



President Abdur Rahman Biswas being received on his arrival at the National Parade Square in the morning of the Independence Day on Tuesday. — Start photo

Independence Day observed in missions abroad

The silver jubilee of the Independence and National Day was celebrated by the Bangladesh missions abroad in a befitting manner, reports BSS.

According to messages received here yesterday, the day's programme included the hoisting of the national flag to the tune of the national anthem, recitation from the holy Quran, observance of one-minute silence and offering special prayers for the eternal peace of the departed souls of the martyrs of the war of liberation and for peace and prosperity of the country.

Besides, cultural programmes, discussions, seminars were also arranged to mark the occasion.

Most of the missions arranged receptions which were attended by the local elite, senior civil and military officials, diplomats, heads of business organisations and local Bangladeshis.

Local newspapers brought out special supplement on the occasion and TVs telecast documentary film on Bangladesh.

So far, messages have been received from Calcutta, Abu Dhabi, Tehran, Beijing, Ottawa, New York, Geneva, Cairo, Rome, Jakarta and Calcutta.

The silver jubilee of independence was observed at the Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Calcutta in a befitting manner.

The national flag was hoisted at the premises of the embassy by Deputy High Commissioner Jahangir Saadat. A large number of Bangladeshi residents in Calcutta and officials of the mission were present.

Ministers, political leaders, judges, diplomats, high officials of the union and West Bengal government, senior journalists, intellectuals, eminent cultural personalities and elite of Calcutta attended a reception hosted by the

Bangladesh envoy.

The Bangladesh community in Iran celebrated the 25th anniversary of the independence of Bangladesh with enthusiasm.

The Bangladesh Embassy took up an elaborate programme for the celebration of this special occasion. The day's programme began with the ceremonial flag hoisting by Bangladesh ambassador Syed Muazzem Ali.

The national anthem was played on the occasion. After recitation from the holy Quran, messages from the president and the prime minister were read out by the ambassador.

The community then held a discussion on the significance of the day. The participants in the discussion highlighted various aspects of our glorious war of independence.

The embassy had also organised poetry recitation, painting, qirat and essay competitions for Bangladeshi children in Iran.

The Iranian press and media took prominent note of the day. The Iranian television telecast a special programme on Bangladesh which included a statement from Bangladesh ambassador and a documentary film on Bangladesh.

The local newspapers also brought out special supplements on Bangladesh.

The Bangladesh embassy in Beijing celebrated the silver jubilee in a befitting manner.

The day began with hoisting of the national flag by Bangladesh Ambassador Mustafizur Rahman to the tune of national anthem at the chancery premises.

Bangladeshi nationals, including Bangladeshi defence forces officers under training at the National Defence University of China, were present in the function.

The day was also rounded off with a diplomatic reception at the Great Wall Sheraton Hotel in Beijing.

JN Hall incident Students gherao VC's residence

By DU Correspondent

Chhatra Sangram Parishad of Jagannath Hall of the Dhaka University yesterday gheraoed the office of the Vice Chancellor Emajuddin Ahmed to press their demand for immediate release of 15 students detained under Special Powers Act.

The Parishad also threatened they would go for an indefinite sit-in in front of the VC's residence if their demand was not met within 48 hours.

Addressing the rally during the seize, the speakers said, out of a total of 91 students 38 students were granted bail on February 1. These students were arrested during the police attack on Jagannath Hall on January 31.

The remaining 53 were also granted bail on February 5. But police detained 15 from among them under Special Powers Act, they said.

The new digital phone number will be of seven-digit instead of existing six-digit, and as such the number will begin with '933' replacing '40' while the rest figures will remain unchanged. As for example the existing number 400157 will be replaced by 9330157. The conversion will be made free of cost.

The T and T board has requested the subscribers of group '40' to contact over phone number 831799 if they face any inconvenience.

4000 more phones to be digitalised from today

Four thousand analog telephones bearing number 400000 to 403999 under Moghbar Exchange will be converted to digital system from today afternoon, reports BSS.

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Awami League president Sheikh Hasina along with party colleagues laying wreaths at the Jatiya Smriti Soudha at Savar on the 25th anniversary of country's Independence on Tuesday. — Star photo

Commemorative stamps

Bangladesh Post Office issued yesterday a set of six commemorative postage stamps each valued at Taka four and a first day cover valued at Taka six on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of independence of the country, reports BSS.

A special canceller was also used, an official handout said. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia formally released the stamps at a simple ceremony.

The stamps and first day cover are now on sale from Dhaka GPO. The commemorative postage stamps will subsequently be sold from all post offices.

Postponed

The cultural function of the Retired Government Employees' Welfare Association scheduled to be held on March 30 has been postponed due to unavoidable reasons, a press release said. Fresh date will be announced later, reports BSS.

Strengthen ongoing movement: CPB

Chairman of Bangladesh Communist Party Shahidullah Chowdhury yesterday called for strengthening the on-going movement to ensure formation of the caretaker government to hold the next elections, reports BSS.

He said his party would pursue their politics in favour of the caretaker government side by side with the movement for ensuring bread and employment for the people.

Chowdhury said this at a rally in the party office which was held with party leader Ashraf Hossain in the chair.

Shahidullah Chowdhury also said that the consequence of lingering the present political crisis would be dangerous for the country.

He urged dissolution of the present parliament and arrange holding elections under a caretaker government.

The rally was also addressed, among others, by Abdul Malek, Ruhin Hussain and Qawali Ratan.

Professionals for fixation of date for next polls

Sacheton Peshajibi Samaj, an association of all professional groups, yesterday called upon the ruling party and the opposition parties to reach an understanding for resolving the current political crisis peacefully in the spirit of democratic culture, reports BSS.

In a declaration adopted at a rally held in front of National Museum yesterday afternoon the Sacheton Peshajibi Samaj noted with satisfaction that a national consensus has been reached demanding fixation of the date of next elections under a neutral and non-party caretaker government.

Presided over by Prof Saïdur Rahman, the rally was addressed, among others, by Prof Dr. Aminul Islam, Prof Dr. Abdur Rashid agriculturist Jabbed Iqbal, adv. Abdul Wadud Khondkar, Journalist Amanullah Kabir, Film actor Ashraf-uddin Ahmed Ujjal, Chashi Nazrul Islam, Prof Dr MA Mannan, Dr. Abdul Aziz, BM Rakib Hossain, Abdus Samad and engineer Rafayel Kabir. The declaration was read out by Prof Jinnatunnesa.

Bangladesh envoy to Malaysia named

The government has decided to appoint Major General Mustafa Kamaluddin, ndc, pse as the High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Malaysia, reports BSS.

Born in Chittagong in 1946 major general Mustafa Kamaluddin joined the army in 1963 and obtained bachelor of science degree and commissioned in the corps of engineers in 1965. Major general Mustafa attended command and staff course at the defence services command and staff college, Mirpur in 1980 and was awarded symbol 'psc' he attended higher command course at the National Defence University, China in 1988-89 and was awarded symbol 'ndu'.

Rapport seminar

The seventh video management seminar on 'Managing the Managers' will be held today at 5:30 pm at a city restaurant, says a press release.

Rapport Bangladesh Limited has sponsored the seminar.

The British Council

GCE "O" & "A" Level Examinations: May/June 1996 Notice to Parents, Guardians and Students

- The British Council hopes and intends to conduct the scheduled GCE "O" and "A" level Examinations in May and June. It should be noted however that if circumstances do not permit the safe and efficient conduct of these Examinations the University of London will not allow postponement and the Examinations will be cancelled.
- Preparatory administrative services - issue of Admit Cards, sale of past papers, late registration, checking of examinees, personal details and examination schedules - are due to begin on 1 April. The British Council however is unable to open its Fuller Road offices to the public in current circumstances. The Council will re-open its Fuller Road offices immediately the situation allows. Until that time the Council regrets that it cannot initiate or maintain the preparatory administrative services listed above.
- The British Council expects to receive the results of the January 1996 GCE "O" and "A" level Examinations at the end of March. They will be made available immediately the Council is able to re-open its Fuller Road offices to the public.

VACANCY ADVERTISEMENT

UNICEF in Bangladesh is seeking applications from suitable candidates to fill the position of **Project Officer, Education (Quality)** for its Dhaka Office. The position carries an attractive salary and fringe benefits package.

The successful candidate will be required to design and develop, implement, monitor and evaluate the introduction of new approaches, methods and practices in primary and basic education, with an emphasis on innovations in instructional design and technology, in particular child-centered, participatory approaches, including multiple ways of teaching/learning; facilitate the identification and development of effective primary classrooms; assist the government counterparts in planning and organizing related research and training programmes linked with quality improvement interventions.

Essential requirements are: Advanced University degree in education or related fields such as Child Psychology, Human Resources Development. A minimum of five years relevant practical experience in project development and management in the field of primary education at the national level; fluency in written and oral English; good analytical and excellent presentation skills; proven track record of working effectively with the government and NGO officials; ability to be an effective team player. The position will require frequent travel to district, thana and village levels to monitor programmes and provide technical support to field-level personnel.

Applications with bio-data should be sent to the **Chief, Personnel Services Section, UNICEF-Bangladesh, GPO Box No 58, Dhaka-1000** by **04 May 1996**. Please clearly quote on the envelope VN-BDPS/VB-95-03.

Only candidates who meet the specific job requirement should apply. Due to the large number of applications normally received, only candidates in which UNICEF has a further interest will be contacted.

Applications from qualified female candidates are particularly encouraged.

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Office of the Executive Engineer

Facilities Department, Ministry of Education

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Re-Tender Notice

(4th Call)

Notice No. 38/Science/GDC/FD/NZ/95-96 Dated: 19-03-96
Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from A-1 & A-2 class enlisted contractors of Facilities Department for the undermentioned work under the project Development of selected Govt Degree College with importance on Science Education.

Name of thana	Group No	Name of selected educational institution with description of work	Estimated cost (Taka)	Amount of earnest money	Price of tender	Time limit for completion of work
Sadar Thana	01 (one)	Munshiganj Govt Women's College earth filling work, Munshiganj	4,99,530/-	10,000/-	400/-	03 (three) months

A) Description of work:
The prescribed earnest money must be deposited with the tender in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Narayanganj Zone, Narayanganj, 11-04-1996 (during office hours).

C) Last date & time of selling tender document: 13-04-1996 (up to 12:00 Noon).

D) Last date & time of receiving tender document: To be opened on 13-04-96 (at 12-15 PM) in presence (if-any) of the tenderers.

E) Date & time of opening tender box: Tender document will be available from the Head Office, Facilities Department, Shiksha Bhaban, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Narayanganj/Dhaka/Narsingdi/Savar/Mymensingh/Kishoreganj/Tangail/Faridpur/Madaripur Zone/Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Education, Building-06, Floor-18 (eighteenth), Room No 1825 (one thousand eight hundred twenty-five), Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka & Assistant Engineer, FD, Munshiganj district office during office hours and tenders will be received at the above offices within the prescribed time.

F) Offices where tender document will be available and received:

Additional terms & conditions:

- At the time of purchasing tender document, contractors/contractor firms must take prior permission of the proper authority by producing their enlistment registration book (current).
- Contractors/contractor firms participating in the tender should be registered as per rules for VAT and must produce the original copy of the registration certificate at the time of purchasing tender document. VAT & Income Tax will be deducted from the bill as per rules.
- If construction or renovation work of any institution among the selected institutions has already been done by this Department or if for any other reason the name & site of the school is changed, the contractor/contractor firm cannot claim any additional financial benefit for the same. If any claim is made, it will not be acceptable.
- The reasons for which the tender will be treated as cancelled outright:

a) The tender will be treated as cancelled if any additional conditions are added to the tender by the tenderer.

b) These contractors/contractor firms who were issued work orders for one or more works during 1994-95 financial year, but could not complete 80% (eighty per cent) work in spite of expiry of the time limit for completion of work by now, cannot participate in the tender. Their participation in the tender will be treated as invalid.

c) Any contractor/contractor firm submitting tender at more than 5% (five per cent) below the estimated cost, his/her tender will be treated as cancelled.

d) Any contractor/contractor firm submitting tender at 5% (five per cent) above the estimated cost, must attach item-wise rate analysis (original copy) with the tender. If carbon or photo copy is submitted, the tender will be treated as cancelled.

e) The quoted rate must be within two digits after point. On violation of the rule, the tender will be treated as cancelled.

Other terms & conditions regarding the tender are given in the tender document. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tenders without assigning any reason.

Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Narayanganj Zone, Narayanganj. DFP-6005-20/3 G-397

Weather

Thundershower likely

Rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at a few places over Chittagong, Barisal, Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office says rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary west or north westerly squally wind at the speed of 45-60 kilometres per hour or more is likely at places over the regions of Barisal, Jessore, Kusthia, Pabna, Bogra, Dhaka, Tangail, Comilla, Noakhali and Chittagong today.

Day temperature may rise by 1-2 degree Celsius across the country. Meantime, Comilla experienced the highest 95 mm rain yesterday. Dhaka had 46 mm rain, Chittagong 40, Jessore 15 and Barisal 11 mm shower during the period.

Country's highest temperature 36.2 degree Celsius was recorded at Khulna and the lowest 16.7 degree at Dinajpur. The sun sets today at 6:13 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:56 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	max	min	morning	evening
Dhaka	31.6	20.2	89	71
Chittagong	29.7	20.2	98	86
Rajshahi	31.3	18.0	87	61
Khulna	36.2			62
Barisal	34.3			62
Sylhet	29.3	18.5	74	67
Cox's Bazar	30.6	25.0	83	85



KULKHANI

WE MOURN WITH PROFOUND GRIEF THE SAD DEMISE OF MR. M. GOLUM RASEK ON 25TH MARCH AT MID NIGHT. (INNA LILLAHE...)

MR. RASEK WAS THE YOUNGEST SON OF LATE MR. GOLUM ESHAQUE MIA OF GERAKUL VILLAGE, BARISAL AND HE HAS LEFT BEHIND HIS WIFE, DAUGHTERS ALONG WITH MANY RELATIONS, FRIENDS AND WELL WISHERS.

APART FROM HIS BUSINESS LIFE MR. RASEK WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE DHAKA CLUB AND UTTARA CLUB FOR MANY YEARS AND WAS INVOLVED WITH MANY SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS.

THE WELL WISHERS AND CLOSE ONES ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND THE KULKHANI WHICH WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 29 AT HIS RESIDENCE, HOUSE NO. 29, ROAD NO. 1, SECTOR-5, UTTARA AFTER ASAR PRAYERS TO PRAY FOR HIS DEPARTED SOUL.

BEREAVED FAMILY MEMBERS

বাংলাদেশ জিপিএ কার্গো

Bangladesh Shipping Corporation

Chittagong

Freight Tender Notice

Freight tender is invited from vessel owners/agents/brokers for transportation of 100,000 metric tons (5% more or less supplier's option) Arab Light Crude Oil from Rastanura to Chittagong under loading date 28 April, 1996 on account of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC). Tender schedule (detailed terms and conditions) may be obtained from undermentioned address during office hours on or before 14th April, 1996 on payment of Tk 200/- (Taka two hundred) only in cash to Accounts Department of the office mentioned below. Tender closing 1000 hrs (BST) on 15th April, 1996.

Serajul Huda

General Manager

Chartering & Tramping Department

Bangladesh Shipping Corporation

BSC Bhaban, Saltgola Road

Chittagong, Bangladesh

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Notice

Inviting Proposal for Selection of Consultant

- Proposals are invited by the undersigned from the Architectural and Engineering Consulting Firms to appoint a Consulting Firm for Architectural and Engineering design, construction supervision and management of works of construction of a multistoried Commercial Building.
- The Letter of Invitation (LOI) including the detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) and other relevant information may be obtained on payment of non-refundable amount of Tk. 5,000 (five thousand) only per set.
- The technical and financial proposals shall be submitted in separate sealed envelopes which will be clearly marked "Technical Proposal" and "Financial Proposal" and the same will be received by the undersigned on or before 21 April 1996 during office hours.
- The Saudi-Bangladesh Industrial and Agricultural Investment Company Limited reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals without assigning any reason thereof.

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