

Metropolitan

A journey along natural borders

By Parveen Ahmed

A Russian globe-trotter on an unprecedented bi-cycle tour along the coastline of all the continents is now in the city, after having traversed almost 63,000 kms through 57 countries in three continents. The lone traveller, Vladislav Ketov, an artist by profession, embarked on his unique solo journey around the world nearly 5 years ago, in St Petersburg.

Ketov entered Bangladesh from India, through Khulna, on April 20. He is currently in the city awaiting visas for Myanmar and Taiwan, the next destinations on his itinerary.

At an interview organised by the Russian Cultural Centre in the city yesterday, the 47-year-old father of three explained the motivation behind his trip:

"The border between land and water is the only natural dividing line that has the right to exist. Borders created by man, dividing one country from another, are nothing but obstacles for human freedom and rights. I want to help create a peaceful world by breaking down those barriers."

Asked about his choice of mode of transport, Ketov said, "A bike is ecologically clean. My objective is to use only environmentally-friendly mode of transport throughout the journey — I may replace the bike with solar-powered vehicles or sailing boats on some parts of the route."

On his journey to date, he has already gone through two Giant bikes.

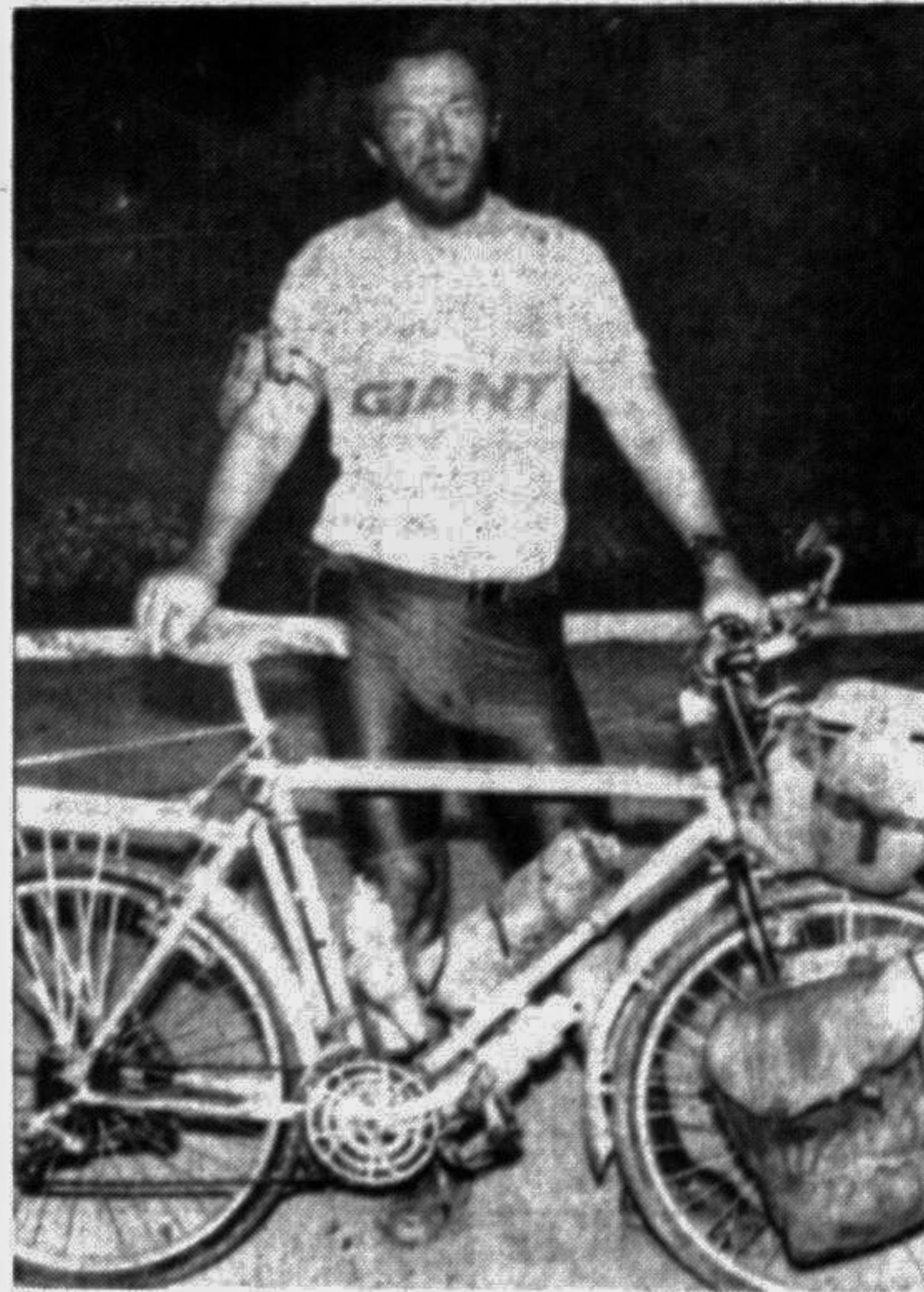
On his impression of Bangladesh he commented, "It's a very green country and it has too many ferries."

His world tour was self-financed in the first four years, during which he supported himself by sketching portraits. However, since December 1995, the United Nations Environment Programme

(UNEP) has been co-sponsoring the tour.

Ketov still has around 157,000 kms to bike before completing the total journey of 220,000 kms — roughly more than five times the distance of the earth's circumference. The world tour is scheduled to finish where it started one May Day in 1991 and where his family awaits him — St Petersburg.

The remainder of Ketov's mission will take him into the next century and ensure him a place in the Guinness Book of Records.



Vladislav Ketov with his bike

Obituary



Atiqur Rahman, deputy general manager, Janata Bank, died of cardiac arrest at Suhrawardy Hospital yesterday. He was 54, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, two sons and a daughter.

A nazrah-e-janaza was held in front of Janata Bank, Managing Director, Janata Bank, Managing Director, Agrani Bank executives, officers and employees of the bank attended the janaza.

Satyajit film session

Zahir Raihan Film Society has organised a three-day commemorative film session on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of birth of the filmmaker Satyajit Ray, says a press release.

Documentaries on Satyajit Ray and films by Satyajit will be shown in session beginning on May 2.

Aranyer Dinratri will be screened on May 2 at 4:30 pm at the Indian High Commission auditorium, while *Seemabaddha* and *Jonojonyo* will be screened on May 4 and 5 respectively at the same time and the same venue, the release added.

World leaders greet Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas has received more Eid greetings from the different heads of state and government on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha, reports BSS.

In their messages, they wished the personal well-being of the President and continuous progress and prosperity of the brotherly people of Bangladesh.

The messages so far received are from King Hussein-I of the Kingdom of Jordan, President Hafez al-Assad of Syria, President Omar Hassan Ahmed al-Bashir of Sudan and Chairman of the Armed Forces Provisional Ruling Council, Captain Yahya A J Jammeh of the Republic of Gambia.

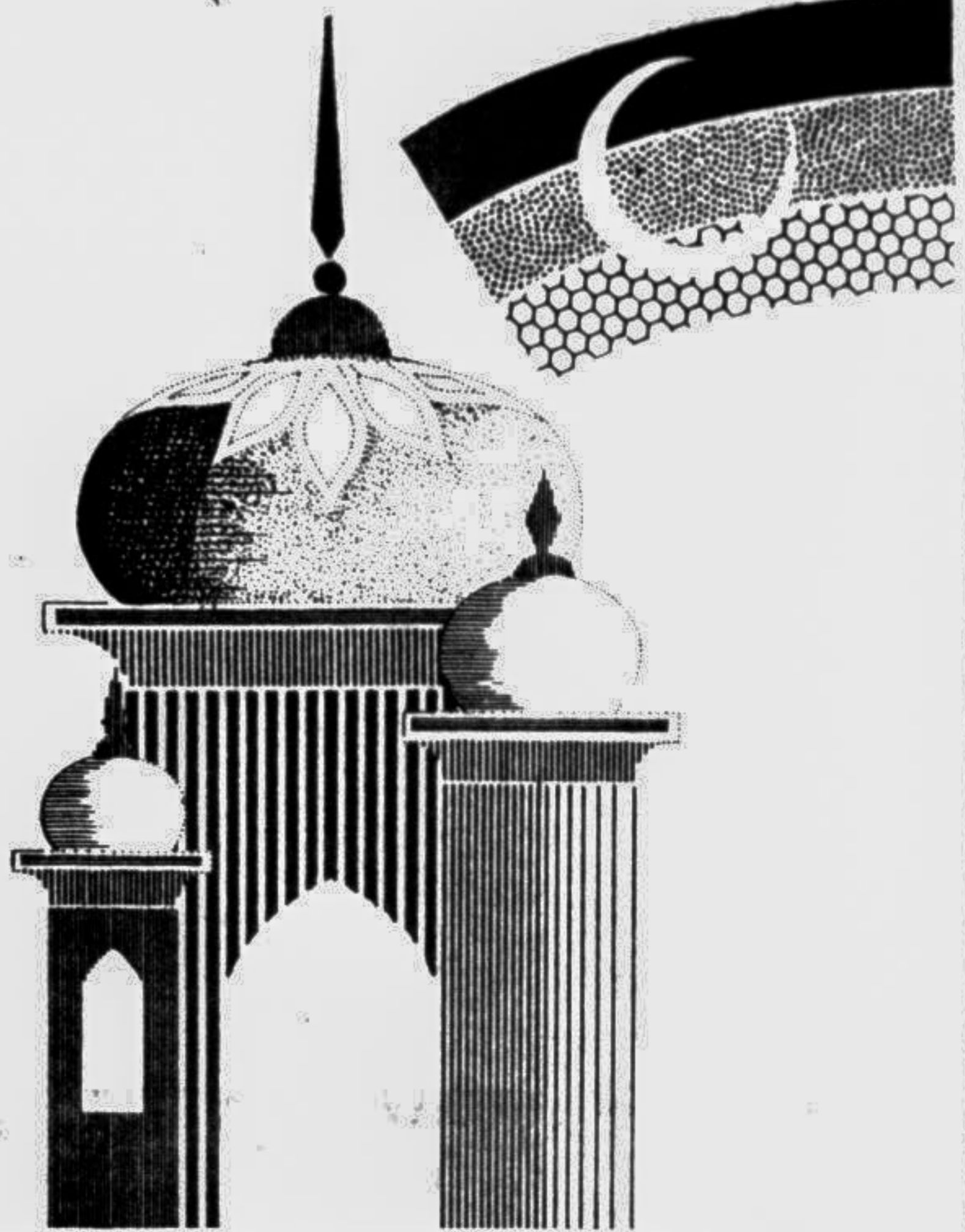


Sale of traditional 'punjabi' before the Eid. — Star photo

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P.O. Shyampur, Dist Rangpur Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited by the General Manager, Shyampur Sugar Mills Ltd, PO & Rly Stn Shyampur, Dist Rangpur from the bonafide stockist, dealer, supplier, importer and manufacturer for supply of the undermentioned stores as per schedule at Mills General Stores at their own cost and risk.

Sl. No	Description of stores with name and specifications	Cost of tender schedule	Receiving dt & time	Opening dt & time
1.	Hardware materials (Hyet Metal, Tin-Ingot, Copper Ingot, Pig Iron, Hard cotton wast & other materials)	@ Tk 150/- (one hundred fifty)	21.05.1996 up to 12.00 Noon	21.5.1996 at 12.30 PM
2.	Construction Materials	@ Tk 100/-	-do-	-do-
3.	Loose Tools Materials	@ Tk 100/-	-do-	-do-
4.	Nut and Bolt	@ Tk 100/-	-do-	-do-
5.	MS Pipe	@ Tk 100/-	-do-	-do-
6.	Packing & Pipe Fitting Materials	@ Tk 100/-	-do-	-do-
7.	Refractory Materials	@ Tk 100/-	-do-	-do-
8.	Electrical goods	@ Tk 100/-	-do-	-do-
9.	Chemical goods (Caustic Soda, Soda Ash & others)	@ Tk 100/-	-do-	-do-
10.	Spares for Diesel Jeep & Ambulance	@ Tk 150/-	22.5.1996 up to 12.00 Noon	22.5.1996 at 12.30 PM
11.	Spares for Nissan Truck, Issuzu Truck (Pickup), Kea-Serog (Pickup), Unimog Truck and Trailer	@ Tk 250/-	-do-	-do-
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Prescribed tender schedules containing all terms & conditions for each group as above may be had either from (i) The Finance Manager, Shyampur Sugar Mills Limited or from (ii) The Addl Chief Accountant (Cash), Bangladesh Sugar & Food Inds Corpn., Adamjee Court, 115-120, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka or from (iii) The General Manager, Bangladesh Sugar & Food Inds Corpn (Shipping), Arag Chamber, 68-Agrabad C/A, Chittagong all working days during office hours between 8.00 AM to 12.30 PM and on Thursday between 8.00 AM to 11.00 AM on payment of cost of tender schedule by cash (Non-refundable) as noted above against each group. Each tender must accompany and Earnest Money @2.50% of the total quoted value must be deposited along with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/SDR/CDR/Pay Order in favour of Shyampur Sugar Mills Ltd, to be drawn on Janata Bank, Shyampur Branch. Tender will be received up to 12.00 Noon into the tender box to be kept simultaneously at (i) Commercial Office, Shyampur Sugar Mills Ltd, (ii) The office of the Deputy Commissioner, Rangpur and (iii) Purchase Division, Bangladesh Sugar & Food Inds Corpn, Purborag Bhaban (3rd Floor), 3-Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka and will be opened on the same date after half an hour in presence of the parties or their representatives, if any. Tender/Tenders without Earnest Money or less earnest money will not be considered for acceptance. The intending tenderers may sent their tender by post; but this must reach within the schedule date & time. Tender/Tenders to be received by post after opening of the i.e. the late tender will be accepted for consideration. No tender schedule will be sold on the date of opening.

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Tributes paid to Nurul Islam

Speakers at a condolence meeting yesterday paid rich tributes to Nurul Islam Chowdhury for his contributions in the profession of journalism, reports BSS.

Nurul Islam Chowdhury, Special Correspondent of BSS, died of cancer early Friday at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Held at the news room of BSS, the condolence meeting was chaired by BSS Chief Accountant Shamsuddin Ahmed and was attended by relatives and admirers of the deceased.

BSS Chief Editor and Managing Director D P Barua, BSS former Chief Editor and Managing Director Amanullah, elder brother of the deceased Emdadul Haque, AFP correspondent Nadeem Quader and BSS journalists and employees, including Mizanur Rahman, Hussainuzzaman Chowdhury, Mofakharul Anam, Tabibul Islam, M Shahjahan Mia, Bazul Karim, Hamiduzzaman, Jaglul Ahmed Chowdhury, Haroon Habib, Jahangir Hossain, Azzul Islam Bhuiyan, Ataur Rahman, Gazir Rahman, Delwar Hossain, Shamsul Alam Belal, Rasheda Amin, Joyntal Abedin, Kamal Uddin, Gazi Ahmed Hossain and Abdul Latif Khan spoke on the occasion.

In a resolution the meeting expressed its deep shock and sorrow at the sad demise of Islam and conveyed heartfelt sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

Another report from Chittagong adds: Speakers at a condolence meeting held in the port city yesterday paid tributes to Nurul Islam Chowdhury, special correspondent of BSS, and recalled his lifelong devotion toward journalism.

Held under the joint auspices of Chittagong Press Club and Chittagong Union of Journalists (CUJ) at the club auditorium, the condolence meeting was chaired by senior vice-president of the Press Club Swapan Mahajan.

Colleagues of Chowdhury including Kazi Jafrul Islam, Ataul Hakim, Akhterun-Nabi, Saber Ahmed Asgari, M Nasirul Haq, Anjan Kumar Sen, Shalauddin Chowdhury, Abu Taher, Mohammad Kazi Yusuf, Mustafa Kamal Pasha, Samir Barua, Jamaluddin Yusuf and Deva Prasad Dasdebu addressed the meeting, touching upon various aspects on the life and professional sincerity of Chowdhury.

The speakers termed him, as a simple and very amicable personality to his friends are

34 BAU teachers demand release of Ershad

Thirty-four teachers of the Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) yesterday urged the Chief Adviser to make arrangement for proper treatment and release of former President H M Ershad, reports BSS.

The teachers in a joint statement said that a free, fair and neutral elections could not be held keeping a popular leader like Ershad in jail.

They said that former president was kept behind the bars for the last five years and a half due to "conspiracy and vindictiveness" and was suffering from complex ailments.

The teachers pointed out that although Ershad returned from five constituencies in the '91 elections, he was not allowed to sit in the Jatiya Sangsad for a single day.

The signatories to the statement, among others, were Prof Mirza Abu Hanif, Prof W I Mohammad Afzal Hossain, Prof Shamsul Haque, Prof Shah Nazrul Islam Chowdhury, Prof Abdur Razaque, Prof Mohammad Abdur Rahman, Prof Mohammad Mominul Haque, Prof A O M Shamsul Islam, Prof Mostafizur Rahman, Dr Mohammad Rafiqul Islam Sarkar, Prof Mohammad Ataur Rahman, Prof Mohammad Ali Akbar, Dr Qamrul Hasan, Prof Matiar Rahman Khan, Dr Abul Khayer, Dr Masud Ahmed, Dr Abul Kasem, Dr Mohammad Hafezur Rahman and Prof Mohammad Akhtaruzzaman.

Bangladesh Public Relations Association (BPRA) yesterday condoled the sudden death of BSS special correspondent Nurul Islam Chowdhury.

Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management also condoled the death saying that the death is an irreparable loss to the profession of journalism.

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UNOCAL team meets Biswas

A delegation of UNOCAL Bangladesh Ltd, led by its president Richard Roering, called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

The delegation apprised the President of their plan to develop the Shabazpur Gas Field and construction of pipeline to Barisal.

The other members of the delegation were Gritters, Charles Pierce, Renato Bizzio, Donald A Bray, Nurul Huda and Dr A H M Shamsuddin.

Dr Faruque honoured

Dr Engr Hafiz Sharif Faruque, professor of electronics and chairman, Electronics and Computer Science Department, Jhangirnagar University has been honoured

with the inclusion of his biographical sketch in the 14th edition of Marquis' Who's Who in the World, says a press release.

The Planetary Society has offered him a full membership of the society.

Being a member of this society he becomes an elite scientist of NASA's Mars Surveyor Team. He worked on Relaxation Map Analyzer (RMA Spectrometer) now introduced in the world market by Solomat Co (USA, UK, Germany & France). He is also an active member of the New York Academy of Sciences.

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- Name of work : Collection of Toll at Mohanpur bridge on 19th KM of Dinajpur-Phulbaria Road for the period from 1-7-96 to 30-6-97 under Dinajpur Road Division, during the year 1996-97.
- Earnest money : Tk. 1.00 lac (one lakh) in the shape of Bank Draft, Defence Saving Certificate, Treasury Chalan pledged to the Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Dinajpur
- Period for Toll collection : For 1-7-96 to 30-6-97.
- Last date of receiving quotation bids : Up to 12:30 PM on 5-5-96
- Date & time of opening quotation box : At 12:45 PM on 5-5-96
- Date & time of opening bids : At 11:00 AM on 9-5-96
- Name of offices where the quotation bids will be received : 1) Addl. Chief Engineer (RHD), Rangpur Zone, Rangpur. 2) Superintending Engineer (RHD), Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka. 3) Superintending Engineer (RHD), Dinajpur Road Circle, Dinajpur. 4) Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division Dinajpur/Thakurgaon/Nilphamari.
- Name of offices where bid papers will be available for sale during office hours : Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Dinajpur/Thakurgaon/Nilphamari/Planning Division, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Planning & Design Division, Rangpur. Price @ Tk. 300 (Tk. three hundred) only per sets (not refundable)
- Last date of selling bids papers during office hours : Up to 4-5-96
- Additional Earnest Money to be deposited by successful bidders : Successful bidders will have to deposit additional Earnest Money of Tk. 1.00 lakh (one lakh Taka) within 5 days from the date of acceptance of quotation in the shape of B.D./D.S.C./T.C. pledged in favour of the undersigned.

Md. Lutfur Rahman Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Dinajpur



Major General Muhammad Azizur Rahman, Bir Uttam, being adorned with the badges of rank of the third EME Colonel Commandant on his investiture at the EME Centre and School at Saidpur Cantonment on Sunday — ISPR photo