

Dhaka Day by Day

Milk at Your Doorstep

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The Dhakaites will rise to the defence of his beloved city in spite of the hartals, the rickshaws, the roads being rented out now even for weddings or parties with the wedding season on and the garbage trucks collecting garbage in the middle of the day.

However, in quieter and saner moments, when we are sure the critics are well out of earshot, we will lament the days of old and shake our heads over lost pleasures. These include days when the traffic looked civilized, roads were meant for the traffic and not to collect money at the tax payers' expense and cows were few and far between because there was less garbage littering the street corners. And one of the pleasures for the pleasure-loving Bangalee was of course his palate. Nothing he loved better than to sit around in the early morning winter sunshine, making 'pithas' and eating them piping hot. And this being also the time of the year for the fresh juice off the date trees to be turned into molasses cooked into 'payash' with milk, the Dhakaites will sigh and miss the fragrance of fresh milk boiling over the fire.

buying milk even as the owner of the cow milks the cows. Some housewives again will insist on having the milk delivered at their doorsteps and this is when we see the cows being walked to the house and being milked at the doorstep! Whatever be the fault of the lovable Bangalee, lack of innovation can surely not be included amongst them.

Perhaps no other city can claim such original ideas in the delivery of milk. Britain of course still delivers milk to its citizens at the doorstep and the milk man is a well-loved character, but he does his rounds in the milk van.

Nowhere are cows walked to the doorstep, to be milked and the milk delivered to the fussy housewife who perhaps does not trust the man with the pail of milk in case he adds water to it along the way!

The decision-making body of the land, could perhaps encourage these genuine milkmen by providing them facilities which would help them to breed healthier cows and give them a place to properly keep their cows, instead of tying them up on the side of the roads and the pavements which not only prove a traffic hazard but also a health hazard. But again, the authorities are not exactly known for their intelligence and do not fall in the category of nuclear scientists and we fear they are quite capable of waking up one fine morning and taking away all those cows to the pound or worse to be slaughtered as they are illegally occupying space meant for the citizens. That would be a real tragedy both in terms of the cows and the Dhakaites who would be left without his source of milk, albeit meagre at the best of times.

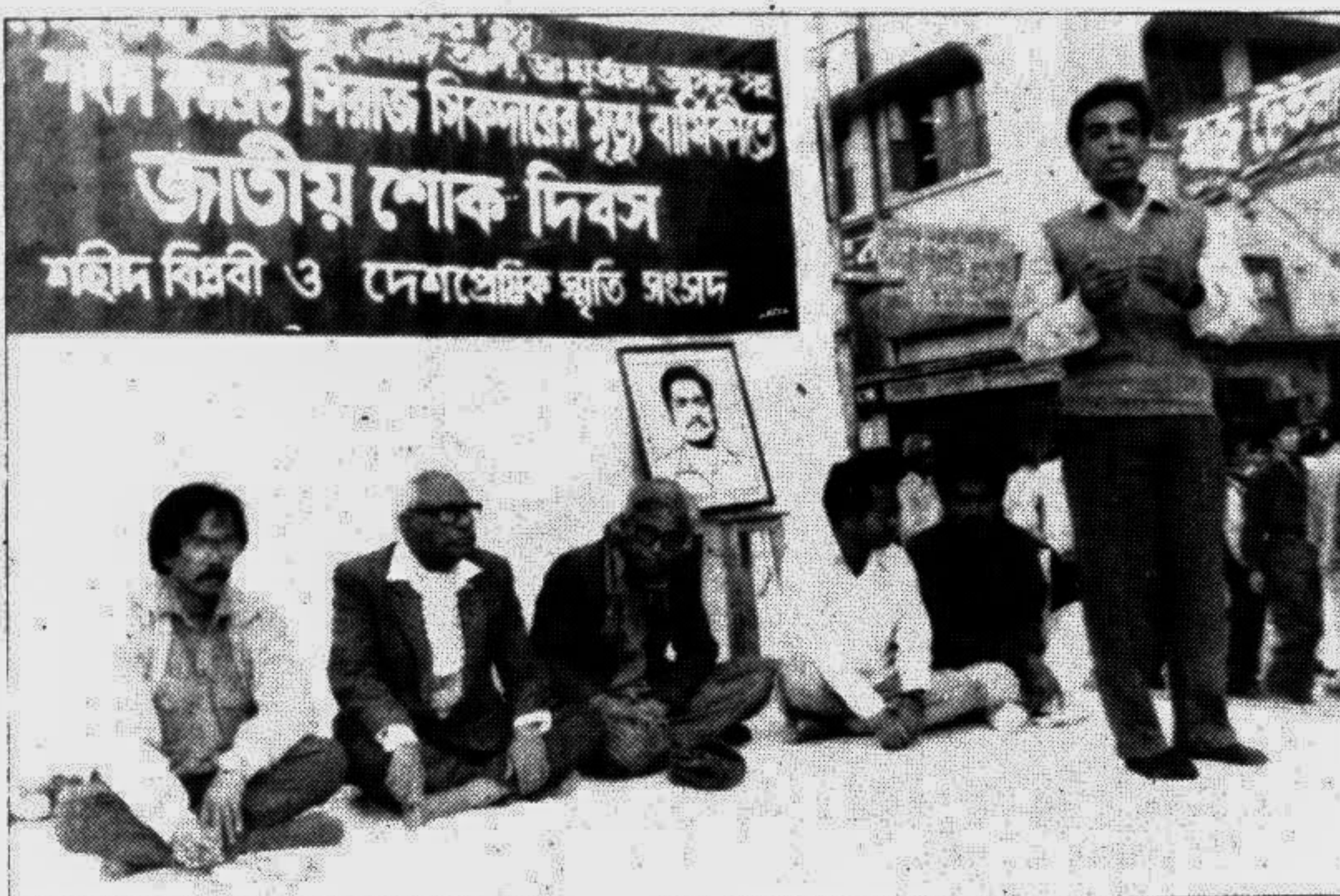
BNP a symbol of development, says Mosharraf

CHITTAGONG, Jan 2: Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khandakar Mosharraf Hossain called upon the city people to cast vote for BNP nominee for sustenance of the pace of development and strengthen the process of democracy, reports BSS.

The tenure of BNP is a symbol of development and upholding the values of democracy. Dr Mosharraf Hossain said, adding "The tenure of Awami League, on the contrary, is a record of famine, theft of blanket and killing of democracy while the era of Jatiya Party is of plundering of public money and rule of autocracy."

Advertisement for 'প্রপাটি পিক' (Prapati Pick) featuring a building image and contact information.

Advertisement for BTV Monday programming, listing various shows and their start times.



A memorial meeting was held in the city yesterday to observe the death anniversary of Siraj Sikder. Seen speaking on the occasion are (from R) Md Shahidullah, Shafigul Kader Chandan, Dr Reazur Rahman, Abdul Mannan, Faiz Ahmed and Hamidul Huq. — Star photo

M H Khan for int'l law in dealing with Farakka

M H Khan, former adviser and minister-in-charge of the Ministry of Power and Water, has said that the Ganges is an international river for all purposes, and called for applying international law in dealing with the 'Farakka' issue, reports BSS.

In a statement here, he said that in 1991, the United Nations international law commission adopted a set of 31 articles on the use of international water course, and two articles are pertinent because these could be taken up in case of the violation by upper riparian for adjudication by the international body.

Khan said that one article provides that all states, sharing an international water course, have an obligation to use it in an equitable and reasonable manner and the other provides that all states have an obligation not to use an international water course in such a way as to cause harm to other states sharing it.

He said he is glad to see that Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has mentioned the problem of unilateral withdrawal of water from the Ganges at Farakka in her speech at the UNGA. However, he said, this has only an informational value only, and said the issue of such a vital nature can acquire seriousness if the subject is included in the agenda, or in other forum that is considered as important under the UN system.

Nat'l convention of IEB begins Jan 15

The 38th national convention of the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) begins January 15, says a press release issued by Engr. S M Mamoon.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, is expected to inaugurate the seven-day convention as chief guest January 18. The theme of the convention is "Let Development of the People be the Main Aim of Engineers." Besides several technical sessions and series of memorial lectures on different subjects of national and professional interests, a national seminar on "Sustainable Development for Bangladesh: Issues and Options" will be arranged during the convention.

More than 4000 engineers from all over the country and a number of delegates from different foreign engineering institutions will be attending the convention.

Charbaria area team meets Biswas

President Abdul Rahman Biswas yesterday stressed the need for spreading female education to promote family welfare and child development, reports UNB.

The government had given great emphasis on having an educated mother in every family, he told a 10-member delegation of Charbaria area in Barisal who called on him at Bangabhaban.

Protect Varsity Ordn '73, Zillur tells teachers

Noted educationist Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui yesterday urged the university teachers to come forward to protect the University Ordinance, 1973 and untidely raise their voice against any attempt to amend the Ordinance, reports UNB.

Government interference in the activities of university is not desirable, more so from a democratic government," he said. The former Vice-Chancellor was speaking as chief guest at a seminar on "University Act '73: Rationality and Reality" at the Social Sciences Faculty auditorium of Jahangirnagar University.

Prof Siddiqui, who was an advisor of the caretaker government of Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, called upon the government to allocate substantial budget for the overall development of the university. He said the University Grants Commission has failed to keep liaison between the teachers and the government.



Father of late Fazlee Hossain Retd Joint Secretary Md Tosharruf Hossain (2nd R) and his daughter Mrs Sayeda H Zaman jointly handing over a cheque for Taka 1 lakh 25 thousand to Professor Emajuddin Ahmed, Vice-Chancellor (Extreme R) yesterday at the latter's office. Pro-Vice-Chancellor Professor Wakil Ahmed is also seen in the picture.

Weather

Temperature may fall

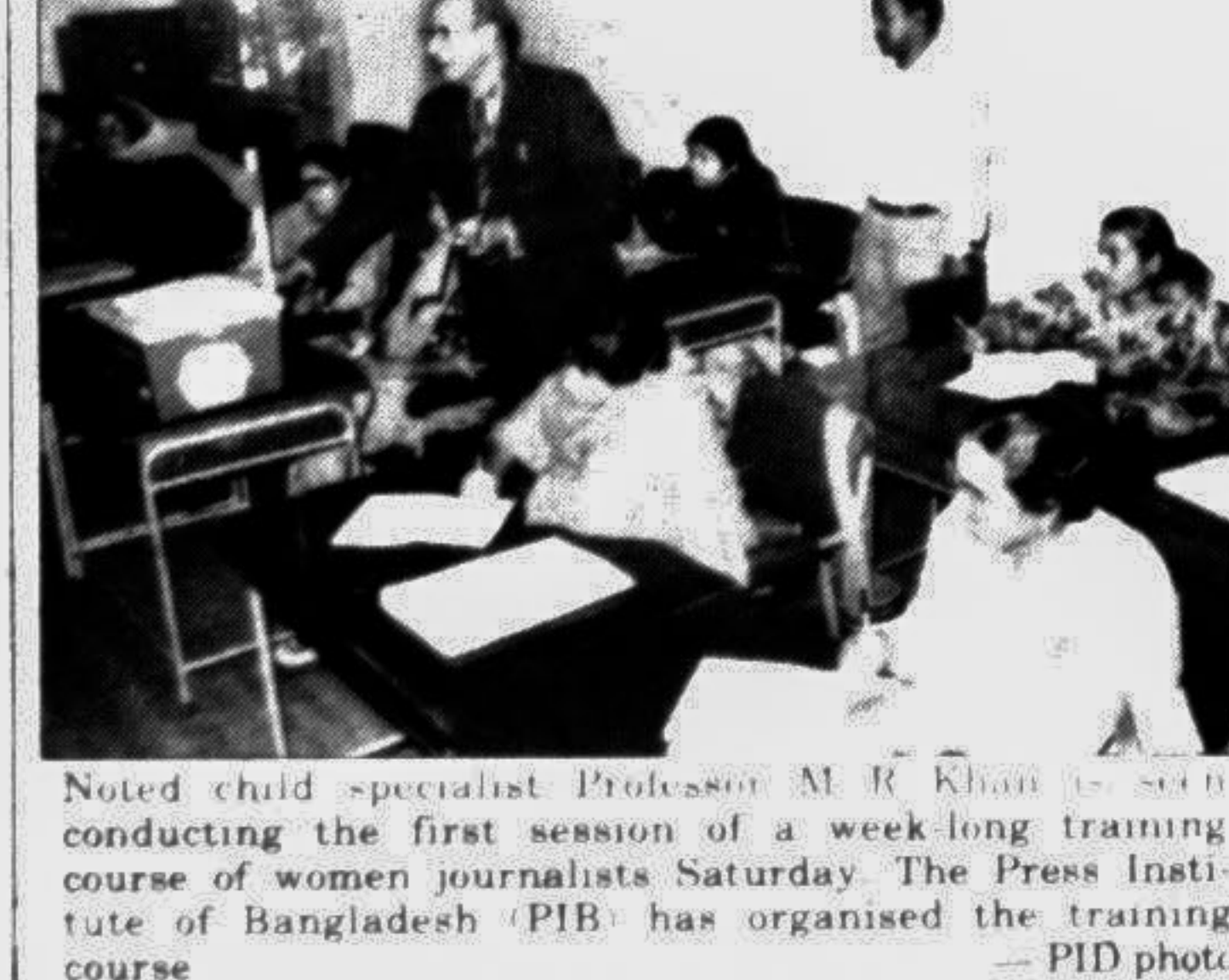
Dry weather with clear sky is likely to prevail over Bangladesh.

Met Office forecasts night temperature may fall by one to two degrees Celsius over Dhaka, Khulna and he regions of Pabna, Rajshahi, Bogra. Sylhet and slight fall is likely at elsewhere over the country.

The country's highest temperature of 28.5 degrees Celsius was recorded at Tarknaf and lowest of 9.6 degrees Celsius was recorded at Srimongol yesterday.

The sun sets today (Monday) at 5.24 pm and rises tomorrow (Tuesday) at 6.42 am.

Table with 2 columns: Cities/Towns and Temperatures in degrees Celsius (Max, Min) and Humidity in percentage (9 am, 6 pm).



Noted child specialist Professor M R Khan is seen conducting the first session of a week-long training course of women journalists Saturday. The Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) has organised the training course. — PID photo

Four Star staffs mugged

Four staffs of The Daily Star were waylaid by muggers and robbed of wrist watches, cash, identity cards, tiffin carriers and other items. Two young men who were sitting on the road island stopped one of the staff scooters of The Daily Star at around one am Saturday night in between Katabon and Bata-Crossing on Elephant Road. They were soon joined by about a dozen young men from a roadside lane wielding knives and chapaties. The unidentified muggers forced Star Staffs to handover their wrist watches, cash and other items. Police who were posted on the road failed to arrive at the scene, which took place for about ten minutes.

The victims were journalist Kamal Nasser and Faruq, Selim and Nurul Islam of the general section.

Co-option of local people into family planning activities suggested

Health and family planning officials and NGO representatives yesterday met in a day-long workshop to determine strategies for the coordination of mother and child health care activities in the fourth five-year plan at the Niport auditorium in the capital, reports BSS.

Mother and child health programme coordination cell of the Health Ministry arranged the workshop in which Health and Family Welfare Secretary Shammim Ansan, additional secretary and joint secretary of the ministry were present.

The workshop recommended to co-opt local people into the health and family planning activities to ensure their participation for the success of the programmes.

Large advertisement for 'স্কুল শাখায় ভর্তি চলছে' (School branches are open for admission) for Heli-Child Public School and College. Includes details about admission, fees, and contact information.

টিউলিপ ডেয়রী গ্র্যান্ড ফুড প্রোডাক্টস লিঃ

প্রধান কার্যালয় ২/৩, বুক-এ, মীরপুর রোড, মোহাম্মদপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৭

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

নিম্নলিখিত ৩টি পাতী 'যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে' ভিত্তিতে বিক্রয় করার জন্যে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারী কর্তৃক সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা হচ্ছে।

Table with 6 columns: ক্রমিক নম্বর, সংখ্যা, রেজিস্ট্রেশন নম্বর, পাতীর ধরন, মডেল, আসন সংখ্যা.

আগ্রহী ক্রেতাদের দরপত্রসমূহ আসামী ১০-০১-৯৪ তারিখ বেলা ১২টা পর্যন্ত প্রধান কার্যালয়, ২/৩, বুক-এ, মীরপুর রোড, মোহাম্মদপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৭, এই তিকানায় রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাক্সে গ্রহণ করা হবে এবং প্রদত্ত বেলা ৩টার সময় দরপত্রদাতাদের সামনে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হবে। প্রত্যেক দফার জন্য পৃথক পৃথক দর উল্লেখ করতে হবে। দরপত্র উল্লেখিত টাকার ১০% হারে পে-অর্ডার/ ডিমান্ড ড্রাফট, টিউলিপ ডেয়রী গ্র্যান্ড ফুড প্রোডাক্টস লিঃ-এর অনুকূলে দরপত্রের সঙ্গে জমা দিতে হবে। আনেষ্ট মানি ব্যালিটের কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে না। অকৃতকার্য দরদাতার আনেষ্ট মানি সমস্তমতো ফেরৎ দেয়া হবে। দরপত্র গৃহীত হওয়ার পর দরদাতাকে উল্লেখিত টাকার বাকী ৯০% সম্পূর্ণ পরিশোধ করে ১৫ (পনের) দিনের মধ্যে পাতীগুলো ডেলিভারী নিতে হবে। অন্যান্য আনেষ্ট মানি ব্যালিট গ্রহণ করা হবে না।

হাক্কর রশীদ মানেজার