

# Dhaka Day by Day

## The Wedding Drama

by Lavina Ambreen Ahmed

The time is perfect and you have found your Mr or Ms right. But why are you disinclined to tie the knot? Well, getting married might seem like a sound and simple enough decision, it is going ahead with a traditional wedding that has given you insomnia. The Indian band Pulse joked about the drawbacks of married life in its music video 'Don't Marry', perhaps a local band could borrow the same theme and describe exactly how tedious a *deshti baje* (wedding) is. The family's ecstasy dissipates fast when reality starts to sink in about what a conventional wedding entails. The astronomical cost, the four part drama, the trying rituals and post matrimony invitations will do a swell job of dampening down your high spirits and transporting you back to Earth from seventh heaven.

As any Dhaka-dweller who is not a hermit and have attended at least a handful of weddings will know, they are really extravagant shows giving more emphasis an ostentation than blessing. If you have seen one, you have seen them all. Basically all one does is dress up, eat and run. Let's consider the expense factor. In fact, the three required elements for carrying out a typical wedding are first - Energy, patience and money. One has to gently go through four phases. The two separate *qaye hotud* programmes, the wedding and the reception. Forget to mention before, there are also the pre-wedding engagement ceremonies which means each family has to stage three functions. Needless to say a lot of money goes into organising each of these occasions.

Take for example the *qaye hotud* affair, which is all about dabbling token *hotud* (turmeric) on the bride and groom's forehead. Problems regarding what to wear, what food to serve, seeing to the video taping of the event, getting the *alpona* and stage ready, drive the family members nuts! And of course flowers. Lots and lots of those oh-so-common marigolds, rajarangdhas and rose garlands and sticks must be purchased.

Then there is the wedding spectacle. From customs like forcing the groom to pay for his entrance to the wedding menu, every aspect of the *du* is so predictable. Each ceremony gives the impression that half the

town is present. With your uncle's business partner, your aunts and cousins' respective in laws among the invitees it's no surprise if only 50 per cent of the guests actually know the newly weds. Weddings are also an excellent opportunity to catch up with old acquaintances and meet new people. You might come across your childhood friend after ages and discover a new ex-diplomat grandpa you have never met before. But it's not all bonhomie and joviality, a lot of bitching and gossiping also go on in the dazzling clothes and jewelry show. Some think weddings are the ideal places to discuss divorces and extra marital affairs. One of the exasperating parts of these occasions is having to deal with the video crew. The morons imagine it's cool to take long shots of guests gulping down greasy morsels of *biryani*. Yet, no one suffers like the bride does. Wrapped in a heavy ornate *katan* or brocade sari and decked up in gold, she looks more like a mannequin than a human being. Sitting like a zoo animal on display she poses for hours to impress suitors. The *groom* is no better. He stands up looking artificial and a few wise-crack remarks that come within the bride's orbit, put a vow of silence has been exchanged on the poor lady, so she can't retaliate.

While the bride sweats, her hubby dearest has a ball in the next room devouring a special dish with pals. When the wedding is over, you can call it a night but remember, you have to face the reception in a day or two, this one arranged by the groom's family. Yes, you've got to go through the whole act of being cordial to everyone, once again. At parting time, if you belong to the bride's side, you have to bring the new couple back home with you and receive them with more fuss and unamusing traditions.

And here ends the official wedding saga. But you realize that the ordeal is far from over when invitations pour in for the new weds and their families. This obviously means more bugging and socialising.

During those times one can't help comparing the relatively simple church weddings with our elaborate, lavish ones.



The Jatiyatantra Chhatra Dal brought out a procession in the city yesterday, welcoming the PM's proposals to solve the country's present political crisis. —Star photo

### Sanskritik Jote's sit-in Friday

Satmilita Sanskritik Jote will organise a sit-in in front of the Jatiya Press Club at 3 pm on Friday to extend their support to the ongoing non-cooperation programme, reports UNB.

Poets, writers and cultural activists will take part in the sit-in which will be followed by a cultural function.

Leaders of cultural and literary organisations in a joint statement yesterday called upon all concerned to make the Jote programme a success.

The signatories of the statement include Nasiruddin Yusuf and Debaprasad Devnath of Group Theatre Federation, Asaduzzaman Nur and Hasan Arif of Reciters' Coordination Council, Kalim Sharafi and Khaled Khan of Radio-Television Artists Council, Syed Shamsul Haq and Mohon Raihan of Jatiya Kabita Parishad

### Biswas condoles death of Lt Col Hussein

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday expressed his deep shock and profound grief at the sad demise of Lt Col Mohammad Hussein who died in Georgia while performing his duty as a member of Bangladesh army observer group in UNOMIG on Saturday, reports UNB.

In a condolence message, President Biswas, who is also the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, termed Lt Col as a brilliant officer and patriot who distinguished himself in his profession through courage, sincerity and dedication.

### Withdraw arrest orders against newsmen: Hasina

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed concern at the warrant of arrest against three editors, reports UNB.

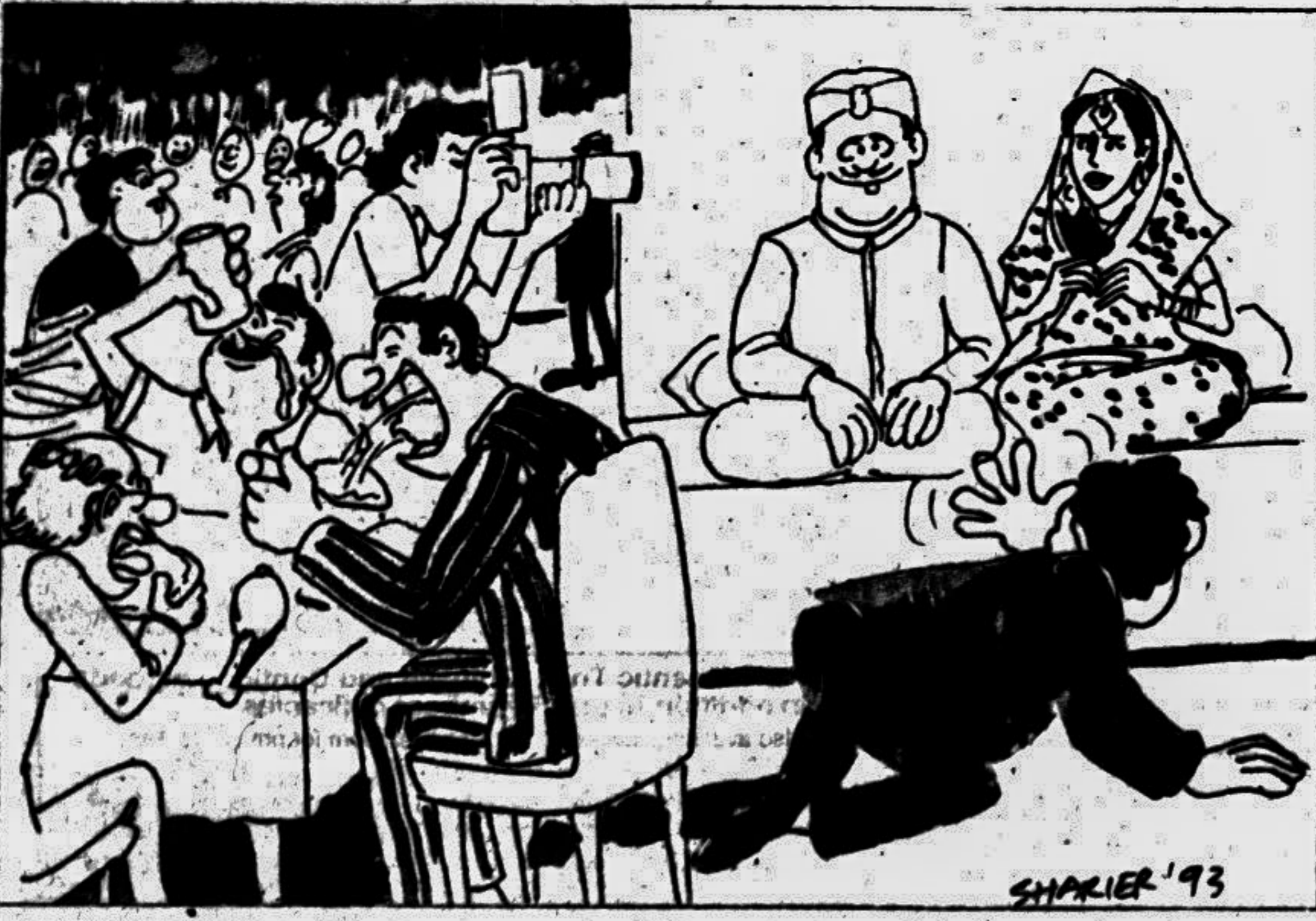
In a statement, she demanded immediate withdrawal of the arrest warrants against Rupali Editor Mostafizur Rahman, Aker Kagoj Editor Kazi Shahed Ahmed and Editor Mostafa Zabbar.

She also demanded immediate release of Syed Borhan Kabir, the Chief Reporter of Aker Kagoj.

### Rotary election postponed

The election to the governor of Rotary International District-3280 for the year 1997-98 has been postponed for unavoidable circumstances, reports UNB.

The election was due on March 15, said a press release.



### Release of Al-Amin editor demanded

Awami League general secretary Zillur Rahman yesterday demanded release of all detained political leaders and workers immediately, reports BSS.

In a statement, he said although the government spoke about the release of all political prisoners yet the leader of Awami Secchshabak League and editor of Al-Amin Maqbul Hossain was not released.

## What's on today

**Rotary Club of Dhaka North West:** The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: 23, Green Road. Time: 6:30 pm.

**BSP meet:** The biennial general meeting of Bangladesh Sanghadpatrika Parishad (BSP) will be held. Venue: 52 Furana Pallan Lane. Time: 11 am.

## Weather

### Dry weather forecast

Temporary rain or thundershower with gusty wind may occur at one or two places over Sylhet division and the regions of Comilla, Noakhali and Mymensingh in the next 12 hours till 6pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office said weather is likely to remain dry elsewhere over the country during the period.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets today at 6:07 pm and rises on Thursday at 6:10 am.

Country's highest temperature 35.2 degree Celsius was recorded at Khulna and the lowest 18.5 degrees at Ishurdi.

The maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	max	min	morning	evening
Dhaka	34.6	23.5	80	53
Chittagong	29.8	22.3	78	81
Rajshahi	34.8	21.8	65	45
Khulna	35.2	22.6	78	—
Barisal	32.5	23.2	85	72
Sylhet	29.0	21.4	91	82
Cox's Bazar	30.0	23.0	75	78

### Photo workshop in Amsterdam in August

An workshop for the most promising photographers will be held in Amsterdam in August this year under the auspices of the World Press Photo Foundation, reports BSS.

Bangladeshi photographer Shahidul Alam will be the chairperson of the South Asian zone's nominating panel, a press release of Drik Picture Library said here yesterday.

Other members of the panel are: Raghu Rai from Magnum of India, Pablo Bartholomew from Gamma Liaison Network of India and Eric Peris from New Straits Times of Malaysia.

Photographers aged 30 years or less have been requested to send in their work for selection to Drik Picture Library, House 58 (new), Road 15a (new), Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1200 by March 17.

The World Press Photo Foundation will bear all costs, including travel to and from Amsterdam and other related expenses for those who would be nominated for the workshop.

**MUTUAL JUTE SPINNERS LIMITED**  
DHAKA

Dated: 10th March, 1996

**NOTICE**

The 17th Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held on Sunday the 31st March, 1996 at 4.30 PM at the Registered office of the Company at JK Bahadur, 30 VIP Road, Kakrail, Dhaka.

**AGENDA OF THE MEETING**

- To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 28th March, 1995
- To adopt the Directors Report, Auditors Report and pass the Accounts of the Company for the year ended on 30th June, 1995
- To elect Director in places of retiring Directors.
- To declare dividend for the year ended on 30th June, 1995.
- To appoint Auditors and to fix their remuneration for the year 1995-96.
- To consider any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

By order of the Board  
Company Secretary

**NOTE:** 1. The share transfer book shall remain closed from 18th March, 1996 to 31st March, 1996 both days inclusive.

**NOTICE**

In the Court of Artha-Rin Adalat No-3, Dhaka.  
Title Suit No. 72/94

Pubali Bank Ltd.  
Johnson Road, Branch, Dhaka ..... Plaintiff.

-VS.-

- M/s Khan Enterprise.
- M.A. Hasan  
Proprietor M/s Khan Enterprise.  
35/D, Destitari Road, Gandaria, Dhaka.
- Jalal Uddin Khan  
S/o Late Ebadat Khan  
Vill: Mashurgaon, P.O. & P.S.: Sree Nagar  
Dist. Munshigonj. .... Defendants.

It is hereby notified that a civil case has been filed against the defendants on 30.7.94 demanding Tk. 4,52,053/- (Taka Four Lac fifty two thousand and fifty three) with interest upto 30.6.94. Defendants have been asked to appear in the case by 27.3.96 for submitting written statement, if any, otherwise law will take its own course.

Sheretadar  
Artha-Rin Adalat  
No. 3, Dhaka.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Office of the Director & Professor  
National Institute of Cardio Vascular Diseases & Hospital  
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207

No. NICVD/Store-Medi/30/95-96/455 Dated: 7-3-96

### Tender Notice

Tenders under lac sealed covers are invited from only the manufacturers or manufacturers' local agents for purchase of Cine Film Processor for Medical Imaging & Oximetry for Cardiac Catheterisation under head MSR for the National Institute of Cardio Vascular Diseases & Hospital, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207 during 1995-96 financial year.

Serial No.	Tender No. & Date	Description	Price of Tender Schedule (non-refundable)
1	No. NICVD/Store-Medi/30/95-96/455 dt. 7-3-96	Cine Film Processor for Medical Imaging & Oximetry for Cardiac Catheterisation	Tk. 750/= (seven hundred fifty) only.

Tender schedule can be collected from the office of the undersigned every day from 9-00 am to 1-00 pm from the next day of publication of this notice in the newspaper through application in company's/firm's own pad with the original copy of challan obtained by depositing the amount prescribed as price of tender schedule through treasury challan under head '36-Health & Population Control'. No schedule will be sold on the date of opening tender box.

Tender should be dropped in the tender box kept in the Chamber of the Director & Professor, NICVD within 9-00 am to 11-00 am on 25-03-96. The tender box will be opened on the same day i.e. 25-03-96 at 11-30 am in presence (if any) of the tenderers.

Other terms & conditions of tender will be available with the schedule.

DIP: 5422/94  
G-47

**Professor M A Zaman**  
Director & Professor

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY (JICA), A JAPANESE GOVERNMENTAL AID ORGANIZATION INVITES APPLICATION FOR IMMEDIATE APPOINTMENT (APRIL '96) FROM FEMALE CANDIDATES (BANGLADESHI NATIONALS) PROCESSING THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE.

- GOOD COMMAND OVER ENGLISH.
- MINIMUM BACHELOR DEGREE WITH AT LEAST FIVE YEARS WORKING EXPERIENCE AS A SECRETARY.
- KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH WORD PROCESSOR.
- PLEASANT PERSONALITY.
- PREFERABLY UNDER 30 YEARS OF AGE.

APPLICATION WITH COMPLETE BIO-DATA (MENTIONING CONTACT TELEPHONE NO.) AND RECENT PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD REACH THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS BY MARCH 19, 1996 POSITIVELY. WE ARE READY TO ACCEPT TELEPHONE CALL IF APPLICATION COULD NOT BE REACHED DUE TO PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION.

DIRECTOR, PERSONNEL AFFAIRS  
JICA BANGLADESH OFFICE  
PLOT NO. NW (C) 1, ROAD NO. 62/63  
GULSHAN, DHAKA-1212

**Chittagong Water Supply and Sewerage Authority**  
Invitation of Tenders for Procurement of Water Meters and Spares  
Under Contract CW-8A for Chittagong WASA

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### International Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited by Chittagong Water Supply and Sewerage Authority from genuine manufacturers or authorized agents for supplying and delivery of 1500 nos. 20 mm dia. Water Meter and spares manufactured in UK, USA, Germany, Switzerland, France, Japan and of other countries whose materials are of proven higher standard under Contract CW-R-8A as set out in the contract documents. The fund will be provided from cash foreign exchange as well as in Bangladesh currency under CWASA "Water Supply Rehabilitation Project under Crash Programme". Point of delivery and acceptance of materials will be at Chittagong WASA stores. Bid documents (Two sets) may be purchased by interested eligible bidders upon submission of written application to the undersigned on cash payment of Tk. 2,000 (Two thousand) only (Non-refundable).

**Details of the tender**

Contract No.	Nature of Tender	Description of Items	Bid Bond	Date of Selling of Tender Documents	Date of Submission on of Tender
CW-R-8A	International	1500 nos. 20 mm dia Water Meter and spares	3% (three per cent) of the total bid price in the form of Bank Guarantee/Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of Chairman CWASA, Ctg.	From 9-3-96 to 20-4-96 during office hours	On 25-4-96 up to 12-00 Noon. The tender will be opened at 1-00 PM on the same day

Detailed information regarding this tender may be had from the office of the undersigned CWASA, Chittagong during office hours. Only very high quality meters and spare parts are needed, Therefore manufacturers or their authorized agents whose materials as mentioned prove are not of very high standard should not/need not participate in the tender.

SPR-107-6/3  
DIP-5490-10/3  
G-364

Chief Engineer  
Chittagong WASA  
Chittagong.

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**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES/SHIPPERS**

FEEDER VESSELS M. V. EAGLE PRESTIGE V-079, IMP ROT NO. 227/96, FONG SHIN V-9605, IMP ROT NO. 213/96 & ALEXSANDROV V-9601, IMP ROT. NO. 238/96 ARRIVED CHITTAGONG OUTER ANCHORAGE ON 05.03.96, 10.03.96 AND 11.03.96 RESPECTIVELY WITH EVERGREEN CONTAINERS RELAYED AT SINGAPORE EX FOLLOWING VESSELS:-

01. EX EAGLE PRESTIGE V-079		02. EX ALEXSANDROV V-9601	
M' VESSEL	PORT	M' VESSEL	PORT
BNSK 0717-034	LEAM CHABANG	EVER ROUND 0663RW-019	KAOHSIUNG
EVER GOVERN 0094-063W	HONGKONG		NEW YORK
	HAKATA		OSAKA
	OSAKA		PUSAN
	TOKYO		
	VANCOUVER, BC		
N.LLOYDINA 0086-006E	TRISTE		
U.SPRING 0482BS-108	PASIR GUDANG		
03. EX FONG SHIN V-9605			
M' VESSEL	PORT	M' VESSEL	PORT
EVER BREEZE 0718-263	LEAM CHABANG		
BUNGA MAS DUA 0634	PORT KLANG		
EVER GOVERN 0094-063W	KEELUNG		
	PUSAN		
EVER RENOWN 0661W-015	HONGKONG		
	KAOHSIUNG		

CONSIGNEES ARE REQUESTED TO CLEAR THEIR CARGOES IMMEDIATELY ON DISCHARGE. CARGOES UNCLEARED WITHIN 45 DAYS FROM THE ARRIVAL DATE OF THE VESSEL WILL BE DISPOSED WITHOUT ANY REFERENCE TO THE CONSIGNEES, AS PER CUSTOM RULES.

FOR DETAILS AND CARGO BOOKINGS PLEASE CONTACT OUR BANGLADESH AGENTS:

**BSLL** Baridhi Shipping Lines Limited  
(A BIC COMPANY)

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