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### SIAEC hangar now fully operational

SIA engineering company (SIAEC) has a new home. The long-awaited \$128-million SI-AEC Hangar was completed last year, and is now fully operational in terms of the hangar, workshops, stores and others, says a press release.

They are "neighbours" facing the sea, joined together by a bridge at the fourth storey. The older of the two hangar, Airline House (built in 1980), is festooned with hanging bougainvillea while the "new kid on the block", SIAEC Hangar, is covered with shiny tiles and many glass windows.

The construction of the hanger began in August 1992, under the supervision of SIA Properties (SIAP). The users' requirements (including engineering facilities) was coordinated by Engineering Division's Technical Projects.

Name of work

266 improvement)

DFP-6141-16/3

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Improvement to the existing road

by bituminous carpeting and seal

coat at 11th (P), 14th(P); 15th, 16th(P) KM of Tangail-Modhupur Rd under Road Division, Tangail

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# Mosharraf apprises Delhi of Dhaka's energy position

NEW DELHI, Mar 21: Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr. Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, who is now on a 7-day visit to India, met the Indian Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Capt. Satish Sharma here Monday, says BSS.

. The two ministers discussed different matters of mutual interests. The Bangladesh minister outlined the present position and future demand of energy for Bangladesh. He informed the Indian minister that per capita consumption of commercial fuels and generation of electricity at present in Bangladesh are 64 kilogram of oil equivalent and 81 kilowatt

per hour respectively which

are one of the lowest among

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD)

Tangail Road Division, Tangail

RHD Notice Inviting Tender

No 28 (Twenty-eight) Road Division

Tangail during the year 1994-95

financial limit and territorial jurisdiction for the following work under Tangail Road Division.

Estimated

Tk 6,96,006/-

amount

Sealed Tenders in BD Form No 2911 are hereby invited from the RHD enlisted contractor as per

Earnest

up to 2-4-1995 during office hours.

Tk 13,920/-

the developing countries. Due to short supply of commercial energy about two thirds of final energy is supplied by bio-mass fuels which is being consumed beyond sustainable limit, he said, adding it indicates that the country's economy is still in traditional domain.

Dr Mosharraf Hossain said demand of commercial energy and electricity has been increasing at the rate of about 10 per cent unit per year. The government has laid more emphasis to find out alternative sources of energy to cater to the every growing demand of the country, he said.

Referring to the is resources of Banglast-h Dr Mosharraf Hossain, who is leading a four member delegation, said "we have limited deposit of gas resources which

may dry up by the year 2020." Bangladesh is encouraging private initiatives to augment its gas resources, he said, in this context he referred to the petroleum policy enacted by the present government and the revised production sharing contract.

Energy and Mineral Resources Secretary Mohammad Faizur Razzak, Acting High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India Nazimuddin Chowhdury and Chairman of Petro-Bangla S K M Abdullah were also present.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Energy and Mineral Resources Secretary Faizur Razzak also met his counterpart Secretary of the Ministry of Power R Vasudevan and discussed different bilateral issues.

### Prices of rice continue to fall

The prices of all varieties of rice continued to fall during the last few days in the capital and elsewhere in the country.

Wholesale dealers in the capital's Badamtoli market said that the prices of rice had been falling at a rate of Taka 10 to 20 per maund everyday for the last three days.

Mohammad Tofazzal, a wholesale rice dealer, told BSS yesterday that dealers were expecting the rice prices to come down to normal level and stabilise by the next week.

He said supply of rice in the markets has already reached a satisfactory level.

A retail grocery shop owner in new market said the prices have already started falling and retailers are now selling the good variety of rice at Taka 16 as against the previous price of Taka 19 while the price of the coarse variety dropped to Taka 11 Taka 13 in the past weeks.

#### Dollar recovers, gold slips

NEW YORK, Mar. 21: The dollar recovered against other major currencies in New York on Monday in a quiet market, thanks largely to intervention by the Bank of Japan and cover buying, reports AFP.

Gold meanwhile lost 20 cents from Friday's closing level to 282.90 dollars an

The dollar was changing hands at 1.3983 -German marks, up from 1.3860 Friday and at 89.43 yen against 89.10.

# Plea to modernise agri information base

Agri-information experts from SAARC countries began a three-day meeting here Monday with a call for modernising agricultural information base in all the South Asian states for the common benefit of farmers, reports UNB.

Executive Vice-Chairman of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council Dr MSU Chowdhury inaugurated the ninth meeting of the Governing Board of SAARC Agricultural Information Centre in the SAIC conference room at the

BARC complex. Dr PN Mathur, Deputy Director General of Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the current Chairman of the Board, presided over the inaugural session.

In his address, Dr Chowd-

hury said all the membercountries should install or modernise the existing agricultural information base for the development of the poor farmers in the region through share of information.

He also stressed the importance of networking of SAIC with other international organisations dealing with agricultural information.

On the functioning of the -centre, the BARC official said the information gathering an dissemination system of SAIC had been expanding every year. "We are trying our best within

our limited resources." Addressing the function, Dr Mathur Laid emphasis on automation for dynamic handling of agricultural information in the region for the common

benefit of the farmers. The SAIC would be made as

one of the most vital agricultural information centres in the world, he said and requested all concerned to act their level best to achieve this

The meeting is being represented by Dr Abdul Hamid Miah of Bangladesh. Dorji Dhradhul of Bhutan, Dr PN Mathur of India, Shiva Sundar Shrestha of Nepal and Abdul Hafeez of Pakistan.

They will review the achievements and completed projects and also consider the new programmes, budget estimate for 1995-96 and matters related to functioning and administration of the centre.

# Asian stock markets close lower

HONG KONG, Mar 21: Asian stock markets closed generally lower Tuesday, with the key index in Hong Kong slipping after two days of gains, reports

Stock and financial markets and most businessmen were closed Tuesday in Japan for Spring Equinox Day, a national holiday.

in Hong Kong, the Hang Seng Index, the market's key indicator of blue chips, fell 14.12 points, or 0.2 per cent, closing at 8.580.31. On Monday, the index had gained 59

an overnight rally on Wall Street before investors took profits late in the session. The market had risen

opened higher in reaction to

Brokers said share prices

sharply in the last two days and the profit-taking was expected, they said. Bill Chatterton, a broker at

Morgan Stockbroking Ltd said flat to lower metals prices and continued weakness in the Australian dollar kept many investors on the sidelines.

However, he said gains in the US market overnight en-

somewhat in late trading in anticipation of further strength in the United States Tuesday. The All Ordinaries Index

rose 10.2 points to 1,914.7. TAIPEI: Share prices closed lower for the third straight session in lackluster trading. The market's Weighted Index

fell 16.71 points to 6,524.87. WELLINGTON: New Zealand share prices closed slightly higher in quiet trading, with brokers expecting the market to continue to drift in the absence of a clear direction from

#### ADB gives \$ 6.3m loan to Nepal

KATHMANDU, Mar 21: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has agreed to provide a loan assistance of 8.9 Singapore dollars (about 6.3 million US dollars) for implementation of an irrigation project in Nepal, reports Xinhua.

The project aims to encourage private sector participation in irrigation development. promote economic growth and reduce poverty in the rural areas, according to the Finance

major overseas markets. The NZSE-40 Capital Index rose 2.85 points to 1,961.36. MANILA: Share prices

closed higher in light trading after a late spate of bargainhunting. The Philippines' PSE index of 43 selected issues rose 2.69 points to 2,308.60. SEOUL: Share prices closed

lower in thin trading. The Korea Composite Stock Price Index fell 10.80 points to 946.07. **KUALA LUMPUR:** Malaysian share prices closed lower in

lackluster trading as widespread concerns over the weak US dollar continued to dampen market sentiment. The KLSE Composite Index fell 4.51 points to 964.84. SINGAPORE: Share prices closed lower in thin, dull trad-

ing. The 30-share Straits Times Industrials Index fell 2.47 points to 2,089.07. BANGKOK: Thai share

prices closed slightly lower in thin trading. The Stock Exchange of Thailand index fell -0.71 point to 1,184.11.

JAKARTA: The stock exchange's Composite Index rose 0.253 points, closing at 427.194.



Dr S M Sujayetullah Chowdhury, Executive Vice-Chairman of BARC, speaking as chief guest at the inaugural session of the 9th meeting of the Governing Board of the SAARC Agricultural Information Centre at the BARC Complex in the city on Monday. - PID photo

Eligibility of

contractor

"A" to "D"

Office of all the Executive Engineer (RHD), under Road Circle

Mymensingh/Executive Engineer (RHD), Planning (Road and

Bridge), Division, Dhaka/Planning and Design Division, Dhaka

Zone, Dhaka/Monitoring and Evaluation Division, Dhaka/

Narayanganj Road Division, Simrail (Katchpur), Narayanganj and

the Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), under Tangail Road Division

Ramna, Dhaka/Superintending Engineer (RHD), Road Circle

Mymensingh/Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Circle, Dhaka

Zone, Dhaka/Monitoring and Evaluation Circle (P and D).

Dhaka/Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka and Executive Engineer (RHD)

Road Division, Tangail up to 12-30 PM on 3-4-1995 will be opened

on the same day at 12-45 PM in presence of the contractors who

Additional Chief Engineer (RHD), Dhaka Zone, Sarak Bhaban,

General cate-

gory contractor

Time

allowed

30(Thirty)

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date of work

## Strikers say

## Kuwait crude output cut by 50,000 BPD

KUWAIT CITY, Mar 21: Kuwait's crude production has fallen by 50,000 barrels per day (BPD) because of a strike by 1.200 workers at the country's biggest oil company, a union leader said here, reports

The Emirate's production, estimated at two million BPD, "has been reduced since Sunday by 50,000 BPD and we expect in to fall even further on Monday," union leader Mohammad Al-Sarhan told AFP.

Workers at the state-owned Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) went into the third day of an indefinite strike on Monday demanding better working conditions and promotions which they say they have been denied.

### Loans to third world defended as indispensable

WASHINGTON, Mar 21: US contributions to loans from the World Bank to the world's poorest countries, which are under attack in Congress, were called indispensable on Monday by Mark Malloch Brown, the bank's director of External Affairs, reports AP.

KOC has drafted in 300 trained engineers and technicians from its maintenance department to replace the strikers: and said Sunday that production and export levels remained unaffected.

But Sarhan said that extraction operation had been hit "because of the lack of qualifications of the employees taken on to replace the strikers." "The level of mineral salts

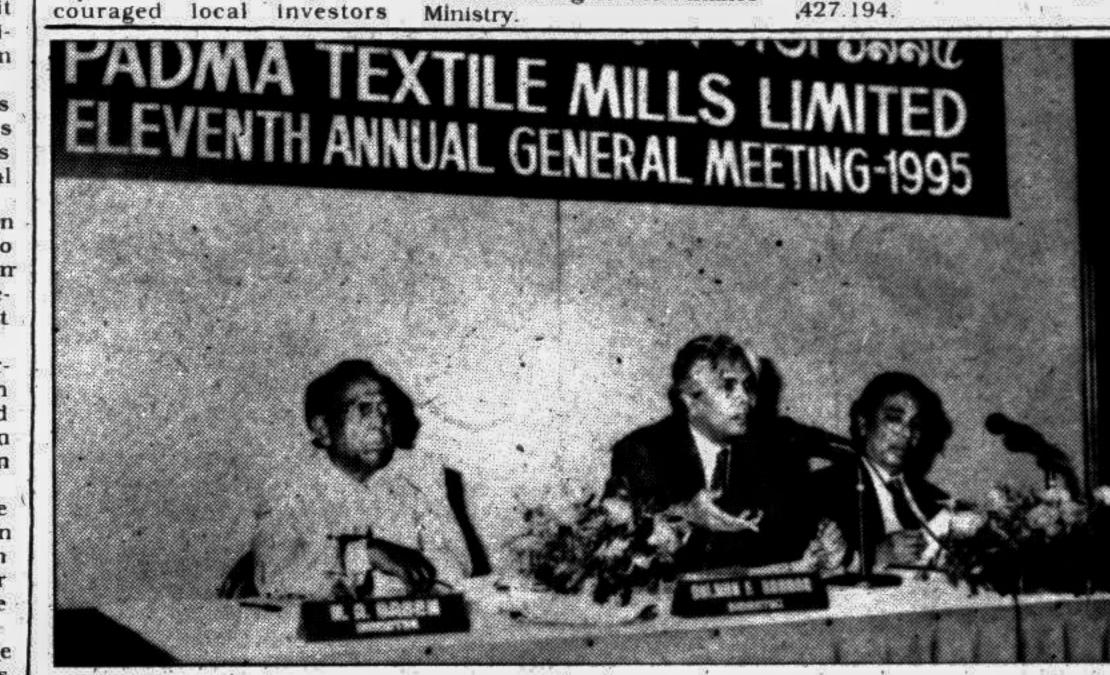
in the crude extracted has risen to unacceptable levels according to international standards," he said. Oil Minister Abdel Mohsen Al-Mudaij failed on Sunday to persuade the strikers to return

to work with a promise of negotiations. The strikers first want their demands met. The emirate is still recovering from the seven-month Iraqi occupation which ended with the 1991 Gulf War when

The KOC stoppage is a rare display of trade union action in Gulf Arab monarchies which employ a large foreign labour force and where strikes are

737 of its oil wells were blown

banned by law. The strike is the first at the KOC since 1980 when workers in the same departments of production and transport walked out for two weeks.



The eleventh Annual General Meeting of Padma Textile Mills Ltd, a member of the Beximco Group was held at Hotel Sonargaon on Monday. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, A S F Rahman presided over the meeting.

## গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

remain present.

निर्वारी প্रকৌশলীর কার্যালয় স্থানীয় সরকার প্রকৌশল অধিদপ্তর মৌলভীবাজার-৩২০০

নং-এলজিইডি/নিঃপ্রঃ/মৌল/১৫/৪৪৫

তারিখঃ ২৭-১১-১৪০১বাৎ/১১-০৩-৯৫ইং

Md Helal Uddin

Executive Engineer (RHD)

(Current Charge)

Road Division, Tangail.

# এলজিইডি/মৌঃবাজার/দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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্রতদারা অ্থাধিকার ভিত্তিতে পল্লী অঞ্চলে সড়ক সেতু কালভার্ট (বন্যায় ক্ষতিগ্রস্ত অবকাঠামোসহ) নির্মাণ/পুনঃনির্মাণ প্রকল্পের আওতায় ১৯৯৪-৯৫ অর্থ বংসরে বাস্তবায়নের জন্য মৌলভীবাজার জেলায় গৃহীত নিম্নে বর্ণিত জীম সমূহের কাজের জন্য ক্ষমতানুসারে এলজিইডি'র তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদার/ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠান এলজিইডি'র বিভিন্ন প্রকল্পে তালিকাভুক্ত পূর্বযোগ্যতা সম্পন্ন ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট থেকে সিডিউলের সহিত সংযুক্ত অতিরিক্ত শর্ভাবলীসহ বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং -২৯১১ তে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে আইটেমওয়ারী দরপত আহবান করা যাইতেছে।

দরপত্র দলিলাদি আগাঁমী ২৮-০৩-৯৫ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে তত্তাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী (রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ), এলজিইডি, সদর দত্তর, ঢাকা, নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সিলেট, সুনামগঞ্জ, হবিগঞ্জ অত জেলার সকল থানা প্রকৌশলীর দত্তর, এবং নিম্নসাক্ষরকারীর দত্তর হইতে তালিকাভূতি ফিস জমা প্রদানের রশিদ প্রদর্শনপূর্বক ক্রয় করা যাইবে।

দরপত্র দলিলাদি আগামী ২৯-০৩-৯৫ইং ভারিখ বেলা ১-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত ভত্তাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী (রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ), এলজিইডি, সদর দন্তর, ঢাকা, নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, এলজিইডি, সিলেট, সুনামগঞ্জ, হবিগঞ্জ অত্র জেলার সকল থানা প্রকৌশলীর দন্তর, এবং নিম্নখাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তরে রক্ষিত টেভার বাক্সে গ্রহন করা হইবে এবং ঐ দিন বেলা ১-১৫ ঘটিকার সময় উল্লেখিত দপ্তরসমূহে উপস্থিত দরপত্রদাতাদের সম্বৃথে (যদি কেই উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র খোলা **হই**বে।

০৪। 🖥 উদ্বৃত মূল্যের উপর ২.৫% হিসাবে আনেষ্টমানি নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, এলজিইডি, মৌলভীবাজার এর নামে সিভিউলভুক্ত ব্যাংকের ব্যাংক ভাফট/পে–অর্ভার আকারে দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করিতে হইবে

মূল্য সংযোজন কর আইন ১৯৯১।১৯৯১ সন্তের ২২ নং আইটেম। এর ছিতীয় তফসিলের অধীনস্থ শিরোনাম সংখ্যা ০০৪ এর বিপরীতে উল্লিখিত মূল্য সংযোজন কর আদায় সংক্রান্ত সিদ্ধান্তসমূহ কার্যকর হইবে। কর্তপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতীত সকল দরপত্র বাতিল কিংবা যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। এই দরপত্র বিজ্ঞঞ্জি দরপত্রের শর্তাবলীর অংশ হিসাবে গণ্য হইবে:

দরপত্রের সহিত কার্যসম্পাদনের প্রতিটি পর্যায়ের সময় উল্লেখপূর্বক ওয়ার্ক সিডিউল দাখিল করিতে হইবে। অন্যথায় দরপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল দরপত্রের সাথে আইটেমওয়ারী দর বিশ্লেষণ দাখিল করিতে হইবে। দরপত্র বিশ্লেষণবিহীন দরপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে। বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং-২৯১১ এর দাখিলকৃত দরপত্র প্রথম এবং ফরমাল দরপত্র হিসাবে পণ্য হইবে। ভধুমাত্র অফারের মাধ্যমে দর

কমানোর প্রয়োজনীয়তা দেখা দিলে ফরমাল টেন্ডার সম্পাদন করিতে হইবে কাজের তালিকাঃ

ক্ৰমিক নং কীমের নাম সিডিউলের মূল্য কাজ সম্পাদনের সময়সীমা কুলাউড়া সরকারী কলেজ চা বাগান রাস্তা উন্নয়ন ৬০ দিন 200/00 ভিত্রফপি-৬৪৭৪-১৯/৩ মোঃ শহীদুল হক 18-820 নিৰ্বাহী প্ৰকৌশলী

# No alternative to milk yet as an ideal food

Prevention is better than cure — there is no greater and wiser truth than this, especially in the context of present socio-economic situation of our country. With the super advancement of medical science and technology, any disease, if detected at the primary stage, is curable, but one cannot deny the unlimited expenses involved in the whole process.

Therefore, the category of the "Privileged Class" may be fortunate enough to avail timely and accurate treatment but those who are underprivileged will linger on with unending sufferance.

The domain of disease is so vast that it is difficult to discuss all of them against which preventive measures could be taken. As there are new discoveries in the field of medicine, so are there new appearances of diseases of which some can be identified or diagnosed while others remain under the cover of research.

one of the greatest health problems in the developing countries. The main cause of this disease is calcium deficiency in human body. Nowadays, there is an increasing concern to promote higher calcium intake throughout life for the achievement of higher peak bone mass which is believed to reduce the risk of developing Osteoporotic frac-

Osteoporosis constitutes

tures later in life.

Till now, the medical therapies for osteoporosis could not help to regain the bone that is lost rather, if only aided in retarding the rate of bone loss. Therefore, achieving a higher bone mass by increasing calcium intake should be considered a better preventive measure against risking the development of Osteoporosis. •

In our skeleton, over 99pc of body calcium is stored in the form of Calcium Phosphate. For maintaining the skeletal integrity, the body Calcium salts form an architectural frame work of which less than lpc of calcium is in ionized form or bound in proteins in the extracellular fluids. These fluids are actively involved in vital biochemical processes namely— cell membrane per-\*meability, nerve conduction. cardiac and muscle contraction and blood coagulation. If the insufficiency of calcium intake is chronic then calcium will be resolved from the skeleton which may be called a Calcium Reservoir, into the extracellular fluid in 'order to maintain its concentration so that the vital processes can be maintained.

Bone is a dynamic tissue inside which there is continuous process of bone turnover constituting of both formation and decay. During the years of growth, the rate of hone forBy Syeda Nazneen Ferdousi

mation exceeds the rate of decay. Body calcium accrues from 309 at birth to 850-1400g in adulthood, as a result of net bone formation.

It is a universal phe-

nomenon that after reaching the peak, bone mass gradually declined when the process of bone decay becomes predominant in old age. Although the loss of bone mass is correlated with the aging of men and women naturally, it is proven that the rate of decline in women is accelerated after menopause since there is a lack of the production of female sex hormones called Estrogen which assists in maintaining a positive bone turnover.

If is indisputable that milk and milk products are rich sources of calcium which is an essential mineral in human nutrition. Adults and children accustomed to calcium intake as low an 300 mg per day have been found to live a healthy

Milk in general provides good quality protein and high amounts of calcium for brain, body and long bone development. It is noticeable that young generations who have milk included in their daily diet are taller than their par-

Cow's milk offers the best choice of food under the circumstances. The importance of cow's milk is now recog-

nized all over the world. Drinking of one glass of fresh milk (200 ml) provides about 9% of an adult's need of protein and about 8pc of a child's needs per day. For vitamin B2 two glasses of fresh full-fat milk cover about 25pc of a child's and adult's needs per day. From a nutrition point of view, fresh non-flavoured milk is ideally desired for all age

As it is the responsibility of each individual to keep healthy, so is the responsibility of the government to keep each individual healthy. The necessity of establishing more dairy firms in the country cannot be overbooked now. Bangladesh, with its enormous population of cattle should really have no dearth of fresh milk and fresh milk may be treated as an essential food.

In Thailand, all efforts are made by the Government and private sectors to promote milk consumption as a regular staple food in the Thai diet. A slogan of "Have you drunk milk today?" is generally advertised.

If our Government could take the unique step of subsidising female education by awarding cash facilities to all girls who avail primary education, which proves the anxiety to accelerate the progress of education then why shouldn't milk be subsidised for families with young children?

We have heard from time to time of new entrepreneurs coming forward to invest in modern dairies in places where natural fodder is in plentiful supply. But in reality. the want of fresh milk still remains. Only four crore tons of fodder is being produced annually against the demand of 13 crore tons for country's 2.70 crore westocks. In order to encourage the private endeavour, the government should supply low cost fodder and medicine to the dairy industries. Lack of transport facilities between milk producing centres like Faridpur, Sirajganj and Savar is also said to be responsible for the acute shortage of fresh milk. So, the Government could ensure this

In fact, the government need to take crash programme for self sufficiency in milk by the year 2000. At present, the country is producing 8 to 9 thousand tons of milk annually against the demand of 22,000 tons.

All over the world an increasing preoccupation with health can be noticed Knowledge has increased con cerning factors leading to disease. Disease patterns have changed. In most industrial ized countries, communicable diseases as causes of death are replaced increasingly by chronic, degenerative diseases.