

Hospitals urged to procure means for treating hazardous wastes

Director General of the Department of Environment M. Wahed has called upon the authorities of all hospitals and clinics in the country to procure necessary technology and chemicals for proper treatment of various hazardous wastes produced by them, reports BSS.

He also urged the hospital authorities to build incinerators for burning hospital wastes and said, only the Dhaka Medical College Hospital had an incinerator and alleged that this also was not used by them.

Wahed was speaking at a briefing session on chemical safety organised by the Department of Environment at a city hotel yesterday.

Country representative of World Health Organisation (WHO) WT Hardjotanojo, chief of environmental health of WHO regional office in New Delhi Dr Sattar Yusuf, WHO representative Alex Redekop and deputy director of the Environment Department M Mosharrif Hossain also spoke on the occasion.

Mosharrif informed the session that the customs authorities in different land

ports, sea ports and airports in the country take help of the municipalities to burn goods confiscated by them.

He said they also bury confiscated hazardous substances and toxic chemicals and follow the standard practice to stop leaching, with the advice of the Department of Environment.

He also informed that the Civil Aviation Authority has built an incinerator at Zia International Airport recently for proper treatment of confiscated materials, including hazardous substances and toxic

Indonesian envoy hosts reception

Indonesian Ambassador to Bangladesh Hadi Wayaradi Alhadar yesterday evening hosted a reception on the occasion of the 51st anniversary of the Indonesian independence, reports BSS.

Ministers, leaders of opposition parties including Begum Raushan Ershad, diplomats, high civil and military officials and elite of the city were present at the largely attended party.

chemicals. The session was also informed that out of several dozens of big pharmaceutical industries in the country, only Rhone Poulenc Rorer had built an incinerator to burn hazardous wastes.

In reply to a question, Wahed said there was no absolute ban on use of DDT, a toxic chemical. He said sometimes it was required to use DDT for saving lives as in the case of 'kalazar'.

Reacting to it, WHO representative Dr Hardjotanojo said WHO did not ban the use of DDT altogether, but it should be used properly and effectively.

He said 'kalazar' was an emerging disease which was eliminated when DDT was spread for malaria control. DDT is used for control of 'kalazar' as it is cheap and effective, he added.

In reply to another question, Wahed said there was no dearth of legal provisions for dealing with different environmental hazards, and the Environment Protection Act 1995 had given sufficient power to the head of the Environment Department.



Prof Md Khurshid Alam (C), DG, National Academy for Educational Management (NAEM) was present as the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony, of a diploma course in library and information science at the Institute for Library and Information Management (ILIM), held at the NAEM auditorium in the city yesterday. Suraya Begum (2nd from R), Chairperson, Department of Library and Information Science, DU, was present as the special guest.

— Star photo

More world leaders pay tribute to Bangabandhu

More world leaders have sent messages to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on the National Mourning Day paying tribute to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, reports UNB.

President of Sri Lanka Chandrika Bandarnake Kumaratunga in her message paid her deep respect to the memory of the founding father of Bangladesh on the 21st anniversary of his martyrdom.

Chandrika Kumaratunga said the Sri Lankans recalled with admiration the historic role played by the great son of South Asia in the creation of Bangladesh and his courage and patriotism which have continued as an inspiration long after his tragic death.

The Sri Lankans share the grief felt by the people of Bangladesh on this day of mourning, she said.

Paying rich tributes President of the Maldives Maumoon Abdul Gayoom said: As the people of Bangladesh remember the tragic day twenty-one years ago when your beloved father and the proud founder of Bangladesh, President

Kamal Hyder quits Gano Forum

Kamal Hyder, a former MP, has recently resigned from Gano Forum, says a press release.

Before the resignation, he was a member of Gano Forum Secretariat and secretary-in-charge of information and media of the party.

During his student days, Hyder led various student movements in the 60s and participated in the Liberation War.

Later, he served as member of NAP Secretariat and played an active role in the movement for restoration of democracy in the country in the 80s, and 1990.

PhD conferred

Khaled Sobhan, assistant professor, Bucknell University, Pennsylvania, was conferred the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering for his dissertation, entitled 'Stabilised fibre-reinforced pavement base course with recycled aggregate,' by the North Western University, Chicago, USA on August 14 last. His research was supervised by Professor Raymond J. Krizek, according to a press release, reports BSS.

Dr Khaled Sobhan stood first in the combined merit list of SSC examination of Dhaka Board from St Joseph's High School in 1980 and second in the HSC examination from Dhaka College in 1982. He obtained his engineering degree from BUET and masters in Civil Engineering from John Hopkins University, USA.

Dr Sobhan is the eldest son of Abdu Sobhan and Dr. Rowshan Jahan and son-in-law of Mustafa Zaman Abbasi and Asma Abbasi.

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, gave his life for the freedom and integrity of your nation, I would like to assure you that the thoughts and prayers of the people of the Maldives are at this time with you personally, and with the brotherly people of Bangladesh.

Gayoom said Bangabandhu had his name written not only in the history of Bangladesh, but also in the annals of world history, by leading the movement that had created a new nation-state which has contributed since its birth enormously to world peace, stability and progress of the region.

In a separate message, Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet of Vietnam has expressed sympathy to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on the occasion of National Mourning Day.

The Vietnamese Prime Minister expressed his profound grief for Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and recalled his valuable contributions to the fostering of the friendly relations between Vietnam and Bangladesh.

Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet also expressed his belief that the people of Bangladesh under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina would turn this grief into confidence and strength in building Bangladesh into an ever more prosperous and happy country.

Senator Dan Hays and Senator Colin Kenny of Canada have sent letters to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressing their condolences.

Senator Dan Hays said: 'Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's proud achievements remain an important and inspirational part of your national heritage and I trust that he will always be remembered as founder of the nation.'

The letter of Senator Colin Kenny said, 'The abrupt loss of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on this date 21 years ago must have been tremendously difficult for the people of Bangladesh.'

Earlier, Chinese Premier Li Peng, Indian Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao, South African President Nelson Mandela and King Jigme Singye Wangchuk had sent messages to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on the eve of National Mourning Day.

Qulqhwani

The qulqhwani of Lutfunnessa Begum, who died Thursday night, will be held today after Asr prayers at House 3B, Road 88, Gulshan in the city, says a press release.

A renowned philanthropist, Lutfunnessa Begum was the mother of Abul Khair Chowdhury, director, United Commercial Bank Ltd and former state minister.

She was laid to rest at Banaai Graveyard after namaz-e-janaza at the Gulshan Central Mosque on Friday.

Prospects of China's investment discussed 3-member team to attend WBU assembly

Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Zhang Xujiang called on Commerce and Industry Minister Tofael Ahmed at his Secretariat office yesterday, reports BSS.

They discussed prospects and possibilities of Chinese investment in the industrial sector of Bangladesh.

The Chinese ambassador said that China was eager to construct the proposed Shahjalal Fertiliser Factory in Sylhet. Besides, Chinese investors want to invest in paper mills, Barapukuria coal mining, diammonium phosphate plant and other viable sectors in Bangladesh, he added.

Welcoming Chinese contributions to the economic development of Bangladesh, the minister said the present government wanted China as a development partner.

Referring to Chinese help in infra-structural development in Bangladesh, especially in constructing road and bridges, the minister said, the government wanted to strengthen economic relationship with China. He sought more technical and economic assistance from China for overall development in Bangladesh.

A three-member visually impaired women delegation from Bangladesh will attend the four-day long 4th World Blind Union General Assembly beginning in Toronto, Canada Aug 26, reports UNB.

The delegation led by Lina Parveen Chowdhury, a visually impaired executive of the Helen Keller International Bangladesh, will leave Dhaka for Toronto tomorrow.

The delegation will attend the three-day Global Blind Women's Conference in Toronto for the first time.

To accord reception to the delegation, a sendoff meeting was organised by the National Forum of the Organisations Working with the Disabled (NFOWD) at its office in the city yesterday evening.

The reception was addressed, among others, by NFOWD Chairman Khandoker Zahurul Alam and Vice-Chairman Abdus Sattar Dulal, Director of Impact Foundation Bangladesh, Mansur Ahmed Chowdhury, the delegation leader Lina Parveen Chowdhury, Nasreen Haq of HKI and Mamun of Society for the Care and Education of the Mentally Retarded, Bangladesh (SCEMRB) Mamun.

Workshop on mass culture in Ctg

A three-day mass-cultural workshop begins at the Chittagong regional office of Caritas today, reports UNB.

The workshop organised by Proshika, an NGO for human development, will be participated by 70 organisers of various cultural organisations at district and thana levels of Chittagong division.

Water Resources Planning Organization

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Invitation for Expression of Interest for Consulting Services

The Government of Bangladesh has obtained a credit of about US \$8 million from the International Development Association (IDA) to strengthen the Water Resources Planning Organization (WARPO) under Ministry of Water Resources) as the lead agency in water sector planning for the formulation of a National Water Management Plan (NWMP). The plan would cover land and water resources of the whole country with long-term perspective, WARPO's mandate consists of national, regional and basin planning studies, water resources management round the year through a well defined policy and regulation, monitoring and evaluation of studies as well as programmes.

Firms with international experience in water resources planning and management are invited to express their interest for the technical assistance to WARPO. The consulting assignment would be spread over a period of about thirty months. The task would require a multi-disciplinary team consisting of professionals in areas of water resources, economics, institutional planning, ecology, environment, sociology/anthropology, participatory planning, monitoring and evaluation and management information system. To complement the skills available within the firm, they are encouraged to form joint ventures with other international and Bangladeshi firms and NGOs.

The expression of interest including brief statement on firm's qualifications and experience should be submitted to Director General, Water Resources Planning Organization by September 15, 1996. Based on the response a short-list of about five to six firms would be prepared using a criteria consisting of firm's experience, sectoral spread, experience in national, regional and river basin planning, number of projects prepared, number of special studies and geographical experience. The consulting services would be recruited using the World Bank's Guidelines for recruitment of consultants. For more information please contact Director General, WARPO.

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Invitation for bids (I. F. B.) for procurement of scraper launching & receiving traps and scraper signaller, under cash foreign exchange. Date of issuance of I. F. B. : 14.08.1996.

1. Sealed Bids are invited from the bonafide manufacturers or their authorised agents for supply of Gas Line Equipments as listed below under Cash Foreign Exchange:

S. No.	I. F. B. No.	Description of materials	Cost of tender document	Bid closing date
1.	PD/ 2312/366-SCT/BELABO (RTNDR)	Scraper Launching & Receiving Traps and Scraper Signaller	Tk. 1,000.00 or US\$ 25.00	7th Sept '96

2. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Deputy General Manager (Purchase) at the above address.

3. Tender documents may be purchased by any interested bidder or their authorised representative upon payment of the cost of respective documents from Accounts Department of this Company at the above address from 09:00 hrs. to 13:00 hrs. on all working days with effect from 18th August 1996. Copy of Money Receipt evidencing purchase of tender documents is to be furnished with the bid. No document will be sold on the bid closing date. Tender document against this retender will be supplied free of cost to those bidders who purchased the earlier tender document No. PD. 2312/366-SCT/BELABO dt. 8th August 1995.

4. All bids accompanied by a bid security for 2.5% of bid amount in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any Scheduled Bank located in Bangladesh or Bank Guarantee issued by a Scheduled Bank in Bangladesh or from any reputable foreign bank, duly endorsed by a Scheduled Bank in Bangladesh must be delivered to Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co. Ltd. at the above address on or before 11:00 hrs. of the closing date of the I. F. B. The bids will be opened on the same day at 11:15 hrs. in presence of bidders, if any. Should this day happens to fall on any holiday, bids shall be opened at the same hours on the first subsequent working day.

5. The Bidder shall submit the Bid in duplicate (an original and a copy) clearly marked "Original" and "Copy". In the event of any discrepancy between the original and the copy, the original shall govern.

6. The Company reserves the right to accept any bid or reject all the bids without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Titas/PR-17/96-97
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Deputy General Manager (Purchase)

Eastern Refinery Limited
(A Subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation)

North Patenga, Post Box No. 35
Chittagong-4000
Bangladesh

Dated: 13th August, 1996

International Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited from the bonafide Manufacturers/Suppliers/Agents for supply of TRI-SODIUM PHOSPHATE on C&F Chittagong basis as per specifications, terms and conditions mentioned in the schedules of relevant tender documents:

Tender No.	Description of Materials	Cost of tender schedule per set	Last date for purchasing of tender schedule	Opening date of technical offer	Opening date of commercial offer
ER/PUR/FP-38/96. (Re-tender)	Tri-Sodium Phosphate.	Tk. 100/-	31-08-96	01-09-96	08-09-96

Tender documents may be obtained from (i) Asstt. Accounts Officer (Cash) of Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chittagong or (ii) Manager, Liaison Office, Eastern Refinery Limited, 338, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka on payment of the cost of tender schedule in Taka or equivalent currency (Non-refundable).

The tender must be dropped in the tenderbox kept in the Purchase Department, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chittagong, Bangladesh as per date & time mentioned in the tender documents.

Eastern Refinery Limited Authority reserves the right not to accept the lowest or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Mobin-ul-Hoque
Dy. Manager (Purchase)

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Bangladesh Railway (West Zone)
Saidpur Engineering Division

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No. 2/AEN/IC/1996-97. Dated: 10-08-1996

Sealed Tenders are invited from registered 'C' Class contractors of Engineering department of Bangladesh Railway, West zone and 'C' Class contractors enlisted prior to re-organisation of the Railway in to two zones and renewed for the year 1996 and registered 'B' Class Contractors of Saidpur Engineering Division having been renewed for the year 1996 for the following works:

SL No	Name of works	Approximate Cost	Earnest money
1.	Group 'A'-At SDP:-(Workshop): Repairs and changing of north light glass, gutter etc. of Bay No. 1 to 7 from north side of paint shop.	Tk. 3,29,184/-	2% of the quoted rate
2.	Group 'B'-At SDP: (Workshop)-Repairs and changing of north light glass gutters etc. of Assembling section of wagonshop.	Tk. 4,20,554/-	-do-
3.	Group 'C'-at SDP:-(Workshop): Repairs & changing of north light glass and gutters of Bay No. 1 to 13 from North side of 2nd shop floor of carriage shop.	Tk. 4,26,856/-	-do-
4.	Group 'D'-At SDP: (Workshop): Repairs & changing of north light glass, gutters etc. of Bay No. 14 to 24 from North side of 2nd shop floor of carriage shop.	Tk. 4,19,969/-	-do-
5.	Group 'E'-At SDP: (Workshop): Repairs & changing of North light glass gutters etc. of Bay No. 1 to 7 from north side of carriage construction shop (Ex-Erecting shop).	Tk. 4,11,654/-	-do-
6.	Group 'F'-At SDP:-(Workshop):-Repairs changing of North light glass, gutters etc. of Bay No. 8 to 21 from north side of carriage construction shop (Ex-Erecting shop).	Tk 4,71,275/-	-do-

- Cost of per set tender documents Tk. 400/- (Four hundred) non-refundable tenders document will be available in the office of the Chief Engineer/West RJHI, Divisional Engineer/Lalmohirhat and Asstt. Executive Engineer/Incharge, Saidpur Bangladesh Railway up to 12.00 Noon of 31-08-1996.
- Tender documents to be dropped in the tender Box kept apart in the aforesaid offices by 12.00 hrs. of 01-09-1996 which will be opened publicly at 12.30 hrs of the same date in presence of the contractors or their authorised representatives.
- Railway Administration reserves the right to accept or reject the tender as a whole or in part thereof.
- All other terms and conditions will be available in the tender documents.

RPRD No. 467
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Asstt. Executive Engineer/Incharge
Bangladesh Railway, Saidpur

Weather Moderate rainfall likely

Light to moderate rain is likely at most places over Rajshahi, Chittagong, Barisal and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office says rain is likely to occur at many places elsewhere across the country with sky remaining cloudy or partly cloudy.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged throughout the country.

Meantime, Dinajpur experienced the highest 101 mm rain in the last 36 hours till 6 pm yesterday. Sylhet had 72 mm rain. Cox's Bazar 67. Khepupara 47. Jessore 41. Puni 36. Dhaka 31. Sandwip 29. Faridpur 28. Sitakund 23 and Barisal 6 mm shower during the period.

Country's highest temperature 32.2 degree Celsius was recorded at Bogra and Srimangal yesterday while the lowest 24.2 degrees at Kutubdia and Faridpur.

The sun sets today at 6:29 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:36 am.



A cheque worth Tk 1,32,740, collected by students of BUET in aid of their ailing friend Avijit Saha, is being handed over to his brother by their teacher, Dr Nizamuddin Ahmed.