

Dhaka Day by Day

Going Car Crazy

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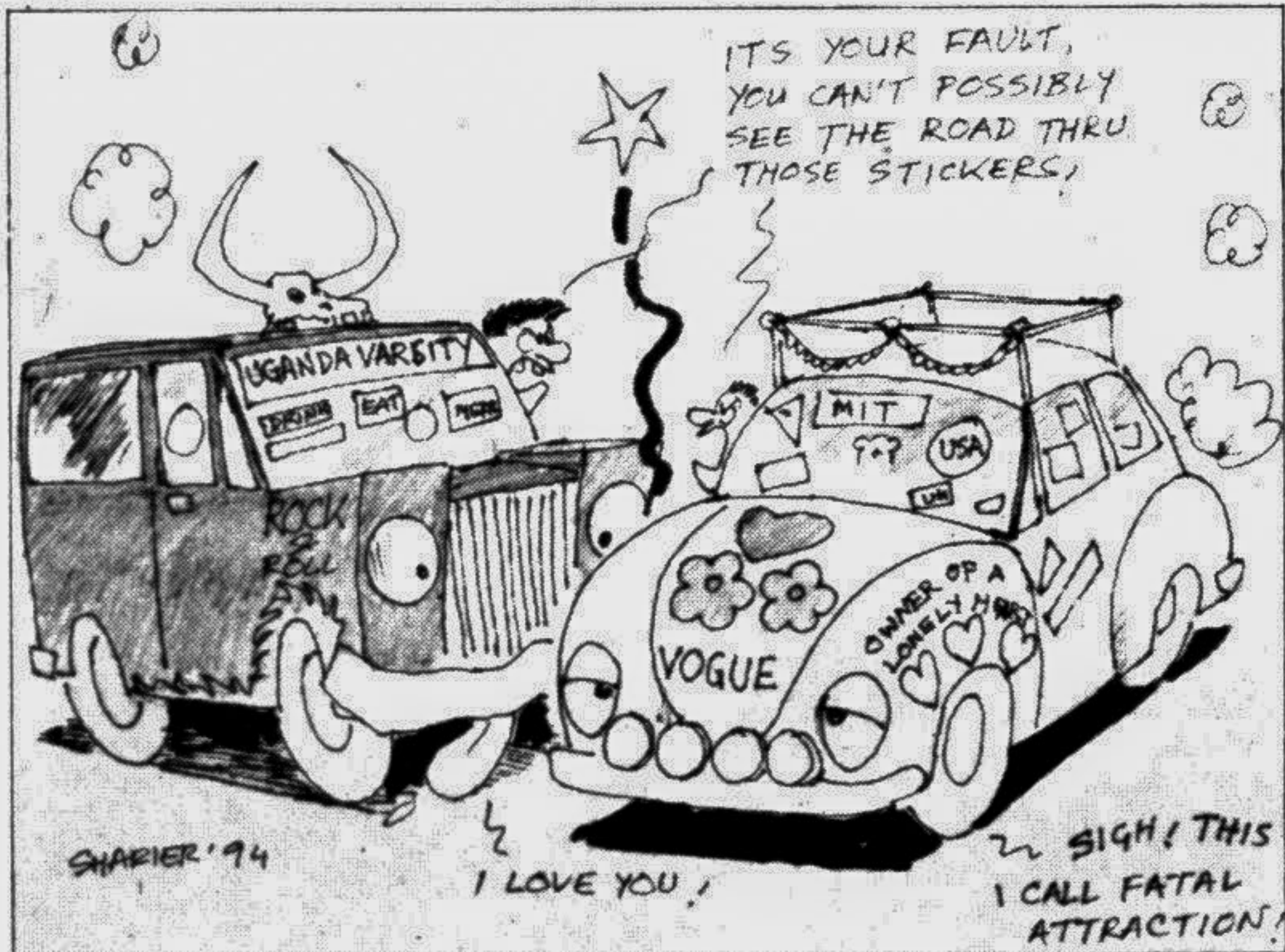
Cars are a common enough sight in Dhaka. Recently, however, they have taken on a new look with various kinds of embellishments adorning their expensive bodies. Most people being very possessive, often obsessive about their cars, treat them as they would a favourite pet or even a favourite offspring, spending bundles to dress them and make them pretty. Others use their cars to relay various kinds of implicit or obvious messages ranging from "I am rich" to "I am not only rich but intelligent and powerful."

The back window of the car seems to be a favourite spot to stick all kinds of things, for the benefit of those behind. University stickers are perhaps the most prolific. There are plenty of Harvard University, Stanford University, University of California, L A. University of Texas, all the names that smell 'Ivy League

rear view which must be delightful for the driver who now has to crane his neck outside the window to see what is coming from behind.

Animals, the stuffed kind that is, also adorn not only the rear windows but every little space that is available. Climbing gorillas, nodding dogs, and smug Garfields (why not throw a few Ninja Turtles?) serve both as curtains for the passengers and entertainment for the vehicles stuck behind.

Neither is the car's exterior spared of this dolling up process. Psychedelic lights may decorate the bumper going on and off in flashes to give maximum distracting effect. Black screens, a dozen antennae, more hallucinatory light and multicoloured stickers with rude messages may give the reconconditioned Toyota that much coveted 'punk-martian from



hero from America'. There are also those who do not believe in such snobbery and are quite proud to display their University of Idaho or University of 'I don't care as long as it's in America' or University of 'Anywhere But Bangladesh' stickers. Why we do not see University of Dhaka or Rajshahi University or Jahangirnagar University, is open to question.

Then there are those eye catching stickers on the bumper that display a kind of belligerence on the part of the car owner. Thus we find disturbing messages like 'Warning: Raving Mad Driver Ahead; or provocative messages like 'Don't Touch Me or I'll smash you to pieces' and snubbing messages like 'Distance Makes the Heart Grow Fonder.'

But let us not forget the little knick knacks that act as decorations for the four wheelers. One of the most popular status symbols car owners like to sport is the set of two fat, gaudy red cushions with glittery gold embroidery sandwiching an equally gaudy tissue box with shiny gold designs. Another purpose this ugly trio serves, perhaps, is to completely block the

Hell' look. For more 'macho-ness' are the guard bars on the bonnet that seem to beckon with a threat like "just try hitting me and see..."

Also, more status hungry cars can be seen with borrowed designer names. Thus a rickety old Volkswagen with a broken silencer for the sports car rumble, may have a Mercedes logo or a Toyota from the 'Dark Ages' ('69), will have big letters stuck on it saying 'Nissan Sunny.' Well at least they have imagination!

There are also the car indicators that sing like nightingales or play tunes from Dr Zivago or Jingle Bells that somehow never fail to irritate the passersby. Then there are those sound effects to scare the living day lights out of you such as ferocious dog barking or a car that ominously shouts, 'This car is backing up' reminding one of the t.v. series Knight Rider's 'Kit'.

These are some of the few idiosyncrasies that have evolved over time in Dhaka's cars. One may begin to wonder whether this is a reflection of growing insanity among their owners. Or perhaps it is just a passing phase.



Gano Forum leader Dr Kamal Hossain addressing a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday.

Kamal's call to resist anti-liberation forces

Gano Forum President Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday called upon the people to unite against the current brand of "ailing politics" to save democracy and resist the rise of communal, anti-liberation forces, reports UNB.

"The major political parties failed to take any decision about the national issues and were pushing the country towards uncertainty," he told a public meeting at Gandaria in the afternoon.

Dr Kamal alleged that the government was patronising the anti-liberation forces, protecting them in holding meeting while innocent people were shedding blood for its wrong decision.

He said the Chittagong incident was a planned attack on the independence of the country, an attack on democracy and the rule of law.

People want realistic decision through parliament, they want peace and stability, he said and accused both the government and the opposition for rendering parliament inoperative.

"They are not taking any initiative to end the deadlock, the crisis," said the eminent jurist with a note of anguish.

"We placed some proposal

on how to overcome the crisis of the House, we proposed a committee comprising members of the treasury and the Opposition benches, constitutional experts and national figures to find out a formula of ending the present political stalemate," he said.

The people want a consensus, a concrete decision for a stable and strong democracy and rapid national progress, Dr Kamal said.

The meeting was also addressed, by Shamsuddoha MP, Safuddin Ahmed Manik, Advocate Zahirul Islam, Abdul Matin Chowdhury and Advocate Azharul Islam. Central member Majbauddin Ahmed presided.

Justice Mustafa Kamal presents book to Biswas

Justice Mustafa Kamal, Judge of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, met President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday evening and presented a book titled "Bangladesh Constitution - Trends and Issues" written by him, reports UNB.

150 Indian sarees seized : 2 held

Police arrested two alleged smugglers and recovered 150 pieces of Indian sarees from their possession in a special drive at Tongi Railway Station of Gazipur district yesterday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip off a special team of Detective Branch, raided Tongi Railway Station and its adjoining areas and arrested Nazrul Islam, 38, and Shahabuddin, 27, with the contraband.

Police also recovered some 65 pieces of Indian sarees in another raid.

A case has been filed with Tongi thana.

Police also seized huge quantity of foreign and country-made liquor from a shop at Mirpur Bazar early yesterday.

Textile certificate exams date shifted

The dates for final examination of 1992 of certificate in textile under Bangladesh Technical Education Board scheduled for July 30 and 31 have been shifted to August 9 and 10 due to unavoidable reasons, reports BSS.

The practical examination scheduled for August 9 and 10 have also been shifted to August 14 and 15, a press release of the Board said here last night. Other examinations will be held as per the earlier schedule.

According to other press release of the board, examinations under the diploma engineering curriculum scheduled for July 30 and 31 will now be held on August 3 and 5 at 9:00 am.

Tk 2.74 cr uplift project for city's poor women

An urban-based women's development project is being implemented by the Jatiya Mahila Sangstha at ten thanas of Dhaka city at a cost of Tk 2 crore 74 lakh 27 thousand, reports BSS.

The objective of the project is to impart skill development training to the unemployed and poor women.

This was disclosed at the 27th meeting of the parliamentary standing committee on the Women and Children Affairs Ministry at the Sangsad Bhawan here Wednesday.

State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Begum Sarwari Rahman presided.

Theatre Complex Repertory presents a play without words

EKA (Alone)
Written and directed by Abdullah Al-Mamun
Performed by Ferdousi Majumdar
Monday 7 pm

Goethe-Institut
(Air conditioned)
Dhanmandi Road - 2
Tickets now available at Sagar Publishers
New Bailey Road

2 die in city mishaps

By DMCH Correspondent

At least two persons were killed in separate road accidents in the city yesterday.

After an accident at Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi, a mob damaged several vehicles and set fire to the truck that rammed a rickshaw, killing its puller Emdad, 25, around 8:30 in the morning.

Police contingent rushed to the spot and quelled the agita-

tion, but no arrest or other casualties were reported. Police said that they could not trace the truck-driver who fled immediately after the accident.

In another accident, near the Rajmoni Cinema Hall at Kakrail around 9 in the morning a pedestrian, Habibur Rahman, 70, died on the spot when an auto-rickshaw knocked him down.

General Manager Wanted

A leading group of company situated at Gulshan is looking for an experienced, smart & energetic General Manager. Retired Govt. official or retired Air line official preferred. Very attractive salary + other facilities for competent Candidate. Interested persons are requested to apply with full bio-data within 7th August to: **The Advertiser**
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345 Segun Bagicha, Dhaka-1000.

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(Any attempt to influence the selection process will render the applicant disqualified)

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Bata is looking for new store locations

We are urgently looking for suitable premises of any size, located in busy streets, malls, bus stations/train stations in District Head Quarters for opening of Bata outlets all over Bangladesh.

Interested Landlords/agents are requested to contact or mail applications along with store layouts, ownership rights, location map and front photograph to the Sales Office of Bata Shoe Company at 6 B.B. Avenue (3rd Floor) Dhaka not later than 16th August, 1994.

The Company reserves the right to consider offering Agencies under its terms and condition for real potential locations.

Please contact urgently as the initial opening plans are limited.

Bata Shoe Company (Bangladesh) Ltd.

SALES OFFICE
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DHAKA

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TENDER NOTICE TO LET OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

Signed and sealed quotations are hereby invited in prescribed form only from interested National and Foreign Development Organisations for immediate renting of any or all of the 1st floor, 2nd floor, 3rd floor and 4th floor (each covering about 4118 sq. ft.) of the Multistoried Proshika Office Building located at I/1-GA, Mirpur-2, (Northern side of National Stadium No. 2) Dhaka-1216. Tenders should specifically and clearly mention the floor needed and the maximum rate per sq ft which they can offer. Quotations are to be dropped in the Tender Box kept in the Administration Department on or before 11:00 AM of 16-08-94. The tender will be opened on the same date at 11:30 AM in the presence of Tenderers or their representatives, if any.

Prescribed Quotation forms will be available on payment of non-refundable amount of Tk. 200/- from the Accounts Department from 30th July, 1994. Tender Form will not be Sold on the opening date of tender.

Proshika authorities reserve the right to reject any or all the quotations without assigning any reason.

Administrative Officer
Proshika

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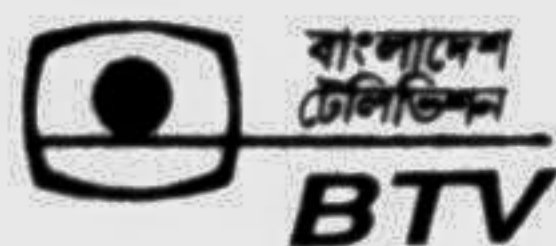
Janakantha editor granted extension of bail

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday granted extension of bail to Janakantha Editor Atiqullah Khan Masud for further ten days, reports BSS.

This is the second time the bail of Khan Masud was extended by the Appellate Division.

Khandker Mahub Hossain, Golan Kibria and advocate-on-record Afab Hossain appeared for Atiqullah Khan Masud.

Deputy Attorney General Alhaj A K M Shamsul Alam and advocate-on-record Moulvi Mohammad Wahidullah appeared for the state.



Friday

Morning Session

- 8:00 Opening announcement
Al-Quran
Programme Summary.
- 8:10 News in Bangla
- 8:15 Alor Dishari
- 8:40 Look and Learn
- 9:00 Khelar Jagot
- 9:30 Film show: Batman
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:05 Entertainment programme
- 11:15 Film show: Tarzan
- 11:40 Programme of Health: Prescription
- 11:55 Musical programme: Morami
- Evening Session**
- 3:00 Opening announcement
- 3:15 Cartoon film: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- 3:40 Movie of the Week: Advice to the Lovelorn
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:25 Sports programme
- 7:00 Open University
- 7:25 Musical programme: Malancha
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Comedy series: Perfect Strangers
- 9:00 Magazine programme: Shamay
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Film show: Law and Order
- 11:80 Khabar/The News
- 11:45 Closing

What's on today

Asiatic Society of Bangladesh: A talk on "pulp of Whole Mesta plant (Hibiscus Subdariffa) by Soda and Soda Additive methods" has been organised at the sixth monthly general meeting of the Asiatic Society. Speaker: Dr M Mohibbul Haque, Principal Scientific Officer and Scientist-in-Charge, Pulp and Paper Research Division, BCSIR. Venue: Seminar room, Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, 5 Old Secretariat Road, Nimali. Time: 5 pm.

Art Exhibition: By Nilufar Chaman. The opening ceremony will be held today. Venue: Jojon Art Gallery, 74 Central Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 4 pm. The exhibition will remain open from 3 pm to 8 pm everyday till August 11.

Rotaract Club of Shahbagh: The 44th regular meeting will be held. Venue: Academy for Planning and Development. Time: 10 am.

Weather

Light rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershower is likely at many places over Khulna, Barisal, and Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions till 6:00 pm Friday, reports UNB.

Met office says day temperature may fall by 1-2 degree Celsius over the coastal regions and remain nearly unchanged elsewhere across the country.

Meantime, Cox's Bazar experienced the highest 48 mm rain yesterday. Hatiya had 17 mm, Sandwip 15, Rangamati 12, Sitakund 9, Kutubdia 6 and Majdicourt 5 mm shower.

Country's highest temperature 34 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessore, Chuadanga and Patuakhali while the lowest 24 degrees at Hatiya.

The sun sets today (Friday) at 6:43 pm and rises tomorrow (Saturday) at 5:27 am.

The maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity of some major cities/towns recorded yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in Percentage	
	Max	Min	3 am	6 pm
Dhaka	33.0	27.7	88	75
Chittagong	31.5	25.4	98	85
Rajshahi	33.0	26.4	92	78
Khulna	33.1	27.0	93	87
Barisal	31.2	27.0	89	86
Cox's Bazar	28.5	25.5	95	89
Sylhet	30.4	25.5	98	76
Dinajpur	33.5	26.6	81	81

International Tender Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission
4, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Ramha, Dhaka-1000 Bangladesh

International Tender Notice for Appointment of Foreign Consultant (s)/Consulting Firm for Balancing, Modernization, Rehabilitation & Extension (BMRE) of Pilot Plant Project

Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC) invites proposal for consultancy services to be provided to BAEC for implementation of Balancing, Modernization, Rehabilitation, Extension (BMRE) of Pilot Plant Project, Cox's Bazar. The Selected consultant (s)/consulting firm is expected to provide consultancy services with high level skills to select very accurately additional equipments required for the present Pilot Plant of the Beach Sand Exploitation Centre (BSEC) at Cox's Bazar for its upgradation by mineral processing and through metallurgical testing and beach sands mineral dressing/separation work of the existing process equipment, arrange the existing circuits to design a workable flowsheet, identify additional as well as replaceable equipment to produce marketable grade products of heavy mineral fraction (monomineral) in the pilot plant.

The offers from the internationally reputed mineral processing, separation/dressing and metallurgical consultant (s)/consulting firms having at least 15 (fifteen) years experience specially in Beach Sands heavy minerals separation of magnetite, ilmenite, zircon, rutile, monazite, kyanite, garnet etc. from beach sands under single stage two envelope system will be received by BAEC upto 12:00 Noon, Bangladesh Standard time on 13-10-94. A complete set of documents containing Terms of Reference (TOR) and other relevant information may be purchased by the interested consultant(s)/consulting firms from the Director, Physical Sciences Division, BAEC, 4-Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Ramha, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh on cash payment (Non-refundable) of Tk. 600/= (Taka six hundred) or 15.00 US Dollars per set during the office time upto 12:00 Noon on 12-10-94. The offer on the prescribed forms with supporting documents will be received on any day before 13-10-94 by MEMBER, Physical Sciences, 4-Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Ramha, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh and must reach him before 12:00 Noon Bangladesh Standard Time on 13-10-94 at the latest.

Proficiency in English language both writing and speaking of the consultant(s)/consulting firm is a must. Those who are not proficient in English need not apply.

BAEC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals without assigning any reason.

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