

Dhaka Day by Day

A Historic Canopy for Gamblers

By Shamsad Mortuza

Right in the middle of the older section of the capital, there is a place where the gamblers reign, where people take a break from the bustling metropolitan life. No, this is not any open-air casino, nor is it any pleasure spot. This is the Bahadur Shah Park, redolent so much of the good and historic past of the city.

With three major degree colleges as its neighbours and the city-court, and the country's biggest publishing district and the city's river transport terminal nearby — the place is never out of awful crowding and its resulting din. Still, overshadowing everything, the huge sepulchral arch and the marble obelisk erected to honour the last Mughal Emperor breathe nostalgically of an eventful and at times tragic past.

This is the very place where the 'mutineers' of 1857 (Shipahce Bidroho) were hanged. This place, then known as the Antagarer Maidan, was filled with large trees which ironically became the gallows for the native soldiers.

The colonial rulers, as reported in history, left the bodies hanged for several days to set an instance for the seekers of liberty. Only some thirty years back, the then government chopped down the trees to raise the crimson coloured cenotaph.

And as for the obelisk, that stands before the memorial, it dates back to 1888. The inscriptions on the tall thing, read in token of sympathy with the Nawabs Abdul Gunni and Ahsanullah, this obelisk has been erected by their European



Dhaka city Mayor Mirza Abbas MP, addressing a press conference at the Hotel Sonargaon in the city yesterday. On his right Chittagong city Mayor Mohammad Nasiruddin, and on his left UNICEF representative Rolf C Carriere, Khulna City Mayor Tayubur Rahman and Rajshahi city Mayor Mizanur Rahman are seen. — Star photo

Fund for permanent cross dams on Matamuhri demanded

CHITTAGONG, Aug 25: Chakaria Samity leaders here today called upon the government to make available fund for the construction of four permanent cross dams on the river Matamuhri at Cheringa under Cox's Bazar district for the irrigation of over 60,000 acres of land of Chakaria during dry season, reports BSS.

They pointed out that at present four cross dams are being built on seasonal basis at the initiative of the local farmers costing about Taka 25 thousand, but they cannot build four dams in every dry season because of shortage of fund.

If permanent cross dams are constructed with sluice gates, the sweet water of the river Matamuhri could be fruitfully utilised for producing high yielding varieties of paddy on sixty thousand acres of land, they added.

Addressing a press conference at a local hotel this afternoon, Chakaria Samity presi-

dent Azizur Rahman and general secretary Alhaj Anwar Husein claimed that construction of four cross dams on the river Matamuhri at Pankhali, Palakata, Bakgura and Pekua would help produce huge surplus paddy in Chakaria.

The Samity leaders also called upon the Power Development Board to expedite electrification of Shrimp Project Areas of Chakaria to enable the shrimp producers to adopt scientific methods for shrimp cultivation.

They said, at present shrimp cultivation is carried on age-old method and only 60 to 70 kg of shrimps are produced per acre while application of scientific method would help produce 1500 to 2000 kg of shrimps per acre. The Shrimp Projects Areas of Chakaria under Cox's Bazar district are Sundarban, Rampura, and Charandiv where electrification is needed, they added.

Power supply suspension

Power will be suspended today from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at Dhanmondi Road 7A, 8A, 9A, 30, 31, 32, Sobhanbagh, Sukrabad and Mirpur Road as Satmasjid Operation and Maintenance Division will carry out replacement work, trimming of tree branches, checking of lightning arrestors and transformer earthing etc, reports BSS.

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Formation of association protested

A group of 13 companies yesterday protested the formation of an association in the name of gas pipeline units enlisted as contractors with Petrobangla, reports UNB.

In a joint statement, the companies said they are the genuine and mainstream contractors enlisted with Petrobangla under the 1.4 category.

The signatories to the statement are: Don Construction & Co. Ltd., Dipon Gas Co. Ltd., Maxwell Engineering Works Ltd., Shamsuddin Miah and Association Ltd., Business King Ltd., Pipelines Ltd., Ganin Ltd., Dhaka Gas Co. Ltd., Sigma Construction Co., Petgas Ltd., ECCC Ltd., Royal Utilization Services Ltd. and Nakan Builders.

TV Correspondents Assoc seminar begins

A two-day workshop of Television Correspondents Association began at the auditorium of the Bangladesh Press Institute here yesterday, reports BSS.

According to a press release, Information Secretary Nuruddin Al Masud inaugurated the workshop as chief guest while Director General of the Bangladesh Television AKM Salamattullah, Director General of the PIB, Dr Towhidul Anwar, Deputy Director General of the BTV (News) Faruque Alamgir, Chief News Editor Shaful Huq attended the inaugural function.

It was presided over by Sirajganj correspondent of the BTV Aminul Islam Chowdhury.

The Information Secretary, in his speech stressed the need for better communication within the various departments of the Information Ministry. He said that the training of the television reporters should be organised once in a year.

The Convenor of the Television Correspondents Association Ali Hossain also spoke on the occasion.

A total of 50 television reporters from different districts are taking part in the workshop.

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Two persons died in separate incidents in the city yesterday.

Tegjona police recovered the body of an unidentified mid-aged man from a decorator shop at the Green Road in the city yesterday morning.

According to the decorator shop sources, the victim who could not be named was a vagabond and begged in the locality. He probably sneaked in the shop at night to sleep.

Demra police sent the body of a young girl to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital, reports our DMCH Correspondent.

Police, when contacted, however failed to give details on the cause of death of the victim Reba Akhter.

Special building code for govt sector to be formulated: Zahir

By Staff Correspondent

Discussion meeting on finalisation of 'national building code' was held Tuesday at Planning Commission with Planning Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan in the chair, reports BSS.

Planning Minister underscored the need for a 'national building code' for the standardisation of building in the country. He said all government buildings should have same standard and for the government sector a 'special building code' will be formulated.

He asked the officials to make a study on the materials and in the construction of the government building.

The draft of 'national building code' was presented in the meeting by Dr Asadur Rahman, Professor, of BUET.

Among others, M Mokammel Haque, Member Planning Commission, Dr Haron-or-Rashid, Secretary, Planning Division, Dr Ekram Hossain, Member Planning Commission, Mesbahuddin Ahmed, member, Planning Commission and other members of the committee were also present in the meeting.

Turkish envoy meets Mannan

The Ambassador of Turkey in Bangladesh, Kutlu Ozgu Venc, called on the State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan at his secretariat office yesterday, reports BSS.

During the meeting they discussed matters of mutual interest and bilateral relations.

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Lalu gets new life

A 10-year old Rohingya girl, who was suffering from a congenital abnormality, was cheerful in her hospital bed Tuesday prior to her release from the PG Hospital on recovery from a two-month treatment, reports UNB.

Lalu Begum was born with a complication that her urine bladder was open and found outside at the lower part of abdominal skin, causing urine to drop continuously from the two ureters.

She was successfully operated upon at the PG Hospital. "This was a very complicated case," said Dr Sajjadur Rahman, Professor of Surgery (Paediatric Division) and Renal Transplant Surgeon.

Prof Rahman, who led a medical team which undertook this serious operation, said, "The operation is successful and the girl has fully recovered."

He also hoped that Lalu Begum would be able to lead a normal life in future. "Even she will not find any difficulty in leading a conjugal life when she grows up," Prof Rahman added.

Dr Mohitir Rahman, Dr Abul Faiz Kasir Uddin Ahmed, Dr Tahmina Banu, Dr Fazlul Haq and Dr Md Abdul Mattin assisted Prof Rahman in conducting the operation, which is generally done in modern hospitals of the UK, USA and other developed countries.

Prof Rahman said that he had operated 8 other similar patients in last 7 years. Of them, seven were successful.

He opined that such crippled children who are overlooked and neglected by the guardians can be fortunate of enjoying normal life after proper treatment.

Milton A Moreno, External Affairs Officer of the local office of the UNHCR, received the Rohingya girl after she was discharged from the hospital.

Moreno thanked the hospital authorities for providing proper treatment to the refugee girl.

Lalu Begum's father Abul Kashem is a Rohingya Muslim from Moulvibazar in Bowthidong of Myanmar's Arakan province. He and his entire family had crossed into Bangladesh early last year along with other Myanmar refugees.

The UNHCR, the Geneva-based UN relief agency, sponsored the treatment of Lalu Begum who was expected today (Tuesday) to go back and join her family at refugee camp at Natkanchhari in Bandarban.

Weather

Day temperature may rise

By Staff Correspondent

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

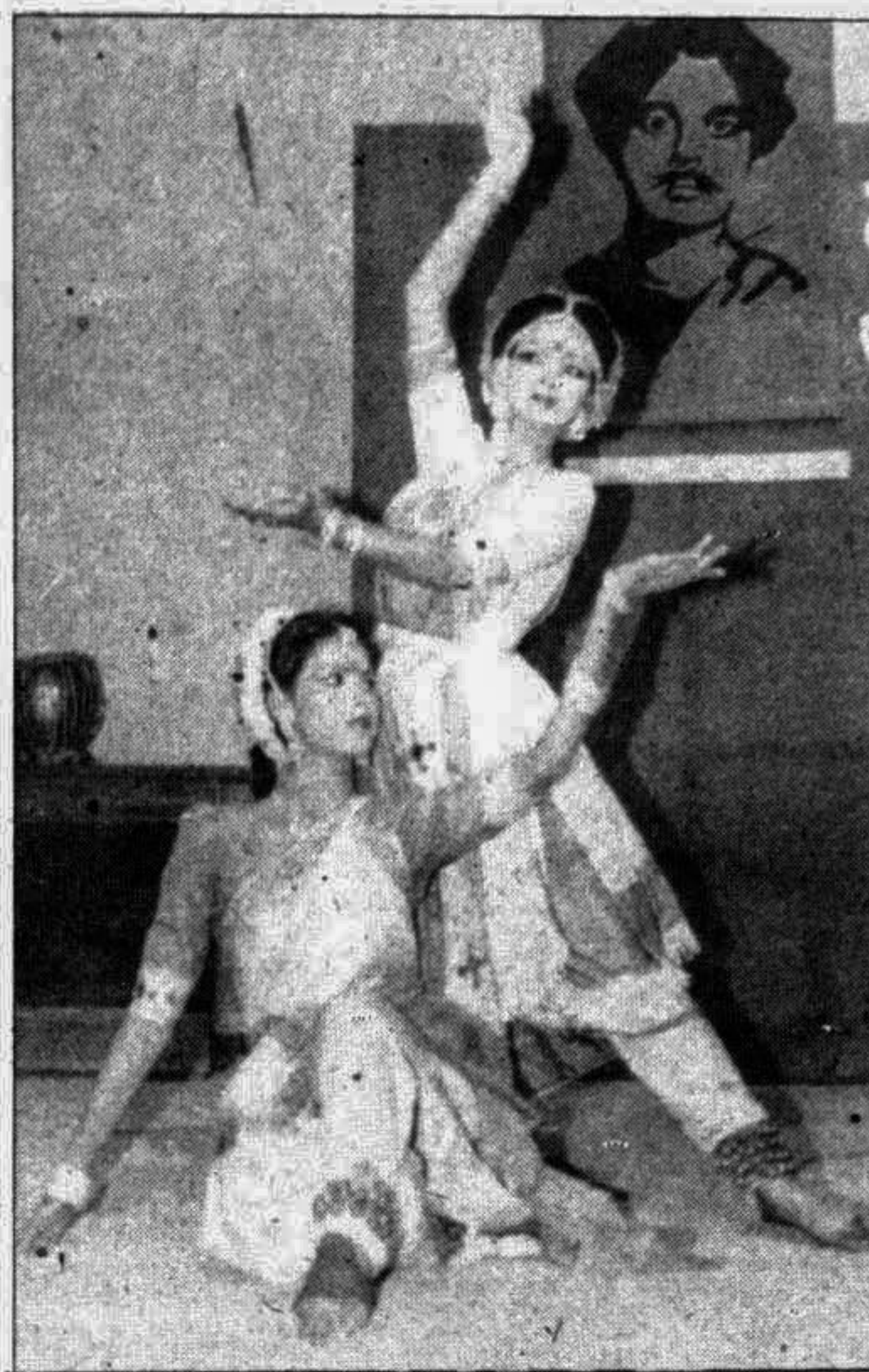
Met office forecasts day temperature may rise by one to three degree Celsius.

The country's highest temperature of 32.8 degree Celsius was recorded in Sylhet and lowest of 23 degree Celsius was recorded in Rangamati yesterday.

The sun sets today (Thursday) at 6:22 pm and rises tomorrow (Friday) at 5:38 am.

The maximum and the minimum temperatures, a humidity of some major cities and towns of the country recorded yesterday were:

| Cities/Towns | Temperature in degree Celsius | | Humidity in percentage | |
|--------------|-------------------------------|------|------------------------|------|
| | Max | Min | 9 am | 6 pm |
| Dhaka | 30.2 | 24.7 | 95 | 82 |
| Chittagong | 32.0 | 24.7 | 82 | 82 |
| Rajshahi | 30.8 | 25.2 | 86 | 95 |
| Khulna | 32.1 | 24.8 | - | - |
| Barisal | 29.5 | 23.6 | 95 | 83 |
| Sylhet | 32.8 | 25.4 | 89 | 82 |
| Dinajpur | 31.0 | 25.3 | 95 | 82 |
| Cox's Bazar | 31.5 | 25.0 | 74 | 77 |



Artistes performing dance at the Nazrul Bhaban in the city yesterday on the first day of the three-day programme to mark the 17th death anniversary of the National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. — Star photo

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Programmes on Nazrul's death anniversary

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The seventeenth death anniversary of the National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam will be observed throughout the country tomorrow (Friday). Different political, cultural and social organisations have planned elaborate programmes to mark the occasion.

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy has drawn up a number of programmes in this regard. Director General of the academy Mobarak Hossain Khan along with the officials, employees, artistes and employees of the academy will lay wreaths at the poet's mazar, adjacent to the Dhaka University central mosque at the early dawn.

Noted personalities will address a discussion at the academy auditorium at 7 in the evening. The Vice-Chancellor of

Dhaka University Prof Emajuddin Ahmed will preside. The discussion on the life and works of Nazrul will be followed by a cultural programme.

Academy artistes of music and dance departments will render songs and perform dances. They include Rowshan Ara Mustafiz, Sifat Manzur, M A Mannan and Mohammad Hannan.

Besides Aleya Ferdousi, Keya Choudhury and Nasim Ahmed will recite from Nazrul's poetry.

Chorus songs will also be presented by the artistes of Nazrul Academy, Nazrul Parishad and the Shilpakala Academy while students of the Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts (BAFA) and Benuka Lalitakala Kendra will join the dance session.

Badruddoza calls for greater awareness of AIDS, cancer

Deputy Leader of the Jatiya Sangsad Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday called for creating awareness against the killer disease AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) and cancer, reports BSS.

He was addressing the installation ceremony of Rotary Club of Dhaka Midtown at a hotel here.

Prof Chowdhury strongly pleaded for motivational campaigns through educational programmes to prevent AIDS as it had no cure.

Presided over by president of the club AM Abdul Aziz, the function was also addressed by LK Siddique, MP and immediate past president of Rotary Club KM Alam.

State Minister for textiles MA Mannan and State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism MA Mannan were, among others, present at the function.

The Deputy Leader of the House sought the cooperation of the non-government organisations (NGOs) for poverty alleviation of the neglected millions.

Referring to the success in food production under the present government, he said given the proper leadership our people could play a vital role in any development process.

Prof Chowdhury said, the

Australian HC, Panni discuss IPU conference

Australian High Commissioner R K Gate called on Deputy Speaker Humayun Khan Panni at the Sangsad Bhaban here yesterday, reports BSS.

They discussed matters relating to the proposed visit of the Bangladesh parliamentary delegation to Australia for participating in the IPU conference to be held from September 13 in Canberra.

A five-member Bangladesh delegation headed by Speaker Shaikh Razzaque Ali is expected to participate in the conference.

Matters relating to a proposed visit of a six-member Australian Parliamentary delegation to Bangladesh from November 26 to December 6 also came up for discussion.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

The containerised cargo ex. M.V. TOKIO EXPRESS V-12228 from Rotterdam have been relayed to M.V. MENG LEE V-9315 Imp. Rot. No. 622/93 is due to arrive Chittagong on or about 25-8-98 from Singapore.

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Death anniversary of Prof Badrul Millat today

By Staff Correspondent

The third death anniversary of Professor Badrul Millat of Institute of Education and Research, Dhaka University and former Principal, Faujdharhat Cadet College and BAF Shaheen School, Dhaka will be observed today (Thursday).

In observance of his death anniversary, Quarkhwan and millad mahfil will be held at his village home at Jaaleskara, Feni.

Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla) Planning Division

Notice for Extension of Time of International Tender for LPG Plant at Kailashilla

Tender No. 31.07.63/92

The last date for submission of tender for 5000 MTY of LPG Plant at Kailashilla Gas Field, Sylhet, is hereby extended up to 30 November 1993. Tender Schedule may now purchased up to 29 November 1993. Other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. D-615

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়
স্থানীয় সরকার প্রকৌশল অধিদপ্তর, মুন্সীগঞ্জ।

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স্থানীয় সরকার প্রকৌশল অধিদপ্তরের আওতাধীন মুন্সীগঞ্জ জেলার নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর অধীন নিম্নে বর্ণিত কাজের কনসালটেন্সী সার্ভিসের জন্য বীজ ডিজাইন কাজে অভিজ্ঞতা সম্পন্ন প্রকৃত স্থপতি/প্রকৌশল উপদেষ্টা প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহের সিকট হইতে নির্ধারিত ফরমে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে। আগামী ০২-০৯-১৯৯৩ ই/২১-০৯-১৯০০ বা তারিখ বেলা ০১.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত নিম্নলিখিতকর্তার, নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, এলজিইডি, ঢাকা/নারায়ণগঞ্জ/মন্সিগঞ্জ/গাজীপুর/মাদিকান্দা এবং তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী (রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ), স্থানীয় সরকার প্রকৌশল অধিদপ্তর, ৪/৫, লালমতিয়া, ব্রহ্ম-বি, ঢাকা-১২০৭ এর কাছে রফিক বাসে দরপত্রসমূহ জমা দেওয়া যাইবে এবং এদিনই বেলা ০১.০০ ঘটিকার উপস্থিত দরপত্রসমূহের সমুদ্রে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন) প্রাপ্ত দরপত্রগুলি খোলা হইবে। বিস্তারিত তথ্যাবলী সম্বন্ধিত দরপত্রসমূহ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে আধাঘণ্টা ০৪-০৯-১৯৯৩ ই/২০-০৯-১৯০০ বা তারিখ পর্যন্ত নির্ধারিত মূল্যের বিনিময়ে (স্বাক্ষরকৃতভাবে) নিম্নলিখিতকর্তার দপ্তর, উপরে বর্ণিত কর্মকর্তাদের কার্যালয় হইতে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে দরপত্র স্বরূপে ও সিডিউল সংগ্রহ করা যাইবে।

কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার স্বতন্ত্রা স্বতন্ত্র কর্তব্য।

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