

156 arrested

Police rounded up 156 people on various charges from different parts of the city yesterday, reports UNB.

Of them, 23 were wanted criminals and 52 others were held on charge of murder, dacoity, snatching, extortion and terrorism, said a DMP press release.

Bridge over Rupsa demanded

KHULNA, Sept 6: Khulna Nagarik Samaj (KNS) today demanded construction of rail-road bridge over the river Rupsa, completion of Dhaka-Mawa road, and building of an airport and an EPZ in the port city, reports UNB.

The demand was made at a press conference at the local

Press Club, where convenor of KNS Alhaj Liakat Ali, member secretary Advocate Piroz Ahmed and member Humayun Kabir Balu addressed.

They also demanded immediate restoration of Goalpara Power Plant and enquiry into the Khulna University incident.

PWD Tender Inviting Notice

No 5(B) 1996-97 Eng

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited for the undermentioned work from Special Class-I (One) PWD enlisted and approved contractors/firms or consortium consisting of Civil, Sanitary & Electrical contractor/firm (1st Class/2nd Class-Civil, 1st/2nd Class Sanitary and 1st/2nd Class Electrical) according to their financial limit and nature of work. The tender will be received by the undersigned and the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Rangpur/Kurigram/Gaibandha/Lalmonirhat/Nilphamari/Panchagarh & Thakurgaon in their offices on 24-9-96 Eng. at 12-00 Noon and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of the tenderers (who may like to remain present).

Gr No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest Money	Time for completion of work	Contractor's eligibility for submission of tender
Gr No 1 (One)	Construction of 1500 sft Professor and Associate Professor Qrts 3 (Three) units over ground floor (1st floor 1 unit, 2nd floor 1 unit and 3rd floor 1 unit) including internal Sanitary & water supply arrangement and internal electrification attached to Dinajpur Medical College at Dinajpur under PWD Division, Dinajpur during the year 1996-97.				Special Class-I (One) contractor/ firms of PWD, consortium formed with contractor (1st class/2nd class civil, 1st/2nd class sanitary and 1st/2nd class-electrical as per financial limit of PWD)
a) Civil Portion		20,87,186/-			
b) Sanitary Portion		3,65,108/-			
c) Electrical Portion		2,40,899/-			
		26,93,193/-	53,864/-	5 (five) months	

Gr.No II (Two)	Construction of 1500 sft Professor and Associate Professor Qrts 3 (three) units over ground floor (1st floor-1 unit, 2nd floor-1 unit and 3rd floor-1 unit) including internal sanitary and water supply arrangement and internal electrification attached to Dinajpur Medical College at Dinajpur under PWD Division, Dinajpur during the year 1996-97.				-do-
a) Civil Portion		20,87,186/-			
b) Sanitary Portion		3,65,108/-			
c) Electrical Portion		2,40,899/-			
		26,93,193/-	53,864/-	5 (five) months	

Tender Form No 2911, schedule of work, addl. terms and conditions etc. can be seen & obtained from the office of the undersigned & the Executive Engineer, PWD Division Rangpur/Kurigram/Gaibandha/Lalmonirhat/ Nilphamari/ Panchagarh & Thakurgaon and the Sub-Divisional Engineer PWD Sub-Division I/II/Phulbari & E/M Dinajpur on payment of usual cost of Tk 750/- (Taka seven hundred fifty) only per set of schedule (non-refundable) and a sum of Tk 25/- (Taka twenty five) only per copy of tender form (non-refundable). The tender form and schedule etc may be purchased by the contractor/firms/consortium himself or his/their representative on production of authorised letter bearing the signature of the representative duly attached by the contractor/firms/consortium with all contractor's enlistment registration book and original consortium and original valid ABC & BC class electrical contractor licence along with supervising licence at any working day during office hours upto 5-00 PM on 23-9-96 Eng. No tender will be sold to the other contractor/firms except PWD enlisted special class-I (one) contractor/firms and consortium of contractor/consortium of firms formed with PWD enlisted contractor/firms according to their financial limit.

The "VAT" registration certificate of all the contractor/firms connected with the tender should be submitted along with the tender duly attested otherwise the tender will be declared cancelled. The photo copy of the consortium/agreement and photo copy of electrical ABC and supervising licence, photo copy of the page of contractor's registration book containing the photo of contractor & photocopy of licence renewal should be submitted along with tender duly attested otherwise the tender will be treated as cancelled.

Any one of the contractor/firms must not be joined to more than one consortium, otherwise their tender will be declared cancelled. Contractor who will submit tender for this work shall put signature on the tender document, make correspondence and connected with legal matter. The name of such contractor should be clearly mentioned in the legal valid consortium agreement.

If two or more contractor/consortium become lowest quoting the same rate the lottery will be held on 2-10-96 Eng. at 11-30 AM in the chamber of the undersigned for selection of a contractor. All contractor or his/their selected representative are requested to be present in the lottery.

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Ustad Matul Haq Khan performing at a function, organised by Shilpakala Academy on the occasion of Ustad Alaaddin Khan's death anniversary, yesterday at the Academy auditorium. — Star photo

Indemnity Ordinance contradicts our Constitution: Yusuf

Minister for Health and Family Welfare Salahuddin Yusuf yesterday said that the Indemnity Ordinance, which forbids trial of the killers of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and other national leaders, contradicts our Constitution, reports BSS.

"This inhuman and illegal law will have to be repealed as soon as possible," he told a discussion meet in the city yesterday.

Bangabandhu Jubo Parishad organised the meeting titled "Trial of the killers of Bangabandhu and Indemnity Ordinance."

Held in the auditorium of the Dhaka centre of Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Suranjit Sen Gupta, Prime Minister's parliamentary affairs adviser, Prof A K Azad Chowdhury, member of

Awami League Advisory Council, Prof ATM Zohurul Haque, President, Dhaka University Teachers' Association, advocate Ozair Farooq, a former secretary of Supreme Court Bar Association and Shafiqur Rahman, a senior journalist.

Dr Md Hossain Mansur, president of the Jubo Parishad was in the chair.

Salahuddin Yusuf opined that if asked, the Supreme Court could make necessary observations for repealing the ordinance.

Describing the ordinance as "inhuman, unconstitutional and immoral," Suranjit Sen Gupta said repealing this black chapter from the Constitution was not a problem. It can be easily repealed by majority vote in Parliament, he pointed out.

He, however, said it was a political decision when to repeal it and for that purpose the Prime Minister should be given total authority.

Sengupta said that the country was now divided into two camps — pro-liberation force and the anti-independent elements. He said the conspiracy which had begun a long time ago, got a boost following the change over in 1975 after the killing of the Father of the Nation.

Sengupta further said it was not only the Indemnity Ordinance, but all acts including distorting history of the Liberation War, renaming Liberation War into 'war of independence' and Bangladeshi nationalism in place of Bangalee are all linked together. Time has come to correct history, he said, adding that contributions of all including late President Ziaur Rahman should be given proper honour.

Ozair Farooq questioned the promulgation of the Indemnity Ordinance saying when it was done, there was no legal president in the country nor was

there martial law.

He said the ordinance promulgated by Justice Sayeen on November 6, 1975 as president while Parliament was in session, was contravention to the Constitution. The ordinance was illegal, he opined.

Alumni reunion of Motijheel Ideal School held

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader said yesterday the government was going to launch a comprehensive programme to eradicate illiteracy from the country within ten years, reports BSS.

He urged the educated section of society to come forward to make the government effort a success.

The state minister was speaking as chief guest at the alumni reunion of Motijheel Ideal School and College held at the Engineers' Institution in the city.

The state minister said, out of four crore youths of the country, two and a half crore are unemployed. To make them self-reliant, the activities of the Youth Development Directorate would be reinforced and extended upto all thanas throughout the country, he added.

Presided over by Hosne Ara Ahmed, the function was also addressed as special guests by executive committee president Mizanur Rahman and Principal M Faizur Rahman.

2-day Bangladesh Cultural Festival held in Amsterdam

Popular Bangladeshi singer Rezwana Chowdhury Banya performed before a packed audience at the Royal Tropical Institute auditorium in Amsterdam, at the beginning of a two-day Bangladesh Cultural Festival on Wednesday, reports BSS.

The function was attended by a mixed audience of Dutch and Bangladeshi residents in the Netherlands.

Banya captivated the audience with Tagore songs. The Bangladesh Cultural Festival in Amsterdam is being organised by the Royal Tropical Institute (KIT) and the recently-opened Bangladesh Embassy in the Netherlands.

The two-day cultural festival presented before the Dutch audience some aspects of the rich cultural heritage of Bangladeshi songs, music and dances.

This was the first time that a Bangladeshi festival had been organised in the Netherlands.

Speaking on the occasion, the director of the KIT Theatre stated that it would be the beginning of a chapter of association with the culture of Bangladesh, and profusely thanked the Ambassador of Bangladesh Dr Toufik Ali, for arranging the event.

On the second day Thursday performances of Bangladeshi dances by the well-known dancers Shibli Mohammed and Nipa and their troupe were presented.

Asian University of Bangladesh inaugurated

Water Resources and Flood Control Minister Abdur Razzak yesterday inaugurated the country's seventeenth private university, the Asian University of Bangladesh, and said a university is a place where values can be tested in a free play of thought, reports BSS.

The minister welcomed the setting up of the first ever university of the continent which has dual modes of education, comprising both campus and distant education, in Bangladesh and hoped that the new university would play a significant role in facing the twenty first century challenges of higher education and skill development.

Presided over by Banking Division Secretary Shah Abdul Hannan, the inaugural ceremony, held in the BCIC auditorium in the city was addressed, among others, by the University Grants Commission chairman Prof Dr Eazuddin Ahmed, Asian University Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Abul Hasar Md Sadeq and Dr Nazmul Ahsan Fatmi.

Razzak said that the present government had attached top-most priority to the education sector and earmarked the highest budgetary allocation to this sector as the new regime was determined to eradicate illiteracy from the country within the next ten years.

He said the present government had already taken massive programmes to achieve this target.

Prof Eazuddin laid emphasis on the research and quality of education and said Asian University would play a positive role in this regard.

Shah Hannan underlined the need for curbing campus violence and developing skills with a human face and said the question of morality and ethics had to be addressed in our education system for arresting degradation of morality.

Postal training course ends

RAJSHAHI, Sept 6: A 18-week training course for the BCS postal cadre officials concluded at Rajshahi Postal Academy on Thursday, reports UNB.

Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim attended the closing function as chief guest, said an official handout yesterday.

Later, the minister, distributed certificates among the 27 officials participated in the training.

Ustad Alaaddin Khan's death anniversary observed

The 24th death anniversary of the music maestro of the sub-continent Ustad Alaaddin Khan was observed in the city yesterday in a befitting manner, reports BSS.

Different socio-cultural organisations chalked out elaborate programmes to observe the day.

A seminar was organised by Bangla Academy in the city where the life and works of the music maestro were discussed.

Dr Mridul Kanti Chakravarty read out the keynote speech entitled "Bangalee rags-angit charcha", while Syed Rezaur Rahman and Lina Tapashi participated in the discussion.

Ustad Alaaddin Khan Smriti Sangsad also observed the day by holding discussion, milad mahfil and cultural function. The discussion, presided over by the acting president of the Smriti Sangsad, Ashraf Ali, was participated by A K M Delwar Hossain Moidar, Mahmudur Rahman, Showmitra Chakravarty, Bulbul Islam, M A Mazed and Rafiqul Islam.

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Titas Kalyan Sangsad, Nabinagar Jubo Kalyan Samity and Alaaddin Sangtangan also observed the day.



Ruhul Quddus's anniversary of death today

The 5th death anniversary of freedom fighter Ruhul Quddus will be observed today, says a press release.

Late Ruhul Quddus was a member of the first batch of Civil Service of Pakistan (CSP) and fought for the rights of the then East Pakistan from both inside and outside the government. In 1958, after declaration of Martial Law, he became involved with Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and other Bengali civil and military officials in a secret plot to free the then East Pakistan from the Pakistani ruler. As a result, he was arrested on December 28, 1967 and was implicated in the famous Agartala Conspiracy Case. Later, in February 1969, the Pakistani government was forced to release him due to the 1969 mass movement.

In 1966, he formulated the historic six-point demand of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

During the War of Liberation in 1971, he served as secretary general of Mujibnagar Revolutionary Government. On December 18, 1971, he was sent to Dhaka by Mujibnagar government as head of the advance team to start the function of the first independent government of Bangladesh and to complete formalities for return of the Cabinet headed by Syed Nazrul Islam and Tajuddin Ahmed. Later on, as first Principal Secretary of Bangladesh government, he made valuable contribution in building the administrative structure and rehabilitation of newly independent Bangladesh. On August 15, 1975, he resigned from the office of the Principal Secretary of Bangladesh government in protest against the killing of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

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Islamic Oikya Sangathan Morcha brought out a procession in the city yesterday denouncing US missile attack on Iraq. — Star photo