

Dhaka Day by Day

Adventures in Babysitting

by Farah Ghuznavi

As anyone who has ever had to baby sit can tell you, children are often far from the angels that they may seem to be when they are under the vigilant eye of their parents (that is, if the parents are the type to keep a vigilant eye on their offspring, rather than subscribing to the "noble savage" school of child-rearing). As one who has, on occasions, had to keep an eye on some of the little angels of my acquaintance, I would emphatically say that full-time motherhood is one of the more under-appreciated forms of hard labour!

An American acquaintance who has held some extremely high-powered positions in her time, said that the hardest job she ever had was taking care of a five-year-old for an entire day. They didn't want to eat what she cooked (nothing tasted the way it always did when mummy cooked it!), the house just would not stay tidy, nor would the kids, and there weren't enough hours in the day to do all the work! Anyway, in desperation, she found that the only thing that worked to keep them occupied was to give them scissors and old issues of Newsweek to cut pictures out. Even this she had to stop quite soon, though, because apart from the close supervision required when giving the kids scissors, she found that they kept asking her why all the people in the pictures were dead, or bloody, or crying etc. etc. etc.

Another friend told a story about the time she had to baby-sit her younger brother and the little girl from next door, when her parents attended a party held at the neighbours' house. For some reason, her brother was very jealous of the little girl, and kept pinching and hitting her when he thought that his older sister wasn't watching. Finally, in desperation, my friend threatened to tie his hands if he didn't stop pinching her. Needless to say, that didn't stop him. This time, when he thought she wasn't looking, he gave the little girl a push with his stomach, without using his hands!

And since he was quite a chubby child, and the next-door child was very small, this was quite a successful strategy.

As unwary baby sitters often find out, their young charges can be extremely creative in terms of the mischief they can get up to. One of the worst examples of this was the experience of a friend of mine who was told to watch her six-year old nephew while his parents went out for a bit. While she was preparing dinner, he wandered off to play without her noticing. In the meantime, he decided that he wanted to go "fishing". So he pretended that his bed was the boat and the floor was the pond. Fair enough. But he didn't stop there! He locked the room, and carried buckets

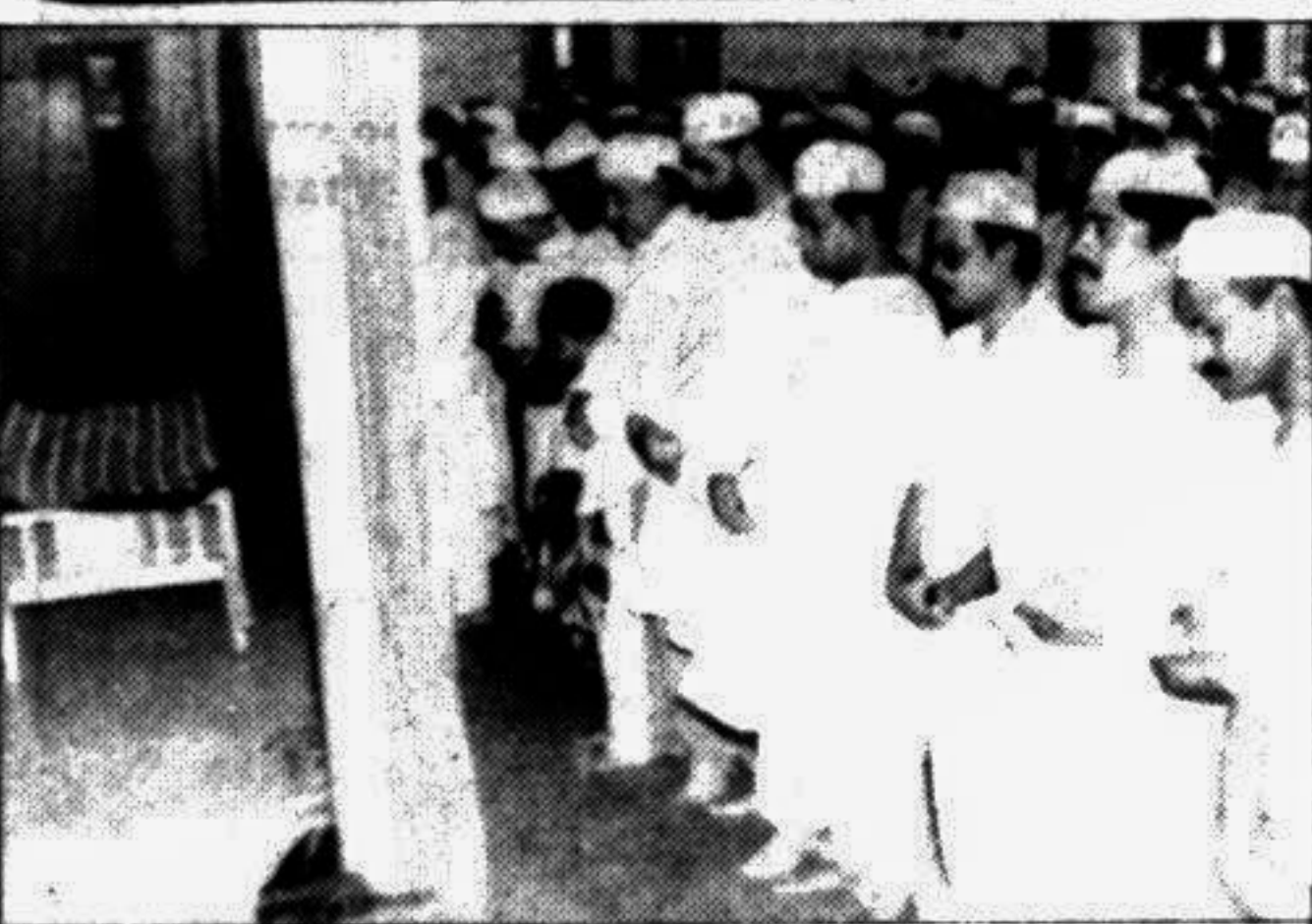
YOUR SON IS FINE BUT, IS THERE ANY ADULT REPRESSION ACT?



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of water out of the bathroom to pour into the room, until there were a few inches of water on the floor. This was done with complete disregard for the things that were arranged in piles on the floor (his father had been packing for a trip abroad). He then sat down on the bed, held out a pole, on which was fixed a needle at the end of some string, and proceeded to "catch" paper fish on his needle.

When his aunt finally noticed he was missing, she called him repeatedly, and when a muffled cry announced that he was busy fishing and that he couldn't open the door, because all the water would get out ("pukur ber hoye jabey") she became alarmed, broke in and found the room effectively flooded! Even the bed was wet, because he had been clambering up and down. On top of that, he had the nerve to throw a fit because his "pond" had disappeared out of the door! It was a bitter lesson for her, as to what can happen when you turn your back on a lively child for more than five minutes. As we pointed out, he had been extremely creative in his play, but strangely enough, she was in no mood to appreciate the advanced intelligence which had led to the creation of the "pond" in the bedroom.



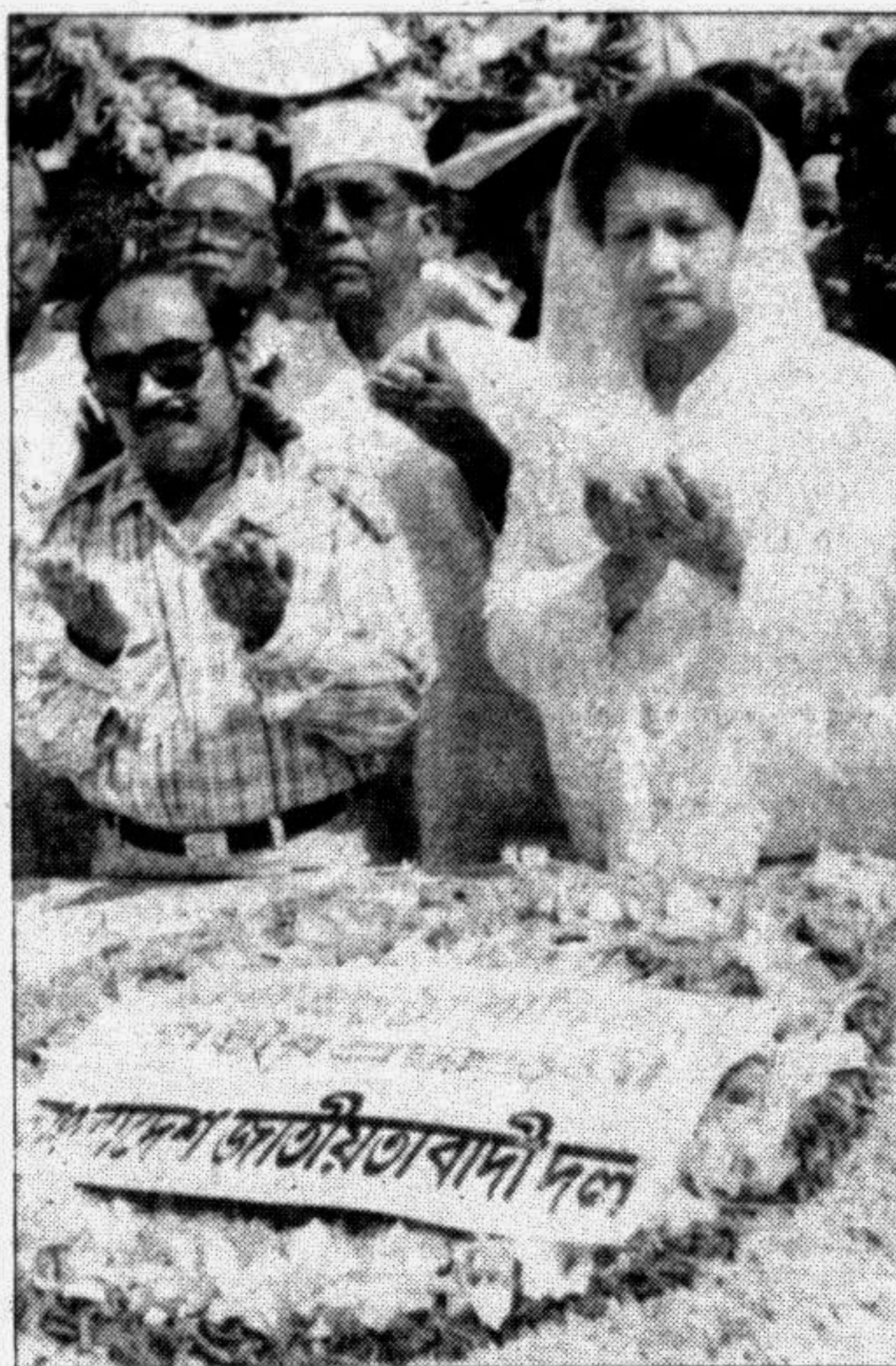
Vietnamese leader felicitated

President Abdur Rahman Biswas and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday felicitated president of Vietnam Le Duc Anh on the occasion of the national day of Vietnam today, reports BSS.

In his message of felicitation President Biswas said that the existing friendly relations between the two countries would further strengthen and consolidated in the years to come.

In her message Begum Zia said, she was confident that the close bonds of friendship would be further strengthened in the years to come.

The namaz-e-janaza of Kazi Iqbal Faruq, press secretary to Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina was held in the city yesterday. — AL photo



BNP Chairperson and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia offering Munajat after placing wreaths at the mazar of president Ziaur Rahman on the occasion of the 17th founding anniversary of the party yesterday. — Star photo

Rupam's wood work on display

By Staff Correspondent

A week-long exhibition of wood carving and pottery by Rupam Chowdhury opened yesterday at the Gallery Tone in the city.

Rupam's first solo showing offers local art enthusiasts an opportunity to view and enjoy the art of low-relief wood carving — rarely practised in this country.

"Low-relief carving, particularly on pieces of furniture, was once very popular in Bangladesh," said Rupam, who, with his original creations, has revived and given a modern look to the traditional art-form.

His skilfully executed twenty-five odd carvings and lamps on display depict nature, village life and dreams. They were created over a period of ten years.

"Rupam doesn't follow any set pattern on particular style. He depends mainly on his feelings and emotions," Mustafa Monwar said of the artist while inaugurating the show.

Rupam, who works in an accountancy firm and used to be a 1st Division goalkeeper, is a self-taught artist.

"I got inspiration and tips from my brother, artist Swapon Chowdhury, any my



mother," explained Rupam.

The twenty-eight pieces of pottery that complete the show are innovative in their own way.

The artist has painted the terracotta vases and pots with flower, butterfly and mask imagery and embellished them with three-dimensional motifs made of a material usually used for sealing cracks.

Shandhani's seminar on blood transfusion

By Staff Correspondent

Blood transfusions in this country are currently being carried out without routine screening of all donated blood, despite the danger of transfusion associated transmission of diseases such as hepatitis B, malaria, AIDS and other STDs, warned speakers at a seminar on "Blood Transfusion Service in Bangladesh", held Wednesday in the city.

Although a vast amount of money has been invested in the health sector since 1991, provision for "safe blood transfusion" is yet to be made, the chief guest, minister of health and family welfare, CKI Yusuf told the seminar, organised by the Sir Salimullah Medical College (SSMC) unit of Sandhani at the BIRDEM auditorium.

A proposed Taka 24 crore project, under the auspices of the National AIDS Prevention Programme, for the introduction of screening facilities in all blood transfusion centres in the country is under review, the minister added.

Presenting the keynote paper, Prof Musharraf Hussain, head of the blood transfusion department of the IPGMR, called for separate budget allocations for each of the 74 transfusion centres in the country for purchasing reagents for blood testing and screening.

"Due to lack of adequate funds and regular supply of reagents, routine screening tests are not performed for all donated units of blood," Prof Hussain rued. He added that only the institutional and

medical college transfusion centres had the facilities for conducting screening tests for hepatitis B, syphilis and malaria.

As to testing for the HIV virus that causes AIDS, Prof Hussain said, "With a few exceptions, at present blood is being transfused without prior testing for anti HIV, HBSAg and VDRL."

The seminar was also attended by Prof MA Shakur, principle, SSMC, Md Sahabuddin Ahmed, MD of Kader Synthetic Fibres Ltd — a patron of Sandhani, Prof Mujibur Rahman and other executive members of Sandhani.

Prokrichi protests move to rename BCS (Admin) Cadre

The Central Action Committee of Prokrichi and Bangladesh Civil Service Co-ordination Committee yesterday protested the move to rename the BCS Administration Cadre as Bangladesh Administrative Service, reports UNB.

The committee at an emergency meeting sharply reacted to the news item published in a national daily that the BCS (Admin) Association has decided to rename the cadre.

The meeting observed that the decision of changing the name of a particular cadre was the violation of rules and contrary to the reorganised service structure introduced in 1978.

Recitation workshop

By Staff Correspondent

The 16th recitation workshop of Mukta Kantha will begin from September 28.

Golam Mostafa, Sayed Hasan Imam, Prof Rafiqul Islam, Prof Niranjan Adhikari, Rashid Haidar, Asrafal Alam, Kazi Arif and Pragna Labani will conduct the workshop.

The interview of the participants will be held at 78/C Indira Road office of the organisation September 22.

The application forms are available at DU TSC, Pathak Samabesh, and Sagar Publishers at Bailey Road. Entry closes on September 21.

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Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh

Kurmitola, Dhaka

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Tender Notice

Scaled tenders are hereby invited from the enlisted 'B' and above class contractors of CAAB for the work "Construction of Residential quarters (SH: Construction of Rickshaw Road from Askona Road to Housing approach Road at the east side of Railway line) at ZIA, Kurmitola, Dhaka" at an estimated cost Tk. 6,62,797/- up to 12-00 hours on 17-9-95 which will be received in the office of the Chief Engineer, CAAB Headquarters, Director, CEMSU and in the office of the undersigned and will be opened on the same day at 12-30 hours in presence of the participants, if any.

Schedule terms and conditions can be had from the office of the Director, CEMSU, PA to Member (Ops), Chief Engineer, Superintending Engineer, Civil Circle, Director, ZIA and in the office of the undersigned on payment of Tk. 400/- (Non-refundable) with due permission in letter head and on producing paper cutting copy, Renewal free receipt and VAT Registration certificate in original on all working days except on opening day. Each tender must accompany Tk. 16,600/- as Earnest Money in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Superintending Engineer, Civil Circle, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason.

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National Curriculum & Textbook Board

Textbook Bhaban
69-70, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000
ICB No: 108-Bha/ka-14/95 Dated: 31-08-1995

International Re-Tender Notice (2nd Time)

- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a grant from the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) in DM. A part of the grant will be applied through National Curriculum & Textbook Board to eligible payments under the contract for procurement of Woodfree White Printing Paper.
- National Curriculum & Textbook Board (NCTB), 69-70, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders of Federal Republic of Germany and all developing countries for the supply of Woodfree White Printing Paper valued about 1.4017 million DM equivalent to 39.95 million Taka-1.00 million US Dollar.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the office of the NCTB, 69-70, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh, Cable Address: TEXTBOOK DHAKA; FAX NO. 880-02-245724.
- A complete set of the bidding document may be purchased by any interested eligible bidder on submission of a written application to the office of the Secretary, National Curriculum & Textbook Board, Dhaka or Mr. S. M. Mesbahul Islam, Senior Assistant Secretary, PMED or Mr. Sheikh A. K. Motahar Hossain, Director (Finance), PCU on payment of a non-refundable fee of Taka 1000.00 (Taka one thousand) only or US Dollar. 25.00 (twenty five) only in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from a scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of National Curriculum & Textbook Board, Dhaka.
- All bids must be accompanied by Bid Security/Earnest Money in the form of Pay Order/Demand Draft/Bank Guarantee of 1.00% (One percent) of bid amount in favour of National Curriculum & Textbook Board, Dhaka and must be delivered to the office of the Secretary, National Curriculum & Textbook Board (4th floor) or to the office of the Secretary, Primary & Mass Education Division, Bangladesh Sachibalaya, Dhaka (Attn: Mr S. M. Mesbahul Islam, Senior Asst. Secretary, Room No. 619, Building No. 6) Bangladesh Sachibalaya, Dhaka or to the office of Mr. Sheikh A. K. Motahar Hossain, Director (Finance), Project Coordination Unit, General Education Project, B-63, Malibagh Chowdhurypara, Dhaka on or before 12-00 hours (Bangladesh Standard Time) on 16-10-1995.
- Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 12-30 hours on 16-10-1995 in the office of the Secretary, National Curriculum & Textbook Board, 69-70, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.
- National Curriculum & Textbook Board will not be responsible for any cost or expenses incurred by the bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery/submission of tenders.
- National Curriculum & Textbook Board reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to award of contract without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligation to inform the affected bidder or bidders on the grounds for the purchasers action.
- Tender documents will neither be sold on the date of opening of the tender nor will it be received over TELEX or FAX.

Secretary
National Curriculum & Textbook Board
Dhaka.

Zahir Raihan Film Society:

A four-day film session in memory of Peter Weir will begin. Two films — Picnic at Hanging Rock and The Last Wave — will be screened on the opening day. Time: 4:30 and 6:30 pm respectively. Venue: German Cultural Centre.

INVITATION FOR BIDS

বিদ্যুতের মিতব্যয়িতা আমাদের লক্ষ্য অর্জনের সহায়ক

- Rural Electrification Board invites bids for the following civil works under the project Construction Works of REB Central Workshop-cum Warehouse Complex at Savar, Dhaka. Any bonafide 1st class enlisted Civil Contractor having previous experience of completion of at least one site development works (compacted earth fill works) costing Tk 40 lacs or above during the last 5 years under a single contract. The bidders shall have their own mechanical equipments (steel Roller, vibrator etc) or they shall submit documentary evidence of availability of their equipment from suitable source.
- The Rural Electrification Board invites bids for the following work:

Sl No	Name of Works	Estimated Cost in lac Taka	Earnest Money in Taka	Completion Time
1.	Site Development Works	54.04	136,000	Phase-I : 90 days Phase-II : Within 15 days from the date of issue of Notice to do the work under this phase Phase-III : 270 days

- Bidding documents may be purchased from the office of the undersigned at a non-refundable price Tk 750.00 for each set, from 4th Sept. '95 to 24th Sept. '95 on all working days during office hours. Interested bidders may obtain further information at the same addresses.
- Bids must be accompanied by Earnest Money noted against the name of work drawn in favour of "Rural Electrification Board, Dhaka" in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh or in the form of Encashable Defence Savings certificate/5 years Term Bangladesh Savings Certificate/Bonus Savings Certificate. Without Earnest Money the bid shall be treated as unresponsive.
- The bid will be received by the Superintending Engineer (Project) Dhaka, Comilla, Bogra, Jessore, Faridpur upto 12.00 noon on 25th Sept. '95 and opened at 12.30 PM on the same date in presence of the bidders who wish to be present at the time of opening of bid.
- Drawings are available for inspection at the office of the Consultant, M/s Bangladesh Consultants Ltd. 34 Dhanmondi RA, Road 16 (New), Dhaka 1209.
- The Rural Electrification Board reserves the right not to accept the lowest bid or reject any or all bids or to waive any irregularity in any bid, if the waiver is in their interest, without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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RURAL ELECTRIFICATION BOARD
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