

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Celebrating Special Moments with Flowers

By Raffat Binte Rashid



A red toyota brightly decorated with joris, balls which are made from glittery and glossy paper, flowers green and blue in colour, sticking out like the head lights, and a placard at the rear end announcing 'Just Married'.

A typical bride groom carriage of the seventies and even eighties, is still today no less in demand than it was in the past. People still go for the fake flowers and flashy decoration, even now when flowers are available in abundance with the mushrooming of the flower shops in the city.

In the seventies or eighties such shops were rare. The only place where flowers were available was the High Court Mazar or PWD garden inside the Ramna Park. In those days such jobs of decorating cars and wedding beds or halood stages were voluntarily done by friends and relatives. Such decoration of the houses or drawing alponas was a part of the fun too.

Now in this readymade instant world such jobs are taken care of by the florists. Just call and place an order. Without any problem or tension everything will look perfect and beautiful. At the cost of Tk 15,000, starting from car to bed, and of course the fun and pleasure of the decoration done are definitely worth it. Why take the cheap way out, since you get married only once, you do whatever is necessary to make it memorable. (However there is no fixed rule that it cannot be done twice or even several times).

November to February is always considered as an ideal time for this solemn occasion, mainly because it's the season of flowers too. Starting from the excess make-up to eating to decorating to the honeymoon it is the best time for getting married.

Flowers are an integral part of many of our marriage rituals. Gaye halood (an occasion prior to the main ceremony) and Ful Shajhya (wedding night) cannot be visualized without flowers. Halood a very colourful occasion, where even the bride is decorated with flowers, cannot have a stage decorated with balloons and paper flowers. Thus again when the beautiful bride enters your room for the first time, offering her fake flowers or showing your inferior taste for decoration, it will not be a very wise thing to do.

Ful Shajhya or the wedding bed will lose its glamour and meaning if blue or pink or green paper flowers hang around or a big sun flower is

placed at the top of the bed as if it is supposed to look like a crown.

Say it with flowers and specially where love is concerned, flowers should be the only medium as conversation or communication.

The flower ornaments worn by the bride on her halood is available from Tk 150 to 300 depending on designs and flowers used. A tuberose sticks costs Tk 1 to Tk 3 and roses Tk 5 to 10. Marigolds found in lohor is Tk 10. One lohor 50 flowers and is 3 ft long.

A car heavily decorated with flowers all red, white and golden yellow, will cost Tk 2,000 to Tk 6,000 and at the same time a car heavily decorated with joris and fake flowers will cost Tk 100 to Tk 400. All depends on the money, the flowers and of course taste but marriage is no occasion for cost cutting.

The cost of a halood stage on the other hand ranges from Tk 4,000 to Tk 10,000. The shops have catalogs showing the work they can do and the customers have an array of designs to choose from. A bed, also depending on the flowers and design, may cost as high as Tk 5,000.

Flowers with their eternal appeal touch every heart. If Tk 2,000 is expensive just buy a bunch of rose and place it at the front or just make a shape of heart with roses on the glass. It would cost not more than Tk 100, and would surely look good and glamorous than any car thoroughly decorated with paper flowers. It's just a matter of taste and cultural upbringing.

These flower shops or this business of flowers started only five years ago and Malancha betrig the pioneer was followed by Alpona. The commercial cultivation of these flowers has been introduced in Bangladesh and no longer needs to be imported from India. Tuberoses, marigolds, roses, and many other flowers are cultivated in Jessore, Konabari in Gazipur and other places too. This has now substantially lowered the price because previously a marigold lohor imported from India would cost Tk 200.

When a person sits back and tries to recall his or her wedding, definitely the bed or the car would get the first priority. No one would find pleasure by remembering a bed with flowers that had no fragrance and was not soft to touch. These special moments always deserve the very best, shower it with flowers.

## 108 pry schools to be constructed in Rajshahi

RAJSHAHI Nov 10: Local Government Engineering Department has undertaken a programme to construct 108 government and non-government primary schools at a cost of Tk 4 crore 31 lakh in nine thanas of the district during the current fiscal year, reports BSS.

Under the programme 41 government primary schools will be constructed at a cost of Tk one and a half crore while Tk two crore 81 lakh will be spent for construction of 67 non-government registered primary schools.

The department will also provide furniture worth Tk 44 lakh for 71 primary schools of the district.

Fortyfive primary schools have been constructed and 28 primary schools were repaired so far by the department in the district.

## Al-Ehsan Society team meets Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday urged all to help the people to learn and practise the ideals of Islam in modern life and help maintain peace in the society, reports UNB.

Islam is a religion of peace, equality and fraternity the President said while talking to a 20-member delegation of Al-Ehsan Society who met him at Bangabhaban.

Led by its Chairman Al-Haj Moulana Rafiqul Islam Armani the delegation in a memorandum apprised the President of the objectives of the society, including teaching of the holy Quran, organising seminar on Islam, setting up of mass education centres and providing vocational training to minimise unemployment.

He asked the society members to support the government programmes for mass education to enhance the rate of literacy in the country.

President Biswas said the present government is accountable to the members of the parliament and thus to the people of the country.

## Noor Hossain Day observed 'Dreams of martyrs remain unfulfilled'

By Staff Correspondent

Leaders of the 10-party alliance yesterday observed that the dreams of the martyrs in the past anti-autocracy agitation had remained unfulfilled. The observation was made at a discussion meeting held at the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) office in observance of Noor Hossain Day. Noor Hossain was killed by police during an anti-autocracy demonstration in the capital on this day six years ago.

Chaired by the CPB's presidium member Manzurul Ahsan Khan, the meeting was also addressed by Rashed Khan Menon, MP, of the Workers' Party, Hasanul Haq Inu of JSD, AFM Mahbubul Haq of BSD, Abdullah Sarkar of BSD (K), Dilip Barua of Samyabadi Dal, Fajezul Hakim of Ganotantrik Biplobi Jote and CPB's Moshed Ali.

Addressing the meeting, Menon accused the government of Khaleda Zia of following in the footsteps of the autocratic Ershad.

He strongly condemned police action on the agitators during yesterday's 'secretariat gherao' programme by some opposition parties including the Awami League and warned the government against such repressive measure.

Hasanul Haq Inu blamed the Khaleda government of compelling the people to launch an anti-government agitation.

Manzurul Ahsan Khan felt that the left parties must come forward to intensify the movement for building up an exploitation-free society as dreamt by Noor Hossain, Syed Aminul Huda Titu and others who made their supreme sacrifices in the last anti-autocracy agitation.

**BSD (Khaliquzaman)**  
In observance of the 'Noor Hossain Day', Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (BSD-Khaleq) placed wreaths at the Noor Hossain Square at 7 in the morning. The party leaders including Abdullah Sarkar also

observed one minute silence in respect of the martyr.

GCO

The Ganotantrik Chhatra Otkya (GCO), an alliance of left-leaning student bodies, observed the day by laying wreaths at the Noor Hossain Square and holding students' rally at the Dhaka University campus.

The GCO leaders, addressing the rally, alleged that the present government had betrayed the sacrifices of the martyrs of anti-autocracy movement and was governing the country in an autocratic manner. Democracy was yet to restore under the BNP government and the people who fought for democracy were totally frustrated, they added.

Abdullah Quayyum and Rajekuzzaman Ratan, were among others who spoke on the occasion.

BCL

The JSD (Inu)-backed Chhatra League also placed wreaths at the Noor Hossain Square and organised a students' rally on the Dhaka University campus to mark the Noor Hossain Day. Rokunuzzaman Rokon, Obaidur Rahman Chumnu and Rezaul Karim Reza addressed the gathering.

Zia Parishad

The chairman of Zia Parishad, Kabir Murad, yesterday called upon all concerned to put in their united efforts for institutionalising the hard-earned democracy in the country, reports BSS.

Murad was presiding over a discussion in observance of Shaheed Noor Hossain Day held at the central office of the Zia Parishad here.

The leaders of Zia Parishad, including Syed Mesbah Uddin, Taranga Anwar, Anwar Hossain and Daubul Joarda also took part in the discussion.

Paying tributes to Shaheed Noor Hossain for his supreme sacrifice during the anti-autocratic movement.

## Special drive 2340 arrested in one month

Police arrested a total of 2340 persons on different charges from various parts of the city in a month long special drive, a DMP press release said here Tuesday, reports BSS.

Of the arrested persons, 1216 were arrested on charges of murdering, dacoity, robbery and cases involving arms and terrorism, and 1916 others on charges of violation of DMP ordinances and eight absconding convicted criminals.

## Seminar postponed

Library Association of Bangladesh has postponed its national seminar and general meeting scheduled to be held on November 13 due to unavoidable circumstances, reports BSS.

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Tender Notice No. BSFIC/PD-1/ALL-MILLS/1110/93-94 Dated: 21.10.1993

Sealed tenders are invited from Bonafide Suppliers/Manufacturers by Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation, Adamjee Court (5th Floor), 115-120, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka for import of Flexible Drive Shaft on C&F(C) Chittagong/Dhaka delivery basis. Earnest Money @ 1% of the total value should accompany the tender in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft. Source of fund is SEM. Tenders will be received up to 12.00 Noon on 11.12.1993 and opened in the presence of tenderers at 12.10 PM on the same day. Tender documents with detailed specification and other terms will be available from the (1) Additional Chief Accountant (H O) of this Corporation at Adamjee Court (4th Floor), and the (2) General Manager (Shipping), BSFIC, Shipping Office, Arag Chamber, 68, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong on cash payment of Tk 400.00 only (non-refundable) on all working days between 9.00 AM and 12.30 PM. No tender documents will be sold on the day of opening of the tenders. Corporation reserves the right to accept/reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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## Tender Notice No 18/1993-94

- Name of Work : Group No 17 : Repairing works of Bituminous Carpeting Road at Water Development Colony-1, Bhola under 163-IND during 1993-94.  
Group No 18 : Construction Work of Outlet Drain (Pacca) at Water Development Colony-1, Bhola under 163-IND during 1993-94.
- Estimated Cost : Group No 17 : Tk 3,12,737/- (Approx)  
Group No 18 : Tk 4,53,171/-  
Normal (2.50%) Token (1%)
- Earnest Money : Group No 17 : Tk 7,820/- 3,130/-  
Group No 18 : 11,329/- 4,532/-  
Group No 17: 'D' Class/1993-94.  
Group No 18: 'D' Class/1993-94.
- Eligibility of Contractors : Group No 17 : 30 (thirty) days.  
Group No 18 : 30 (thirty) days.
- Time Allowed for Completion of Work : 1. The Executive Engineer, Bhola WD Division-1, Bhola.  
2. The Executive Engineer, Jhalakathi Water Dev Division, Barisal.  
3. The Executive Engineer, Dhaka O & M Division-II, BWDB, Dhaka.  
4. The Deputy Commissioner, Bhola.
- Receiving Date of Tender : 1. 20-11-93/6-8-1400BS (Office hours).  
2. 21-11-93/7-8-1400BS -do-  
3. 22-11-93/8-8-1400BS (Up to 12:00 Noon).
- Last Date of Purchasing Tender Documents : 21-11-93/7-8-1400BS (Office hours)
- Opening Date of Tender : 22-11-93/8-8-1400BS (At 12:30 hours)
- Purchasing Place of Tender Documents : 1. Janata Bank, Ali Nagar Branch, Bhola.  
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3. Agrani Bank, Kalinath Royer Bazar, Bhola.  
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5. Sonali Bank, Main Branch, Bogra Road, Barisal.  
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- Purchasing Value of Tender Documents : Tk 400/- (Taka Four hundred) Per Set (Non-refundable).
- Tender will be decided as per existing Codal Rule and last Circular of WDB.
- Necessary information will be available from the office of the undersigned during all office hours.
- Name and Address of the Advertiser :

M Ali Akbar Haider

PANI-147/93-94 Executive Engineer  
DFP(G)-18154-4/11 Bhola WD Division-1  
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## Weather

### Night temperature may fall

By Staff Correspondent

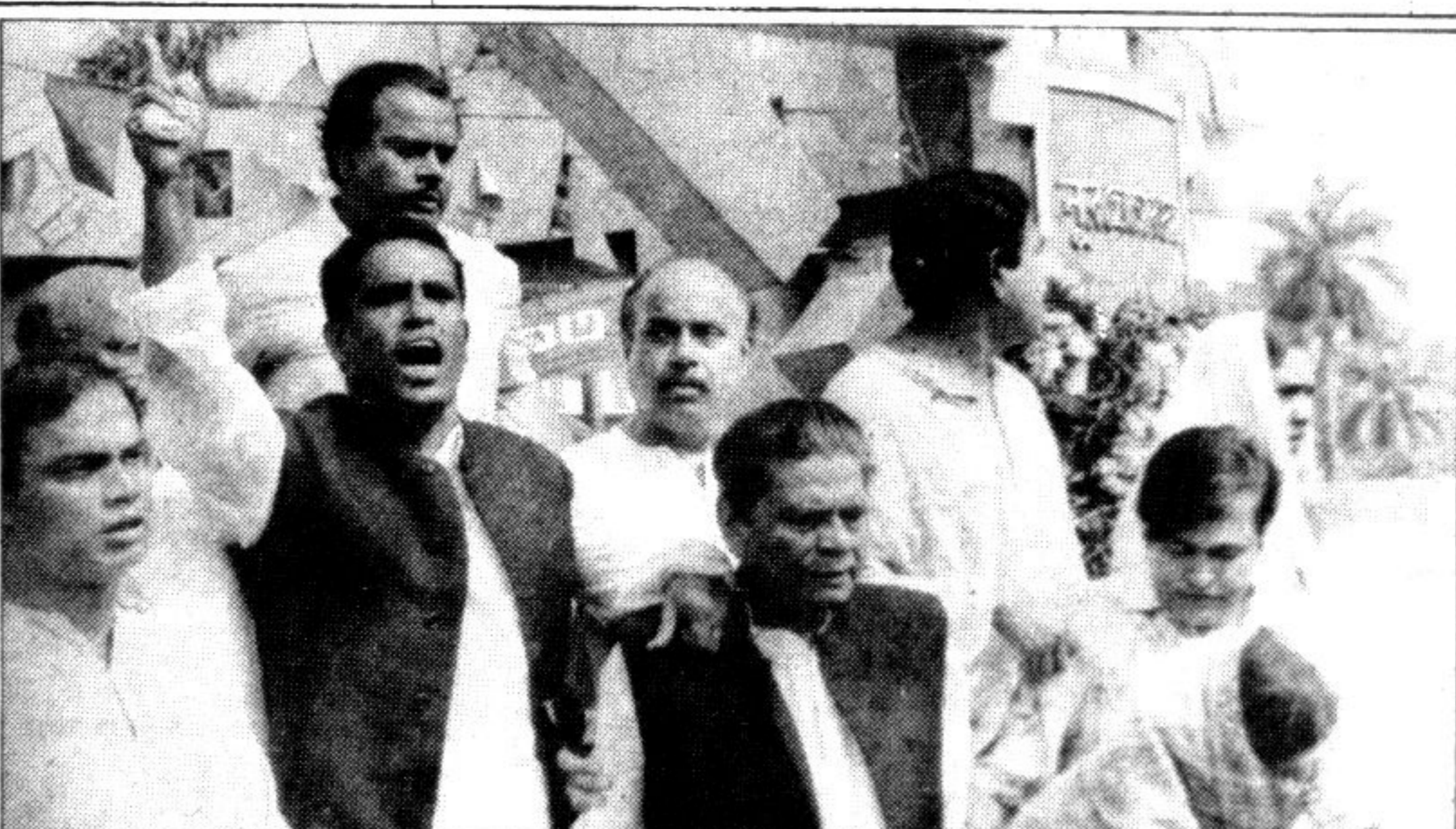
The sky will remain partly cloudy over the coastal regions of the country. Dry weather with misty morning is likely over the country.

The Met Office forecasts night temperature is likely to fall by one to two degrees Celsius over the country except for the coastal regions where night temperature may remain nearly unchanged. Country's highest temperature of 32 degrees Celsius was recorded in Satkhira and Chuadanga and lowest temperature of 18 degrees Celsius was recorded in Sitakunda yesterday.

The sun sets today (Thursday) at 5.14 pm and rises tomorrow (Friday) at 6.12 am.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degrees Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9am	6pm
Dhaka	30.4	20.0	73	83
Chittagong	30.2	19.0	77	73
Rajshahi	31.0	19.5	87	86
Khulna	31.6	21.6	77	83
Barisal	31.0	20.5	80	92
Sylhet	30.0	-	75	75
Cox's Bazar	30.0	19.6	69	72
Dinajpur	28.6	20.2	89	83



The Awami League held a rally at the Noor Hossain Square in the capital yesterday during the sit-in hours. (Story on Page 1) —Star photo

## Seminar on old Dhaka's language held

The Centre for Advanced Research in Humanities of Dhaka University held a seminar on 'The Language of Old Dhaka' Tuesday with noted dramatist Saeed Ahmed in the chair, reports BSS.

Dr Rajib Humayun Kabir, Chairman of the Department of Linguistic presented the key-note paper in the seminar while Prof Abdul Momin Chowdhury of History Department and Prof. Rafiqul Islam of Bangla Department took part in the discussion.

Dr Rajib Humayun, in his key-note paper, discussed the origin and expansion of Bengal and Urdu languages of the dwellers of old Dhaka. He also focused on the 'Kutti community' of the old part of the city.

Other speakers at the seminar stressed the need for further research and preservation of languages of the inhabitants of old Dhaka.

Dr Fakrula Alam, Director of the centre conducted the seminar.

## Chhatra Moitree committee

By DU Correspondent

A 25-member Dhaka city unit committee of the Bangladesh Chhatra Moitree has been formed yesterday.

Moniruzzaman Razu, Manjur Ahmed Mintu, Tarun Kumar Bodiya were made president, general secretary and organising secretary respectively in the newly-formed committee.

The committee was formed on the second day of the three-day council held at the Engineers' Institution in the city.

The council was addressed by Ragib Ahsan Munna and Mahmud Hasan Bulu.

Ref. No. 25.03/35 10 November, 1993

## International Re-Tender Notice For Export of High Sulphur Furnace Oil (HSFO) Between Nov 30 and Dec 02, '93

- Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation ("the Corporation") hereby invites offer from reputed buyers for export on FOB Chittagong basis of 20,000 Metric Tons (plus minus 10% at buyer's option) of High Sulphur Furnace Oil (HSFO) as per terms and conditions set out hereinafter.
- The lifting of the entire cargo of HSFO will have to be completed between November 30 and December 02, 1993.
- Tender will be received up to 1200 hours (BST) on 18 November, 1993 and opened at 1205 hours (BST) on the same day at the Corporation's Head Office in presence of the bidders or their authorised agents/representatives who would wish to be present.
- Offers must be valid up to 1200 hours (BST) on 21 November, 1993.
- Local Agents of reputed buyers interested in the tender may collect tender documents on payment of Tk. 300.00 or equivalent US \$ 10.00 on all working days during office hours from (a) the Commercial and Operations Division of the Corporation at its Head Office at HBFC Building, 1/D, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong (b) Liaison Office of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation at 40, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka-1000.
- No Tender documents will be sold on tender opening day.
- No rights of any kind shall be created in favour of any person by virtue of having tender documents nor shall any right be created in favour of any person by virtue of submitting tender. The Corporation reserves the right not to accept the highest offer or reject any or all efforts in part or in full without assigning any reason.
- Other terms and conditions will be as per general terms and conditions of export of HSFO by the Corporation (Reference No. 25.03/35 dated 10 November, 1993.)

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