

Special trains from Jan 5 for Biswa Ijtema

Bangladesh Railway will run special trains from January 5 to 11 to facilitate journey of the musallies to the Tongi Biswa Ijtema, reports BSS.

On January 5, 6, 7 and 8 two special trains from Mymensingh will leave for Tongi at 11:30 am and 8:00 pm respectively. Similarly one special train from Akhaura and Bhairab Bazar will leave at 1:30 pm and 10:05 pm daily.

After the akheri manajat on January 9 two special trains from Tongi will leave for Akhaura at 12:40 pm and 5:30 pm. Railway will also run three special trains for Mymensingh and four specials for Dhaka after the manajat. The Mymensingh bound specials will leave Tongi at 12:35 pm, 1:10 pm and 10:50 pm. Dhaka bound specials will leave at 12:40 pm, 1:20 pm, 2 pm and 4:10 pm respectively.

On January 10 and 11 two specials for Mymensingh will leave at 1:45 pm and 10:50 pm from Tongi. One special each for Akhaura and Bhairab Bazar will also run on these two days leaving Tongi at 9:55 am and 12:30 pm respectively.

All the Dhaka bound inter-city trains excepting Mahanagar will stop at Tongi from January 5 to January 8 for two minutes.

Dinajpur bound Ekota, Jagannathganj Ghat bound Jamuna, Sylhet bound Joyentika and Chittagong bound Urmea will stop for two minutes at Tongi on January 9. Chittagong bound Karnafully and Mymensingh bound Isha Khan and Balaka Express will leave Dhaka at 12 pm, 12:20 pm and 12:40 pm instead of 11:10 am, 10 am and 9:30 am respectively.

Ekota intercity of Dhaka, Dinajpur and Upakul of Dhaka, Noakhali and Egarosindur of Dhaka-Kishoreganj will run on their weekly off days, on January 3 and January 7 respectively.

Besides, special trains Railway has also made arrangements for adequate supply of water, light and toilet facilities at Tongi Railway Station for the musallies. Temporary ticket counters and waiting sheds have also been erected at different places of Tongi Station for this purpose.

By-elections to vacant JS seats demanded

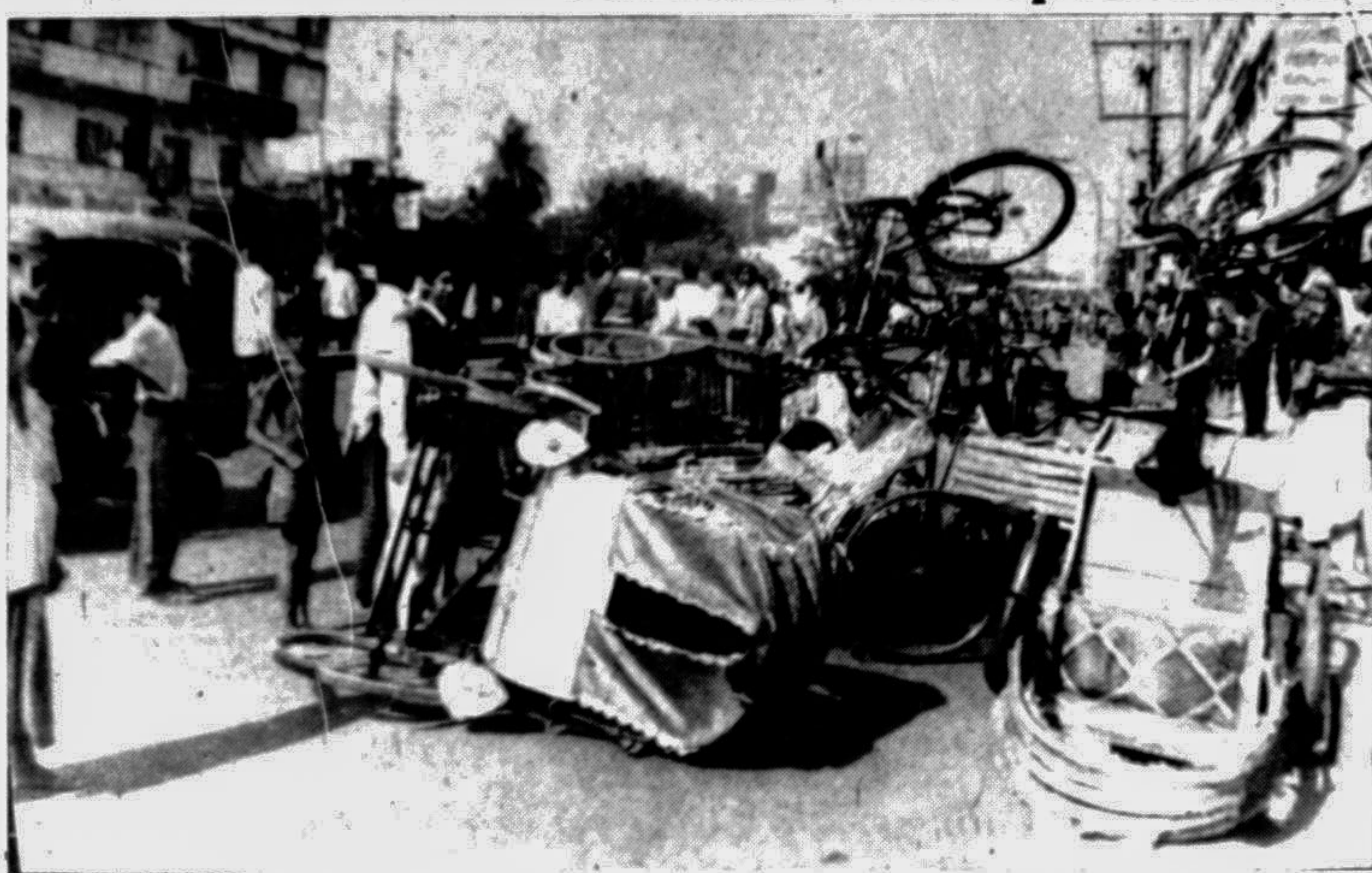
The Ganatantrik Sarbahara Party demanded yesterday by-elections to the vacant seats of the Parliament, reports UNB.

Addressing a press conference at the National Press Club in the afternoon, the party standing committee chairman Sheikh Mohiuddin said that the 147 seats fell vacant due to the resignations by the opposition MPs to the Speaker.

Replying to a question, he pointed out that the Parliament had not lost its legitimacy even after the resignation of the Opposition members, as the majority MPs are still there. "The government is still legal", Mohiuddin added.

He alleged that some elements in the BNP, had clandestine links with the quarters who were conspiring to undo democracy and oust the government.

Mohiuddin also demanded punishment of those responsible for killing of Siraj Sikder during Awami League regime.



Rickshaws damaged by the pickets while carrying some degree examinees to their examination hall during yesterday's hartal hours in the city. — Star photo

'En masse resignation a slur on democratic system'

Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khandkar Mosharraf Hossain yesterday said the en masse resignation of the Opposition was a slur on Parliamentary democratic system, reports BSS.

Speaking as the chief guest at a public rally organised by Ward No 42 Unit of BNP at Lalbagh in the city the minister termed the incident as a dark chapter in the history of parliamentary democracy.

BNP Mohanagari president and Food Minister Mir Sawkat Ali, Jubo Dal president Mirza Abbas, MP, Shahjahan Siraj MP, and Salahuddin Ahmed MP attended the rally as special guests. Besides, party and front organisations' leaders Messrs Begum Rabeya Siraj, Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu, Ehsanul Haq Setu, and Abu Mohammad Moazzuddin also spoke on the occasion.

Prize-giving ceremony of V-Day sports

Food Minister Mir Sawkat Ali yesterday said the BNP government always gives priority to national interest above party interest. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has shown the courage of compromise and even to resign one month before the election schedule responding to the demand of the opposition, reports BSS.

He was speaking as chief guest at the prizegiving ceremony of the Victory Day sports arranged by Balughat Juba Sangha here at Balughat ground.

Presided over by president of the Sangha Mohammad Shahjahan, the function was also addressed by Dhaka City Chhatra Dal president Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu, commissioner, ward no 61, Kazi Kutubuddin Masum and local BNP leader Khalilur Rahman.

Sawkat called upon the opposition MPs to withdraw their resignation from Parliament for greater interest of the nation and the people.

One hundred and two leaders and workers of Awami League led by ward committee vice-president Mohammad Jahangir and 31 JP leaders and workers led by ward committee joint secretary Ziaur Rahman joined BNP formally at the meeting.

Dr Mosharraf Hossain said that despite giving highest concession by BNP the Opposition members resigned from parliament which proved that they do not want free and fair polls but to unseat the government and destroy democracy.

The minister said that through resigning from the parliament the opposition betrayed with the verdict of the people as they did not seek peoples' mandate from their respective constituencies before resigning.

Referring to the proposal of

Sir Sirin and the BNP's latest formula for a caretaker government, the minister said that the BNP government had sincerely tried to resolve the crisis. "But all proved futile because of ill motives of the Opposition who time and again deviated from their stand," he added.

Mir Sawkat Ali said that those who participated in polls in 1986 to give autocracy a legal status once again made an unholy alliance with autocracy and the anti-liberation forces to disrupt democracy.

Mirza Abbas said that the alliance among the killers of democracy, fallen autocracy and the raskars was an ominous sign for democracy.

Shahjahan Siraj said the opposition has no people's welfare oriented programme. They become desperate for going to power, he added.

What's on today...

Seminar on Farakka: Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies will hold a seminar on the Adverse Impact of Farakka Barrage: The Migration Issue. Venue: Library, Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies. Time: 3:30 pm.

Asiatic Society: The society will observe its 43rd founding anniversary. Justice Mustafa Kamal, Appellate Division, Supreme Court, will be present as the chief guest and deliver lecture on 'democracy, constitutionalism and compromise'. Venue: Society auditorium (5, Old Secretariat Road, Nimital). Time: 4 pm.

Dhaka Sarak Drama Week: Drama troupe theatre will stage Krishnakantier Will on the fourth day of the ongoing drama week organised by the Dhaka Sarak, a group theatre. Venue: Guide House auditorium, Bailey Road. Time: 6:30 pm.

Reception: The Cultural Centre of the Islamic Republic of Iran has arranged a reception to Kashem Razia. Razia won the first prize of the international qirat competition. Venue: Auditorium of the cultural centre, House 54, road 8/A, Dhannoudi. Time: 5:30.

Border areas of Khulna sector BDR seizes goods worth Tk 15 cr last year

Khulna, Jan 2 Bangladesh Riles (BDR) in different drives during the past year seized

smuggled goods worth Tk 14.98 crore from border areas of Khulna sector, reports UNB.

According to officials, some 2219 people were arrested for smuggling the goods in and out of the country in 1994.

BDR jawans of Sakthira battalion seized goods worth Tk 7.30 crore, Jessore battalion Tk 6 crore, Nildumur Tk 60 lakh and Khulna sadar battalion seized goods worth Tk 1.08 crore.

Contraband items including Indian saree, sugar, cattle, spare parts of cycle, phensidyl, imitation ornaments, and crockeries worth Tk 13 crore were seized while being smuggled in.

On the other hand, goods which were being smuggled out of the country included polyester cloth and metals like brass, copper and bronze.

Some 5,665 cases were registered in connection with the illegal cross-border trade.

Obituary

Shamsul Kabir (Khaashru), former Marketing Manager of Meghna Petroleum, died in the early hours of Sunday at the Renal Polyclinic in Dhaka. He was suffering from Cardiac respiratory disease. He was 78, says a press release.

He left behind one son and a daughter to mourn his death. Quikhan of Shamsul Kabir will be held on Thursday after Asr prayers at his residence, 2B/2, Kalindi Apartment, 3/5, Indira Road.

WDB officials asked to improve quality of work

Agriculture and Water Resources Minister M Majid-ul-Flag yesterday stressed on development of skill and expertise of the engineers of Water Development Board (WDB) for better management of water resources, reports UNB.

Proper utilisation of water resources was necessary to increase agricultural production, he said speaking at a function organised by officials and employees of the Water Development Board at WAPDA auditorium in the city.

The minister urged the staffs of WDB to improve the quality of their work so that it would be considered as a symbol of skill. He also urged them to give concerted efforts at their respective position to build happy and prosperous country.

Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources Mohammad Nazrul Islam also spoke on the occasion.

'Probe into Khagrachhari incident demanded'

The Chittagong Hill Tracts National Coordination and Peace Council yesterday demanded release of its president and immediate judicial inquiry into the last year's September 15 incident at Khagrachhari, reports UNB.

S M Rezaul Karim Helal, the council president, was arrested after the violence between two rival groups at Matiranga in Khagrachhari.

New body of Tea Traders' Assoc

CHITTAGONG, Jan 2: Mirza Salman Isphani and PK Mondie have been elected chairman and vice chairman respectively of the Tea Traders' Association of Bangladesh for the year 1995-96, BSS reports.

The election of office bearers of the association was held recently.

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Please contact :- Executive Secretary, BFA at Khan Mansion, 107, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka for further information.

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Stores & Purchase Directorate Ref: DACPB/Int'l Re-Tender/001/94 Date: 22.12.1994

International Re-Tender

Sealed Re-tender is hereby invited from Manufacturers/Suppliers/Local Agents/Indentors for supply of following LD-3 container in Biman Bangladesh Airlines.

Items No.	Description	Qty
"A"	LD-3 Container	100

Tender schedule with detailed specifications, terms and conditions will be available at cost of USD 25/- BDT 1000.00 per set with Accounts Officer, Cash & Banking, Biman, Administration Building, Zia International Airport, Dhaka, as well as with Finance Manager, Biman, Singapore, Amsterdam, Hong Kong, Frankfurt, London, Tokyo & New York on cash payment (non-refundable) on all working days up to 07.02.1995.

The last date of Tender submission is 08.02.1995. Biman management reserves the right to accept/reject any or all the tender, increase or decrease the quantity of items without assigning any reason whatsoever.

DPP: 14807/29/12 G-17 Dy General Manager S & P (Comm)



Corrigendum Notice

বিদ্যুৎ বিল নিয়মিত পরিশোধ করুন

The amendments against SI No 1 to SI No 14 in the tender notice dated 27.11.94 for the procurement of materials against Operation & Maintenance Revenue Budget 1994-95 are hereby made as follows:

Tender No	Description of materials	Cost of Tender documents	Revised date for receiving & opening of tenders
Pur-221/94/Lot-1	ACSR "DOG" Conductor	Tk 500/-	10.1.95
Pur-221/94/Lot-2	ACSR "RABBIT" Conductor	Tk 500/-	10.1.95
Pur-221/94/Lot-3	AAC "ANT" (Ins) Conductor	Tk 1000/-	10.1.95
Pur-221/94/Lot-4	AAC "WASP" (Ins) Conductor	Tk 1000/-	10.1.95
Pur-221/94/Lot-5	33KV Insulator with long shank Pin 11KV Pin Insulator with short shank Pin.	Tk 1000/-	12.1.95
Pur-221/94/Lot-6	11KV Disc Insulator (with Bonded fittings) Shackle Insulator	Tk 1000/-	12.1.95
Pur-221/94/Lot-7	11KV Drop Out fuse Cut Out	Tk 1000/-	12.1.95
Pur-221/94/Lot-8	11/0.4 KV 250 KVA Dist Transformer	Tk 1000/-	15.1.95
Pur-221/94/Lot-9	11/0.4 KV 100 KVA Dist. Transformer	Tk 1000/-	15.1.95
Pur-221/94/Lot-10	11/0.4 KV 100 KVA Dist. Transformer	Tk 1000/-	15.1.95
Pur-221/94/Lot-12	PVC Cables 1X35 mm ²	Tk 1000/-	17.1.95
Pur-221/94/Lot-13	PVC Cables 1X50 mm ²	Tk 1000/-	17.1.95
Pur-221/94/Lot-14	PVC Cables 1X70mm ²	Tk 1000/-	17.1.95
Pur-221/94/Lot-15	PVC Cables 1X95 mm ²	Tk 1000/-	17.1.95

All other terms & conditions of the tender notice shall remain unchanged.

Biddat/Jan-7735/94-95

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Director, Purchase PDB, Dhaka

Institute of Fuel Research and Development

BCSIR
Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Dhaka-5

Employment Notice

Applications are invited from Bangladeshi nationals for the posts mentioned below against the EBC-Bangladesh Project (Development Project), BCSIR, Dhaka:

Sl. No.	Name of the post	No. of post	Age	Pay	Qualification
1.	Computer Scientist	1	Maximum 30 years on 31/12/94	2850-7x125-3725-EB-11x130-5155/-	M.Sc. in Applied Chemistry/Chemistry/Physics/Mathematics or Statistics having 1st Class either in M.Sc. or B.Sc. (Hons) degree with a background in Computer Operation and Programming. The candidate must not have third class/division throughout his academic career.
2.	Senior Technician	1	-Do-	1550-7x100-2250-EB-11x105-3405/-	1st Class B.Sc. Engg. degree having no third class throughout his academic career. The candidate must have background in Computer Operation and Programming. B.Sc. with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics having no third division throughout his academic career.

These two posts are purely temporary for a maximum period of seven months with effect from the date of appointment. Application with detailed particulars i.e. name, father's name, present and permanent address, academic qualifications in details experience, etc. along with two copies of passport-size photograph, attested copies of the academic certificates, testimonials, nationality, etc. should reach the undersigned on or before 15-1-95 positively.

Director
Institute of Fuel Research & Development
BCSIR, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205.



Tuesday 3rd January
(All programmes in local time)

9:00am 100% World Service News

9:25 Film 94 With Barry Norman

10:00 BBC World Service News

10:25 Tomorrow's World 11:00

BBC World Service News 11:15

Panorama 12:00noon BBC World

Service News 12:30 BBC Business

Breakfast 1:00 BBC World Service

News 1:25 K7 - The South West

Ridge 2:00 BBC World News

Headlines 2:05 Horizon 3:00 BBC

World Service News 3:25 Panorama

4:00 BBC World News Headlines

4:05 A Question of Sport 4:30 BBC

World News Headlines 4:35

Network East 5:00 BBC World

Service News Hour 6:00pm BBC

World News Headlines 6:05 The

Dream Machine 7:00 BBC World

Service News Hour 8:00 BBC

World Service News Hour 9:00 BBC

World Service News 9:10 World

Business Report 9:25 Tomorrow's

World 10:00 BBC World News

Headlines 10:05 Battle of Wills

11:00 BBC World Service News

11:15 Panorama 12:00noon BBC

World Service News Hour 1:00 BBC

World Service News 1:25 Food and

Drink 2:00 BBC World News

Headlines 2:05 Horizon 3:00 BBC

World Service News 3:25 K7 - The

South West Ridge 4:00 BBC World

Service News 4:25 World Business

Report 5:00 BBC World Service

News 5:25 World Business Report

6:00 BBC World Service News 6:25

Newsnight 7:00 BBC World Service

News 7:25 World Business Report

8:00 BBC World Service News 8:25

Newsnight

6:00am Mr Rogers's Neighbourhood

6:30 The Children's Room 7:00

Kidney 7:30 T-Bag 8:00 G.I. Joe

8:30 Van Cuts 9:00 Aerobics 10:00

Donahue 11:00 El Features:

Trapped in Paradise 11:30

Aerobics Oz Style 12:00noon

Neighbours 12:30 Santa Barbara

1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful 2:00

The Oprah Winfrey Show 3:00

Rivera 3:30 Van Cuts 4:00

Aerobics Oz Style 4:30 The

Sullivans 5:00 Small Wonder 5:30

Robotech 6:00pm Teenage Mutant

Ninja Turtles 6:30 Batman 7:00 El

TV 7:30 Neighbours 8:00 M.A.S.H

8:30 The Flying Doctors 9:30 P.S.I

Lux U 10:30 The Bold & The

Beautiful 11:00 Santa Barbara

12:00noon The New Twilight

Zone 12:30 M.A.S.H 1:00 Baywatch

2:00 El TV 2:30 Neighbours 3:00

Movic: 'Jeky & Hyde' 5:00

Richmond Hill

7:00am Sigaw Manila 8:00 Rewind

8:30 VJ Supriya 9:00 The Ride

10:30 VJ Trey Farley 10:00 The Vibe

11:30 VJ Ruby 11:00 By Demand

11:30 VJ Nonie 12:00 The Ride

12:30 VJ Trey Farley 3:00 Big Bang

VJ Petrina 4:00 The Vibe 4:30 VJ

Ruby 5:00 Over The Edge VJ

Sophia 5:30 Rewind VJ Supriya

6:00pm Sigaw Manila 7:00 By

Demand 7:30 VJ Nonie 8:00 The

Vibe 9:00 Never Enough 10:00

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Trey Farley 4:00 By Demand 4:30

VJ Nonie 5:00 Jump Start 5:30 VJ

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7:30am Classic: The Smallest Show

On Earth (Hindi Subtitles) 9:30

Family: Summer Holiday (Hindi

Subtitles) 11:30 Action: Avalanche

(Hindi Subtitles) 1:30 Action: The

Poseidon Adventure (Hindi

Subtitles) 3:30 Classic: The

Smallest Show On Earth (Hindi