

Metropolitan

Dhaka Day by Day

Creeping Fear from Tiny Creatures

by Muneera Parbeen

PLEASE! STOP YOUR HOUSE DEFENCE GANG! LEMME GO!



There was a time when Dhaka was called the city of mosquitos — and very appropriately too. The situation has improved a bit now. However at present Dhakaites face a new problem. This is from other creatures such as cockroaches, spiders and scorpions.

Of course, as a whole, the entire city is definitely not paraded by these creepy creatures. But it still is a big problem in many houses, especially old and damp buildings. People living on the ground floor are the most troubled.

Just imagine the dilemma of a family living on the ground floor. Cockroaches ply in through open windows and some scorpions, centipedes and even a few worms make it up the drain pipes. The worst I heard of — lucking did not witness — was a distant aunt's house in Agargaon. A snake climbed up her drain and ended up in her bathroom! It was later discovered that the particular building had no sanitary or sewage tank of its own, but being situated just next to a dirty little 'doba' (i.e. pond), all its lines went right into it!

Many people are scared of these creepy creatures and perhaps they are not to blame. Someone sits in front of the TV set and tries to enjoy a cup of tea and enters in full flight a large cockroach, which lands on anything from the tea cup to the viewer's head. You can either run after it with a spray can of insecticide or take the more conventional approach of hitting it with a sandal. This reminds me of an incident of a British lady with whom a friend was stranded in a hotel for a night. When she found cockroaches on the floor, my friend screamed and jumped on to her bed, the foreign lady graphed a rubber sandal from her bag and killed the pest with a single hit. Her years of

working with the ill-trodden in our country had left its mark on her!

If you are not scared of cockroaches, then just think of spiders — yes those eight-legged creatures, so often discovered in bathrooms. I don't know where the giant sized ones come from but they are enough to drive quite many people, to the end of their wits. When these creatures run, may I know do the run too.

But then, you have heard nothing of centipedes. These long and many legged creatures which we commonly call 'Bich-chus', are very poisonous indeed. Their bites are fatal and people are known to have died from it. These creatures commonly find their ways into the bathrooms or houses itself on hot and damp days. That is news indeed for people who sleep on the floor at nights or decide not to use the mosquito net. People try their best to keep their bathrooms and drains clean. Many seek remedies in pouring hot vinegar down the drain (better suitable for cleaning clogged drains though!) or simply hot water. Others line the drains and bathroom doors with bleaching powder at night as barricades against this kind to creatures, should they actually appeared.

These kind of problems are always around us and somehow we live on with them. Each in our own ways, we try to better our safety, some succeed, some always don't. Yet we never stop trying. Some friends and acquaintances even put cotton in their ears at night to avoid disaster (guess what type!) should danger be too near! Who knows if we will ever be rid of all these problems of metropolitan life.

Include true history of '71 in textbooks: BCU

By DU Correspondent

Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU), a left-leaning student front, yesterday demanded inclusion of the true history of the Liberation War in textbooks.

At a press conference at the Madhu's Canteen of the Dhaka University, the BCU leaders termed it necessary to focus the true history of the country for generating patriotism in the new generation.

They said it is a matter of shame that the young generation of the country do not know the context and true history of the Liberation War, even after 25 years of independence.

BCU proposed inclusion of the biographies of the protagonists of the movements against British colonialism and the struggle for freedom from Pakistan in the textbooks.

They also suggested inclusion in the textbooks the glorious performances of the president, prime minister, chief military commander and the advisory council of the interim government during the independence war.

The press conference was attended by Aslam Khan, Samir Mitra, Tahmidzaman, Abid Hosen, Hsan Tarik Shohel, Sharifuzzaman, Atikul Haq Khan and Mafizur Rahman.

What's on today . . .

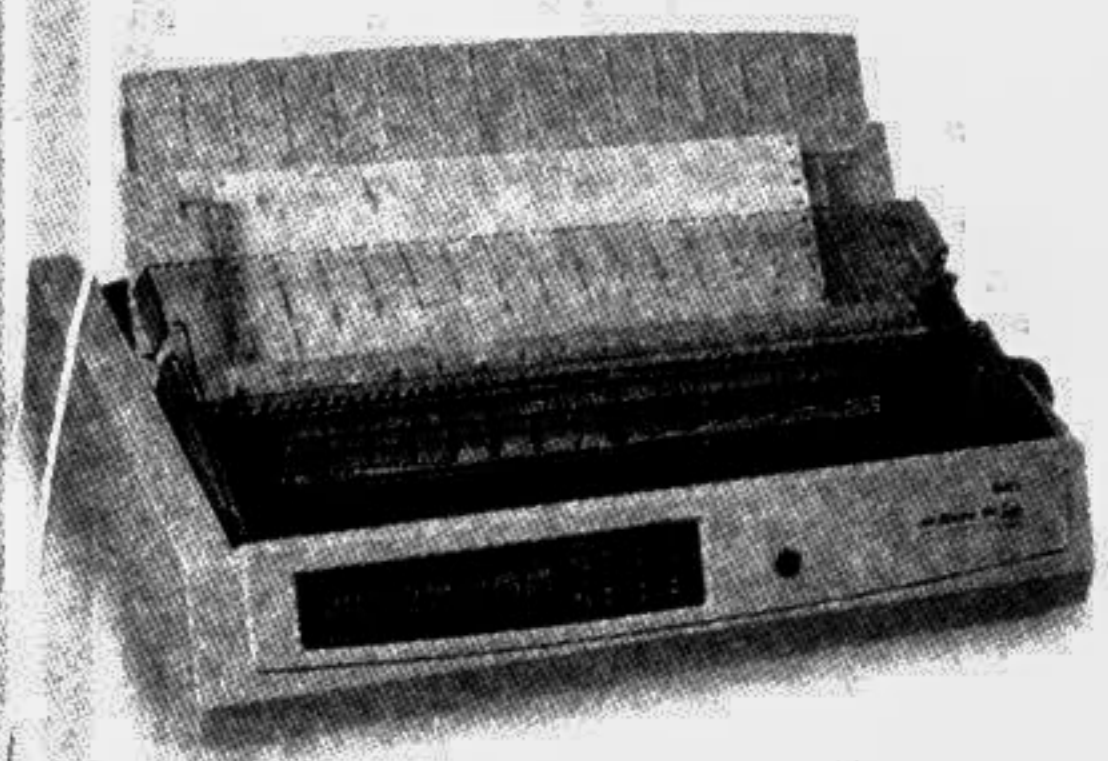
- Asiatic Society talk:** Prof Enayetur Rahim, Department of History, Georgetown University, Washington, USA will deliver a talk on 'Movement for Democracy in Bangladesh and the role of the expatriate Bangladeshis in the USA'. Venue: Asiatic Society seminar room. Time: 9:30 pm.
- Muktijuddha Museum:** Former diplomat Farook Chowdhury will deliver a talk on 'Bangabandhu's Return Trip' Venue: Muktijuddha Museum. Time: 5 pm.
- Rotary Club of Gulshan:** The installation ceremony of the office bearers of Rotary Club of Gulshan for the year 1996-97 will be held. Chief guest: Pierre Landell-Mills, Chief of World Bank mission in Bangladesh. Venue: Sasakawa auditorium, ICCDR, B. Mohakhali. Time: 7:15 pm.
- Rotary Club of Dilkusha:** The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Purbani hotel. Time: 5 pm.
- Rotary Club of Dhaka North:** The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sonargaon hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.
- Rotary Club of Dhaka Central:** The regular weekly meeting at the club will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 1:30 pm.

Speaker visits ailing MP

Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury yesterday visited ailing Member of Parliament Giasuddin Quader Chowdhury, who represents Chittagong 6 in parliament, at Suhrawardy Hospital, reports BSS.

The Speaker enquired of the medical treatment of the member of parliament, who is under treatment for heart ailments since August 6.

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Matter No 34 of 1996

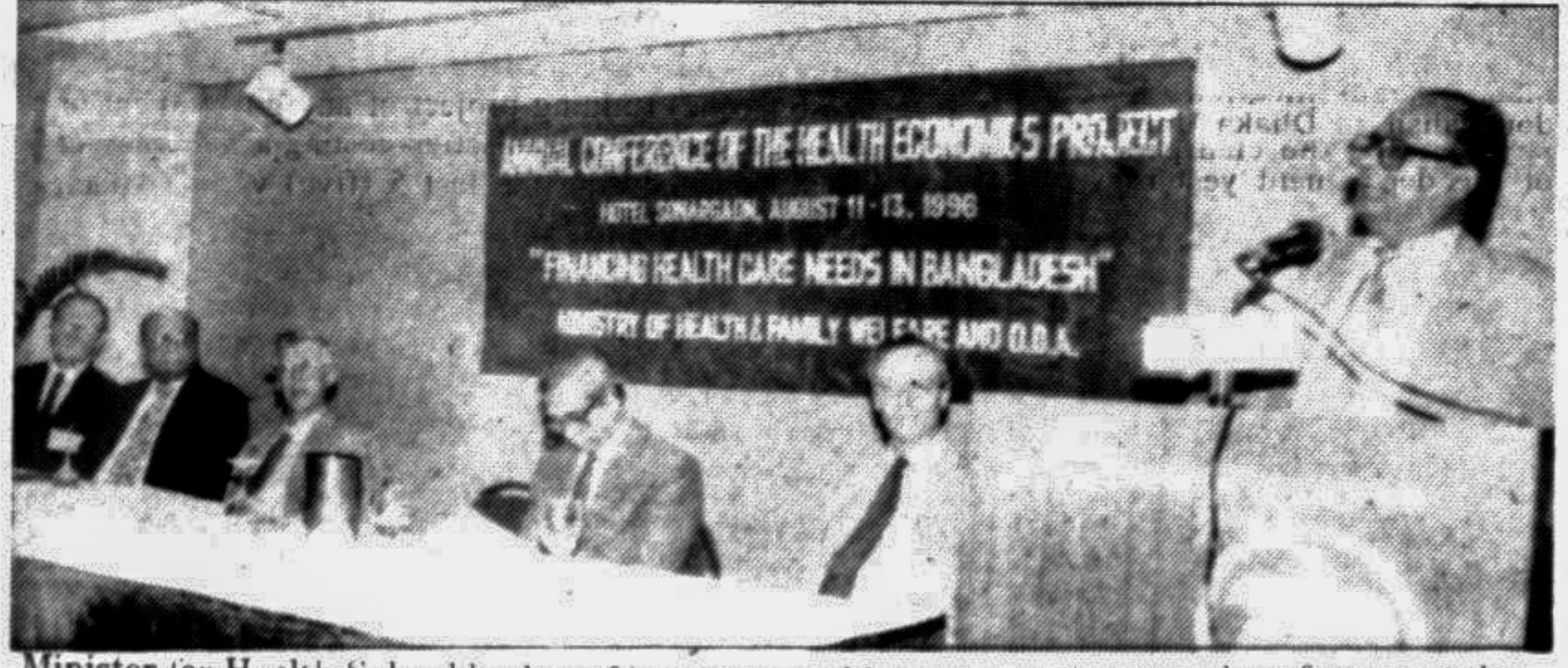
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Notice is hereby given that an application under Section 43 of the Companies Act, 1994 was filed and moved on 30-7-96 by Barrister Asrarul Hossain before the Company Bench of High Court Division presided over by Mr. Justice Kazi A. T. Manowaruddin praying for the rectification of the Share Register by entering the name of the petitioner as holder of 7,80,000 shares and the Hon'ble Court was pleased to admit the matter and fix it for hearing on 29th August 1996.

Anybody who is interested in this matter, may appear in person or through an Advocate to oppose the same on the date of hearing.

Copy of the said application can be obtained on payment of the prescribed fees.

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Minister for Health Salauddin Yusuf speaking as chief guest at the annual conference of the Health Economics Project at a local hotel yesterday. — Star photo

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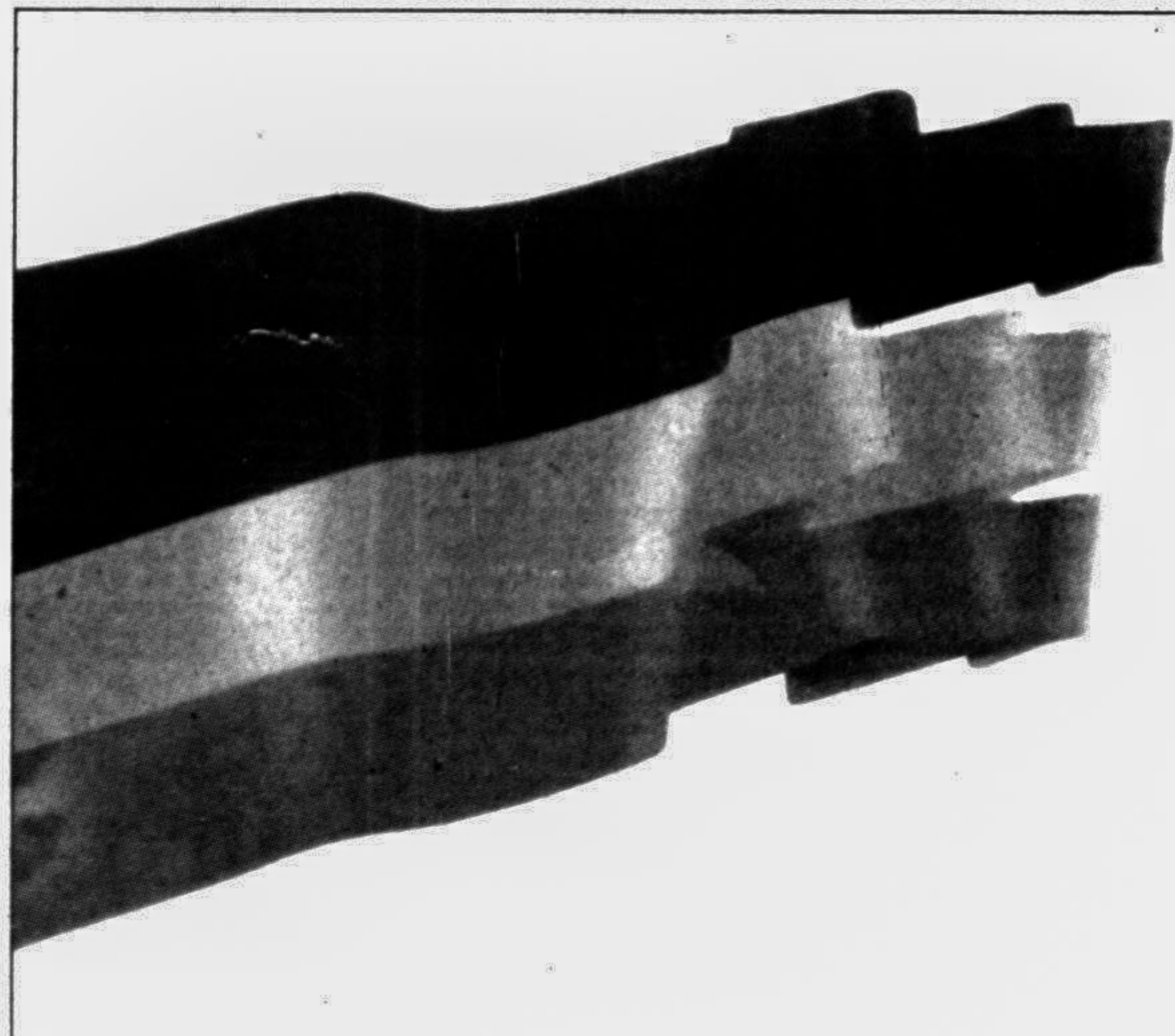
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Government of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD Road Division, Comilla

RHD, Auction Sale Notice (2nd Call)

- Auction sale Notice No: 1/EE RHD, Comilla Road Division, for the year 1996-97.
- Name of work: Auction sale for condemned Trucks, Jeeps, Motor Cycles, as where as it is basis in 2 (two) groups, under Comilla Road Divn, during the year 1996-97.
Group No A 8 Nos Truck & 2 Nos Jeeps. Group No B 7 Nos Motorcycles. (As per schedule).
- Earnest money: 10% (ten) of the quoted rate in BD/TC/Pratirakha Sanchayapatras/5-year Bangladesh Sanchayapatras or Bonus Sanchayapatras in favour of EE RHD, Road Division, Comilla.
- Time allowed: 10 (Ten) days from the date of issue of work order.
- Eligibility of auction bids: Interested individual or firm.
- Name of office where auction bids will be received: Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Comilla & Office of the undersigned.
- Name of office availability of auction bids: Office of the undersigned/EE RHD, Road Division, B'Baria/Chandpur/Planning & Design Divn, Comilla/Planning Divn, Dhaka (P&B) and SDE's Office, under this Division.
- Last date of selling of auction bids: 24-8-96 up to office hours.
- Last date of receipt of auction bids: Up to 12-30 PM on 25-8-96.
- Date & place of opening of auction bids: 12-45 PM of 27-8-96 of RHD Road Divn, Comilla.
- Time & place of inspection of vehicles & equipment: In different places & stackyards under Comilla Road Divn may be inspected in consultation with the SDE RHD, Mechanical during working hours.

Md Altaf Hossain Executive Engineer, RHD Road Division, Comilla DFP-17440-8/8 G-939



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