in the changing video world of Bangladesh. One can hope for a different genre of films, as women look through the lens, and not at the lens.

### Prof Naseem in city

By Staff Correspondent

Professor Naseem Rahman, Coordinator of the International Centre of Science and High Technology, Trieste, has arrived in Dhaka from Italy in connection with the opening of the International Centre of Science, Technology and Environment for Densely Populated Regions.

Prof. Rahman is accompanied by Prof. Enrico Feoli of the Ecology Department, University of Trieste and Prof. Serena Fonda, Director, Marine Research Institute, Italy.

During his stay, Prof. Rahman will meet Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia.



Students of Rokeya Hall brought out a colourful procession on the Dhaka University campus yesterday on completion of their academic session. — Star photo

### 'Environment must be protected thru' remedial measures'

Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources Dr Khondoker Mosharraf Hossain said the present government was determined to protect environment through various remedial and preemptive measures, reports BSS.

"The democratic government is conscious about its role to prevent deterioration of environment," he said stressing the need for taking up planned measures to recover the damage done to this field by inappropriate policies during the last decade.

The minister was addressing the chief guest the concluding session of the 6th two-week long workshop on disaster management at the auditorium of the Meteorological Department at Agargaon here.

The South Asian Disaster Management Centre (SADMC) of the International University of Business, Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) organised the workshop for 24 participants from government, non-government and international agencies.

The concluding function with president of IUBAT, Dr Altmullah Mian, in the chair was also addressed by a workshop conductor, Prof Farhad Ali Mian and participants A B M Mahbubur Rahman and Shamsuddin Ahmad.

The minister said adoption of disaster management programmes had now become a prime need to cope with calamities like cyclone, floods, tidal bore, epidemics and accidents.

Dr Mosharraf Hossain mentioned a recognized fact that disaster could not be prevented always but its aftermath could be minimised through effective measures. But he said, recurring natural disasters make economic condition more difficult for Bangladesh.

In this respect, Dr Mosharraf said the success of disaster preparedness efforts depended on people's participation and strong political commitment.

Later, the minister distributed certificates among the participants of the workshop.

### Photo show begins today

CHITTAGONG, May 20: A week-long photographic exhibition titled 'symphony of seven titles', begins at the Alliance Francaise auditorium here tomorrow, reports BSS.

### PDB realises Tk 1000 cr as electricity bills

Bangladesh Power Development Board has realised about Taka one thousand crore in electricity bills in the first ten months of the current year, a meeting was told yesterday, reports BSS.

Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khondoker Mosharraf Hossain, who was presiding over a high-level meeting on revenue collection and system loss, was informed that till last month, the collection was Taka 988 crore. The realisation during the last ten months was Taka 103 crore higher than the corresponding period of the previous year.

The Minister was told that the board in the first nine months (till March) realised Taka 2 crore 70 lakh as fine during the disconnection drive, 70,122 illegal lines were cut, 1670 unauthorised users of electricity were jailed for different terms and 26,796 cases were filed.

### Orchid Show for Orchid Enthusiasts

An Orchid show will be held at NW-(K) 8 Road No 50, Gulshan today (Friday) from 9 am to 6 pm.

Orchid Society of Bangladesh

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### What's on today . . .

#### Alliance Francaise

A drama based on Jean-Paul Sartres famous play 'Huis Clos' will be staged today (Friday) at 6 pm at Alliance Francaise premises.

The drama is directed by Syed Mohidul Islam.

#### Painting exhibition

Lal Galerie at 54 Kemal Ataturk Ave., Banani will open a painting exhibition of artist Mary Czechan Coidren today (Friday) at 5:30 pm.

The artist was a member of the renowned W D Printmakers Workshop in Washington DC. Her exhibitions of over two decades in different parts of the world feature works of water-color pastel and oil paintings, drawings, etchings, aquatints, mono prints and woodcut.



This will be her second exhibition at Lal Galerie featuring her recent works in oil, oil pastel, water-color and some etchings. The exhibition will remain open daily from 9 am to 8 pm May 22nd to 27th.

#### Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha

Bangladesh Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha has arranged a cultural evening today (Friday) at National Museum Auditorium at 7:00 pm to celebrate the 94th birth anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. The cultural show will remain open for all.

### HERE and THERE

#### Sonali Bank Employees Assoc

B M Bakir Hossain and Mohammadullah Chowdhury, President and General Secretary respectively of the Sonali Bank Employees Association B-664, in a joint statement yesterday thanked the leaders, workers and supporters of all regional committees in the country for electing the Association B-664 CBA, says a press release.

Following an unofficial announcement of B-664 as CBA, the Association also held a victory procession at Motijheel area in the city.

#### CDP

A 101-member central convening committee of Centre for Democracy Practice (CDP) was formed at a meeting held Wednesday with Poet Shahriar Inam as its Convenor.

#### BIBM

A nine-day training course on Personnel Management in Banks, conducted by the Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM) concluded yesterday.

The course contents included administrative hierarchy in banks, selection and recruitment, promotion and disciplinary action and others.

Participants were drawn from different banks and financial institutions.



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#### Friday

#### Morning Session

8:00 Opening announcement  
Al-Quran  
Programme summary  
8:10 News in Bangla  
8:15 Alor Dishart  
8:40 Natun Kuri  
10:00 News in English  
10:05 Moner Mukure  
11:15 Shikkha Deckkha  
11:30 Film show

#### Evening Session

3:00 Opening announcement  
Al-Quran  
Programme summary  
3:15 Cartoon: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
3:40 Movie of the Week: The Shirali  
5:15 News in Bangla  
5:25 Sports programme:  
Tennis  
6:40 Open University  
7:25 Malancha  
8:00 News in Bangla  
8:30 Comedy show: Perfect Strangers  
9:00 Magazine: Upahar  
10:00 News in English  
10:30 Drama series: LA Law  
11:30 Khabar/The News

### Weather

### Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast for the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Friday) says, rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind may occur at one of two places over Chittagong and Rajshahi divisions and the regions of Tangal and Mymensingh. Weather will remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country.

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

The sun sets today (Thursday) at 6.37 pm and rises tomorrow (Friday) at 5.13 am.

The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity yesterday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9am	6pm
Dhaka	32.2	23.8	78	64
Chittagong	32.0	22.3	70	71
Rajshahi	32.2	22.9	84	82
Khulna	34.5	26.0	82	75

## বাংলাদেশ শিপিং কর্পোরেশন

### Bangladesh Shipping Corporation

Dhaka

### Notice to Consignees and Notice to Trade

**Feeder Vessel M.V. Banglar Robi (Voyage No. 09-W/10-E) and M.V. Banglar Shobha Voyage No. 02-W**

Bangladesh Shipping Corporation is pleased to announce that our above mentioned feeder vessel will arrive Chittagong with cargo loaded from Singapore including transshipment cargo of other global ports and sail for Singapore as per following schedule:

MV Banglar Robi			MV Banglar Shobha		
Port	EIA	ETD	Port	EIA	ETD
Chittagong	23-5-93	25-5-93	Chittagong	20-5-93	Vsll will be placed under schedule maintenance
Singapore	30-5-93	30-5-93		21-5-93	(Berthing)

All consignees/receivers of cargo are requested to arrange clearance of their consignments as soon as possible after discharging cargoes from the vessel. Should any consignee require steamer survey on damaged cargo notice in writing be given within 3 (three) days of discharge. In the event of direct delivery, survey be held at Ship's side only.

Consignments not cleared within 45 days of discharging from vessel, are liable to be confiscated/auctioned by the customs authority without further intimation. Cargo once put into auction will never be withheld and/or given over to the consignees.

Carrier/their agents are, therefore, absolved of all responsibilities for lapse/negligence on the part of the consignees cargo interest.

The vessel will load cargo simultaneously during her discharge. The valued importers/exporters and patrons are requested to extend support in favour of the National Flag Carrier.

For booking of containers/containerised cargo and for any information relating to Feeder Service please contact following offices:

#### CHITTAGONG OFFICE:

Bangladesh Shipping Corporation,  
BSC BHABAN  
Saltgala Road,  
Chittagong.  
Tel: Off: (031) 505062-8  
501288, 506049, 502290 &  
Res: 502075, 500273 N 502297  
Tlx: 96277, 96253 & 66359 BSC BJ  
Fax: 031-225506  
Cable: Banglanship, Chittagong.

#### DHAKA OFFICE:

Bangladesh Shipping Corporation,  
28/1 Toyenbee Circular Road,  
Motijheel C/A,  
Dhaka  
Tel: Off: 258378, 250830, 251455 & 251411  
Res: 312468, 311638 & 313260  
Tlx: 632204 & 642231 BSC BJ  
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Tender No: DACPN/345/93

### Tender Notice for Purchase of Two Airbus A310-300 Aircraft

1. Bangladesh Biman Corporation invites offers directly from owner(s) of owner-operator(s) for purchase of Two used Airbus A310-300 aircraft with identical/compatible specifications preferably with GE CF6-80C2 Series engine to be delivered in 2-class configuration in Bangladesh Biman's livery by 01, October 1993 at Zia International Airport, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

2. The intending bidders shall, alongwith their bid, furnish specific proposal for financing the purchase with 'Funding' or 'Supplier's credit' arrangement. While the financing arrangement is compulsory, Biman, however, reserves the right not to accept the financing arrangement offered by the tenderers. It may be mentioned that the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh shall provide the required guarantee for the proposed financing.

3. The offer should be submitted in two separate sealed envelopes, one providing Technical Specifications of the aircraft and the other containing the Financial Offer, its terms, conditions etc. addressed to the Director, Project & Planning, Bangladesh Biman, 100 Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh latest by 1600 hours BST (1000 hrs UTC) on or before, 15th July, 1993 and the same shall be opened on 15th July, 1993 immediately after the closing time in presence of the bidders, if any. The two envelopes should be clearly marked "Technical Specifications" and "Financial Offer" respectively. NO OFFERS THROUGH FAX OR TELEX SHALL BE ACCEPTED. Offers received at a later date or time through mail or any other means of communications shall not be considered irrespective of the reasons thereof. The offers shall have to remain valid for atleast 120 (one hundred and twenty) days from the date of opening.

4. Tender Schedule containing detailed specifications/terms and conditions shall be supplied to High Commissions and Embassies located in Dhaka and all Biman overseas offices. It can also be obtained from the office of Director, Project & Planning, Biman Head Office, Dhaka. No offer for a single aircraft shall be entertained. Changes in offer in any form after opening of the tenders on 15th July, 1993 shall automatically disqualify the tender. Tenderers not fulfilling all terms/conditions contained herein and those in the tender schedule shall be rejected. Clarification, if any, must be sought from Director, Project & Planning, Bangladesh Biman, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Phone-239809, 240151/2458, Sita-DACDZBG, Fax: 880-2-863005 before the submission of tenders.

5. Bangladesh Biman Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the offer(s) at any time and/or stage without assigning any reason whatsoever and no claim shall be acceptable in this respect.

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