

Metropolitan

Dhaka Day by Day

Patree Chai

by Raffat Binte Rashid

Wanted. No, not any outlaw or a bandit — dead of alive — but a pretty, young, bride, preferably in her early twenties. Come on, don't be surprised, the Patree Chai (bride wanted) ads in almost every Bangla dailies couldn't have possibly escaped anybody's attention. Along with the sale, lost and found, affidavit ads, these fascinating, small three to four inches ads wanting a life partner or as commonly said "the better halves" are always in the papers.

Adding all the good adjectives like tall, pretty, smart, educated, definitely fair, young girl is wanted for an exceptionally handsome engineer of 38 years staying abroad invariably in the U.S.A. Somewhere in the ads it is very boldly written that this highly sophisticated bridegroom is a green card holder too.

'Cultured', 'sophisticated' — most probably we've all forgotten the actual meaning of these words, or else how can we take these men for what they claim to be when they display such bad taste.

Women or girls are no commodity or any to-let flats that you would look for them in such a revealing exhibition of manner. But the basic question does not lie there altogether: how

in our country, and also in the sub-continent the culture of arranged marriage is still very much in use. Any girl of 24 years is no longer considered eligible, rather an old maid and by hook or crook she has to be married off. And like a sacrificial cow she will be displayed, and that too in New Market or any shopping centre. Just a glance and either she is yours or she is not upto your expectations. These men must be a very strong judge of character, seeing someone for the first time, he can strongly believe that she'll make him a good wife. Or is it the chemistry, which is very difficult to explain emotion at times. Wanting to make someone yours forever or judging her character in one single encounter is no doubt very difficult and definitely deserves praise. Love marriage don't always work out.

They are not always this rude though. There are eligible bachelors living abroad or at home, who at least have the decency to ask her and that too in style. Patra Mittal (Pen pals), in these ads the last line is an invitation. "Wants to be pen friends, PYTs (pretty, young, things) write, and maybe, later will be chosen as life partners." What a gallant approach, just few letters and he is at your side.

Sometimes there are ads saying that a widowed or divorced father of two children is looking a caring, considerate mother. She can be either divorced or widowed. Perhaps he is really looking for a nanny, but it is very hard to understand from the ad. Marriage is an integral part of life, a man or a woman cannot be complete without the other half; be patient, desperation never lead anyone anywhere. One of these days you'll find the woman of your dreams, the one you've been looking for all these years, walking straight into your life. Save the ad money, you'll need it then.

DAILY CHAPABAZI

WANTED



Bride wanted. Diana or Divya look alike are preferred. Age-24. Smart, pretty, Phd or having wealthy father qualifies. Am 40 up (Harrison Ford is also 40 up) Green Cardholder (got Red Card from Bangladesh). OC-DC (onion cutter and dish washer) in Ban Pacific Hotel.

NB: may not look like H Ford-but live in the USA and over 40. Contact: PO Box: 420.



BRIDE WANTED

Wanted a meek young bride (18 year old). Should be able to cook, wash and take care of my 12 children (all over 30). Am 80 yr old. Rich, powerful, all consuming. Contact before I die at: 666 666.

BRIDE LIKE THIS



WANTED

Looking for a 36"-24"-36". No other qualification needed. Am filmmaker (make the new-found teenage craps). Call or meet me at: The Creepy Hotel, Room: 007.

Cultural complex in city under study

The government is actively considering setting up a cultural complex in the capital for the flourishing of creative works, says State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahan Ara Begum, reports UNB.

The State Minister was addressing a reception, accorded to eight eminent personalities in the field of art and literature, at the auditorium of the Biswa Sahitya Kendra Tuesday.

Regarding an allegation, brought by a speaker at the function that the Bangla Academy has become a den of particular political organisation, Prof Jahan Ara said the government was determined to maintain the neutral image of the organisation at any cost.

Organised by the 'Troyee Sahitya Sangha', the function was also addressed by Civil Aviation and Tourism Secretary Aizalul Rahman and Prof Nayan Rahman. Poet Jahangir Hafiz presided.

Later, the State Minister gave away awards to the recipients.

They are: Abdullah Al-Mamoon — Drama, Mobarak Hossain Khan — Feature, Lutfor Rahman Sarkar — Belles Letters, Nurul Islam Khan — Novel, Mostafa Harun — Translation of Literature, Shamsul Khan — Poetry, Mahfuz Siddiqui — Story, and Abu Saleh — Children's Literature.

Unite to press for 21-point demands: BMA

By SSMCH Correspondent

Leaders of the Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) at the Sir Salmullah Medical College Hospital yesterday urged the doctors community to be united to press for their 21-point demands.

The BMA has launched a series of programmes as part of its ongoing movement. The programmes include increase in the allocation on health sector, introduction of primary health care in every union and to create new posts for the young doctors.

The BMA leaders said that "Health for All" could be ensured if the 21-point demands of the doctors were fulfilled.

Presided over by Prof A K Sarker, the discussion was addressed, among others, by Dr Gajj Abdul Haque, Secretary General of BMA, Dr Mainul Hasan Sadik, Dr Anwar Kamal Sadi, Dr Mostaq Hossain, Dr Nazrul Islam, Dr M A Selim, Dr Saizur Rahman and Dr Rokeya.

Indian people greeted for rejecting communal politics

By Staff Correspondent

Leaders of the Communal Harmony Council Tuesday congratulated the voters of India for rejecting Bharatiya Janata Party in the legislative polls.

In a joint statement, president of the council Justice K M Sobhan and general secretary Advocate Mostafa Amin said that BJP, has destroyed the secular image of India by destroying the Babri Mosque. The leaders called upon all to build up a humanitarian society in the SAARC region by eliminating all forms of communalism.

BTB

Thursday

5.00 Opening announcement
Al-Quran Programme summary
News in Bangla
5.10 National TV School Debate Competition
6.15 Special programme on the National Day of UAE
6.40 Jiboner Alo
7.20 Nazrul Sangeet
7.35 Documentary film show on SAF games
8.00 News in Bangla
8.30 Drama of the week: Durat Kothao
10.00 News in English
10.30 Mini series: The Grass is Always Greener
11.30 Khabar/The News
11.40 Tomorrow's programme summary
11.45 Closing

Weather

No change is temperature

By Staff Correspondent

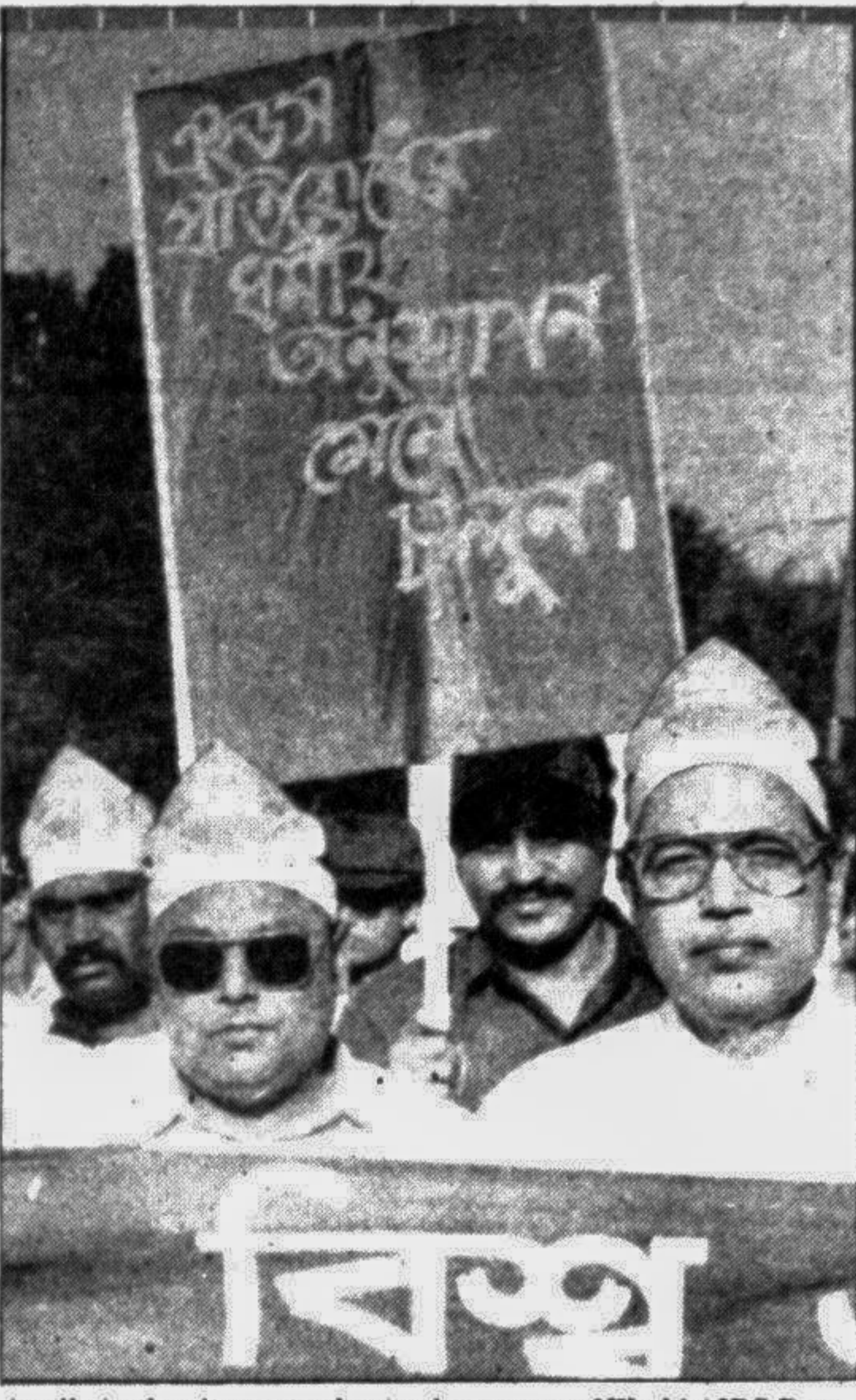
The sky is likely to remain partly cloudy over the coastal regions of the country. Dry weather is likely to prevail over the country.

Met Office forecasts night temperature may remain nearly unchanged. Country's highest temperature of 31.0 degrees Celsius was recorded in Bogra and lowest of 14.4 degrees Celsius was recorded in Dinajpur yesterday.

The sun sets today (Thursday) at 5:11 pm and rises tomorrow (Friday) at 6:26 am.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperatures in degrees Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	29.1	17.5	67	75
Chittagong	28.5	16.4	82	70
Rajshahi	28.5	15.5	77	78
Khulna	29.8	15.4	74	79
Barisal	29.5	16.1	82	83
Cox's Bazar	29.4	18.5	65	66
Sylhet	29.0	17.5	65	73
Dinajpur	29.2	14.4	77	78



A rally in the city yesterday in observance of World AIDS Day. — Star photo

AIDS virus detected among 1.4 cr people in the world

The AIDS virus have been detected among one crore 30 lakh adult people and another 10 lakh children throughout the world at the middle of the current year. At present, about seven lakh people are suffering from AIDS in the world, reports BSS.

This was revealed at a discussion meeting organised by Bangladesh National UNESCO Club in observance of the World AIDS Day and district representatives conference of UNESCO Club Association yesterday.

Presided over by senior vice-president of the UNESCO Club Association Meer Ramzan Ali, the discussion meeting, was attended by Education Minister Barrister Jamruddin Sircar. The meeting was also addressed by National Professor Dr Nurul Islam, Secretary of BNCIS S M Saifuddin, Director of Bangladesh Bureau of Education Information and Statistics Anwarul Hoq Khan Mojlish and general secretary of UNESCO Club Association Mahbubuddin Chowdhury.

The Education Minister said, AIDS virus hides in human body for years together and attack the people as a killer disease. He said high standard of morality and consciousness of the people can prevent spread of the AIDS.

He said caution in blood transfusion, stop of illegal-sex and upholding of religious values can prevent spread of this disease. He urged he conscious citizens of the society to create mass awareness for prevention of AIDS.

Prof. Nurul Islam said AIDS spreads through, multi sexual activities, blood transfusion and breast feed to the children. He said, if one mother becomes victim of AIDS, she should not give birth to a child and if a young man becomes victim he should not marry. He emphasised the need for upholding moral values and following religious ways to prevent AIDS.

Khan Mojlish said, since moral and religious values are dominant in Bangladesh, AIDS will not spread in our country.

Rozario's killing condemned

The students and teachers of Notre Dame College condemning the killing of Bimal Solomon Rozario, a laboratory assistant of the college, demanded exemplary punishment to those involved in the incident, reports BSS.

A joint meeting of teachers, students and employees of the college on Monday presided over by Principal Father JS Peixotto CSC expressed its condolence to Rozario's bereaved family. The meeting also urged teachers, students and employees to contribute generously for the widowed wife of Rozario and his three minor children.

Rozario was murdered in his village Dorenda under Savar police station on the night of November 26.

The meeting requested the authorities to ensure safety of the members of the deceased's family.

Classes of college remain suspended Tuesday to show respect to the memory of Bimal Solomon Rozario.

UNHCR representative calls on Harun

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) representative in Bangladesh, Canh Nguyen-Tang, yesterday called on State Minister for Relief, Harun-al-Rashid at the latter's secretariat office, reports BSS.

They discussed and exchanged views on matters relating to smooth repatriation of Rohingya refugees.

Happy 16th Anniversary

to

Abbu & Ammu

from

Mehreen, Farian and Fayyad

LEGAL NOTICE

In the Supreme Court of Bangladesh High Court Division, Dhaka (Original Civil Jurisdiction)

MATTER NO. 54 OF 1993

IN THE MATTER OF :
An application for winding-up of Lilac Paint and Chemical Co. Ltd.

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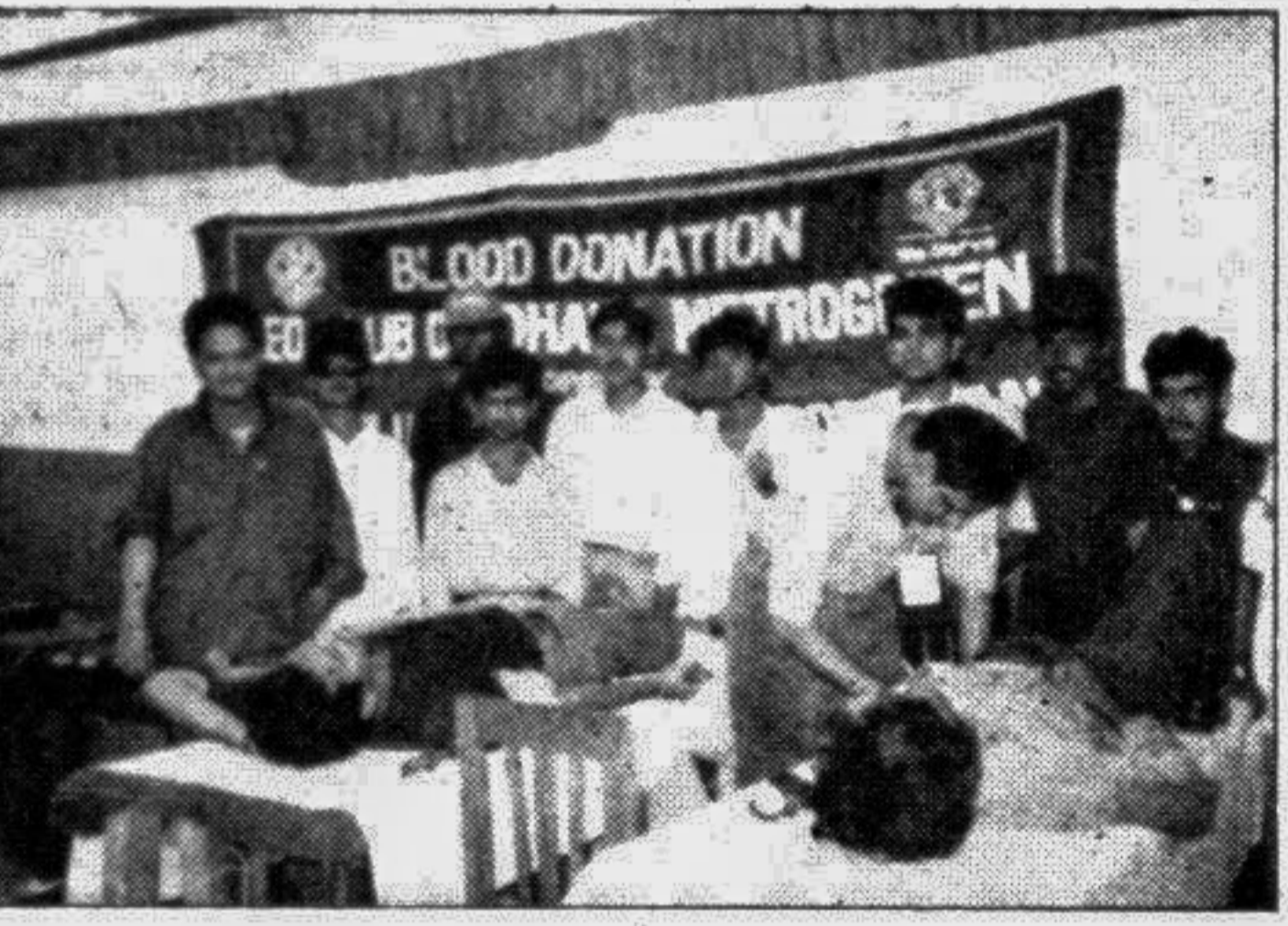
IN THE MATTER OF :
International Finance Investment and Commerce Bank Limited PETITIONER.

- Versus -
Lilac Paint & Chemical Co. Limited RESPONDENT.

Notice is given that an application under section 166 read with sections 162 & 163 of the Companies Act, 1913, filed by the petitioner praying for winding-up of the Lilac Paint and Chemical Co. Ltd. has been admitted on 25th November, 1993 by Mr. Justice A.M. Mahmudur Rahman. It is fixed for hearing on 20th January, 1994.

Any person interested in the said application may appear on the date fixed for hearing either personally or through his duly authorised Advocate. Copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of prescribed charge.

Mrs. Dilruba Dawood
Advocate For the Petitioner
47/1, Purana Paltan, Dhaka-1000



Leo Club of Dhaka Metro Green, Lions Club of Dhaka Metropolitan and Bangladesh Red Crescent Society jointly organised a blood donation programme recently in the city.

Gas pipeline connection with AGMS

By Staff Correspondent

The Petrobangla has successfully connected lines between the north-south gas pipeline and the newly constructed Ashugan Gas Metering Station (AGMS) Saturday.

The AGMS is now supplying a daily average of 94 million cubic feet gas to the Titas gas system.

The AGMS has been constructed by an Italian firm M/s Trepi Projeti on a turn-key contract basis at a cost of Tk 10.60 crore under the supervision of Petrobangla.

The station would supply gas in the Titas and Bakhrabad systems through the north-south pipeline under the second development project funded by IDA.

An eleven member committee comprising technical officials of the PIU, Petrobangla and Titas Gas had begun the task for commissioning, testing and tie-in between the north-south pipe line and the AGMS on November 25.

In order to complete the task, the committee temporarily suspended the gas supply in the north-south pipe line from 11 pm November 25 to 5 am November 27.

As the task was carried out efficiently, a Petrobangla press release said, the general gas supply in the country remained undisturbed.

The AGMS has all necessary system to supply gas from the gas fields located in the north-east of the country.

Fashion spectacular on BBC TV

BBC World Service Television on the Star TV network will be presenting a fashion spectacular on Saturday, 21:25 BST. Network East goes behind the scenes as viewers' designs get the professional treatment and are paraded down the catwalk. The Clothes Show at 11:25 BST on the same day will be investigating the impact of Asian models on the fashion scene around the world, says a press release.

Over the last five weeks, the programme has been providing fashion inspiration for aspiring designers. Now sixteen finalists have been selected to have their creations paraded before the judges. The prize for the competition, run in conjunction with Cine Bliz magazine, is a week with a top Indian fashion house in London and a trip to Bombay.

Bangladesh Railway Bholaganj Ropeway Tender Notice

No. CE/43/93 Dated: 27.11.1993

Sealed tenders are hereby invited for purchase of right to realise Royalties at Govt. Approved Rate (i.e. @ Tk.70/- per 100 cft) from the collector of Boulder Shingles, Stones etc. from the designated areas of the Bangladesh Railway Rock quarry near Bholaganj for the period from 1st January/1994 to 31st December/94 for 12 (Twelve) months only.

1. Document available for purchase from the office of the Chief Engineer/East Bangladesh Railway/CRBc Chittagong or Executive Engineer/Bholaganj Ropeway Bangladesh Railway, Chhatak Bazar, Sunamgonj and DEN/II/DA on cash payment of Tk.750/(Seven hundred & fifty) only (Non-refundable) per set during the office hours on all working days upto 14.12.1993. Dropping & opening of tender upto 12.00 hrs and 12-30 hrs. respectively of 15.12.1993 in both offices. The tendered amount must not less than 80 (Eighty) lakhs for the period mentioned in Para (1) above. Earnest money 5% of the quoted price.

Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason.

Rail/B/211 Chief Engineer East
D-869 Bangladesh Railway, Chittagong

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Chief Engineer
Construction and Maintenance Management Unit (CMMU)
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
House No. 80, Road No. 11, Block-E, Banani, Dhaka

Notice Inviting Tender

Memo No. MOHFW/CMMU/MCWC-13/92/2491 Dated: 25th Nov. 1993

The Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a grant from UNFPA. It is intended that this grant will be applied to eligible payment under the contract for Repair, Upgradation and construction of 13 Maternity & Child Welfare Centres (MCWCs).

Sealed tenders are hereby invited by the undersigned only from the short listed contractors out of prequalified ones of CMMU for these works:

Gr. No.	Name of the work and location	Time period	Earnest money	Dates of selling tender documents
	Repair, Upgradation and construction of 13 Maternity & Child Welfare Centres (MCWCs)	6 months	2% of the quoted amount	Up to 7th Dec. 1993
1.	Rajshahi	-do-	-do-	-do-
2.	Chandpur	-do-	-do-	-do-
3.	Thakurgaon	-do-	-do-	-do-
4.	Lalmonirhat	-do-	-do-	-do-
5.	Dinajpur	-do-	-do-	-do-
6.	Joypurhat	-do-	-do-	-do-
7.	Chapainawabgonj	-do-	-do-	-do-
8.	Nilphamari	-do-	-do-	-do-
9.	Narayanganj	-do-	-do-	-do-
10.	Natore	-do-	-do-	-do-
11.	Rajbari	-do-	-do-	-do-
12.	Laxmipur	-do-	-do-	-do-
13.	Gaibandha	-do-	-do-	-do-

Tender documents will be sold from the Office of the Chief Engineer, CMMU, House No. 80, Road No. 11, Block-E, Banani, Dhaka and office of the Consultant Sthapati Sangshad Ltd., House No. 4, Road No. 9, Dhanmondi Residential Area, Dhaka-1205 at a non-refundable amount of Tk. 1000.00 (Take one thousand) only in the form of payment order in favour of the Chief Engineer, CMMU, Dhaka, per set during office hours on all working days.

The working drawings are available for inspection, if necessary by the tenderers at the office of the Chief Engineer, CMMU and also at Consultant's office.

The tender shall be accompanied by an amount of Earnest Money as mentioned above in the form of Payment Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Chief Engineer, CMMU, Dhaka.

The tenders will be received by the aforesaid offices of CMMU and also by the Consultant up to 1:00 pm on or before 11th December, 1993 and opened at 1:30 pm on the same day in presence of the tenderers, who choose to remain present. CMMU reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Tenderers may bid on all groups of works under this project. However, in the event that a tenderer submits the lowest evaluated bids for more than one group he may be awarded only one contract of his own choice.

The tender notice will also form a part of the tender and will be binding upon the tenderers.

DFF (G) 19729-27/11 G-1658 Col. M. Majibur Rahman, Psc. Chief Engineer, CMMU