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**Merrill meets Biswas**

US Ambassador in Dhaka David N Merrill made a courtesy call on President Abdur Rahman Biswas, at Bangabhaban yesterday. The American envoy stayed with the President at his office for some time, said an official release, reports UNB.

**28 Jubo League, BCL workers sued**

From Our Correspondent BARISAL, Sept 28: The President of the Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) B M College unit has filed a case against 28 local leaders of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Jubo League, police said, in his case lodged with Kotwali Thana, JCD president Mostaq Elahi Bitu accused them of creating anarchy and looting goods.

**CU classes suspended**

CHITTAGONG, Sept 28: All classes of the University of Chittagong will remain suspended till its syndicate meeting, scheduled for September 30, takes a decision in this respect, a university press release said today, reports BSS.

**Bangladeshis in Cyprus safe**

Bangladeshis, including students, in Cyprus are safe and pursuing their normal life in safety and comfort, an official press release said yesterday. It said reports regarding attack on some Bangladeshi students there as has been published by a section of the press are baseless.

**Opening of KL Tower Oct 1**

Malaysian Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohammad will inaugurate the Kuala Lumpur tower on October 1. Measuring 421 metre high, this superstructure ranks the tallest in Asia and the fourth tallest tower in the world. LGRD Minister Zillur Rahman has been invited to attend the opening ceremony of the Kuala Lumpur Tower in Malaysia, reports UNB.

**Three expelled from AL**

The Bangladesh Awami League has expelled three of its party workers from their primary memberships for anti-party activities during the June 12 general elections, reports BSS.

They are Advocate Khasruzzaman and Sharifuddin Shantu of the Bakerganj-2 constituency and Azadul Islam, joint secretary of the Chuadanga district, a party press release said last night.

## Taliban hang 2 aides of Najibullah Fighting in north of Kabul

KABUL, Sept 28: The Taliban militia hanged two aides of former President Najibullah today, the state-run radio reported, as it pursued government forces that retreated from the devastated Afghan capital, reports agencies.

The two, whom the radio identified only as General Jafzar and Tokhi, were executed one day after Najibullah himself met the same fate within hours of Kabul's capture by Taliban forces.

Radio Kabul called them "accomplices" of Najibullah, who led a Moscow-backed regime from 1986 until he was overthrown in 1992 by an alliance of Islamic guerrillas.

Taliban forces and retreating troops loyal to President Burhanuddin Rabbani traded artillery and rocket fire south of Charikar, about 60 kilometers

(35 miles) north of Kabul, said a senior Taliban commander, Mohammed Moussa.

Afghanistan's victorious Taliban Islamic militia said it had captured the Parwan province, capital of Charikar, north of Kabul today, driving out the forces of ousted President Burhanuddin Rabbani.

Taliban sources, quoted by a Pakistan-based private Afghan news service, said the militia was heading further north towards the ousted government's military base of Jabal-U-Seraj. There was no immediate independent confirmation of the report.

In Washington, the United States called on the new authorities in Kabul to restore order and to form a representative interim government to begin the

process of reconciliation.

The state department prepared to reestablish a diplomatic presence in Kabul for the first time since the last US ambassador, Adolph Dubs, was assassinated in 1979, officials said.

But Rabbani, who according to Taliban sources fled the capital in a jet fighter, called on his followers to "struggle against conspiracies of the stooges of foreign circles, the so-called Taliban."

Rabbani, in a statement released by the Afghan mission to the United Nations, said he ordered the army to retreat from Kabul to avoid a bloodbath. He again accused Pakistan of sponsoring the Taliban.

Moussa, the Taliban Commander, discounted threats that Rabbani's forces would try to retake the capital.

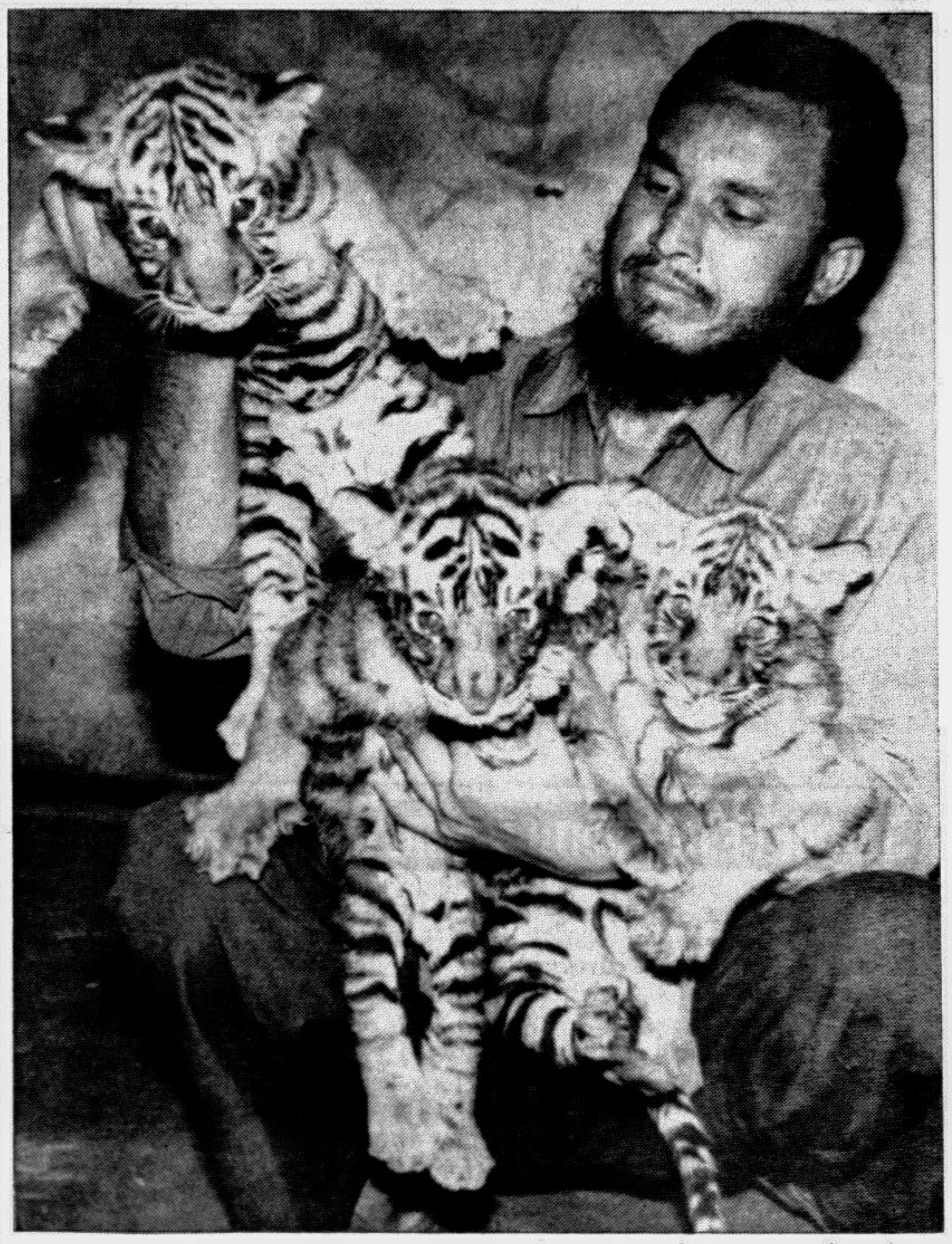
"We don't think that their morale is high enough for them to try to attack the city," he told The Associated Press. "They fought against us but their resistance was very weak. I don't think they will try to attack."

The fighting at Charikar was about 20 kilometers (12 miles) from Jabul-al Siraj, to where Rabbani and his senior commander, Ahmed Shah Masood, reportedly had taken refuge.

In Kabul, more shops reopened Saturday and people walked the sunny streets after the radio made repeated appeals for normalcy in the city.

"Brothers, come to work," the radio said. But it told women they should stay at home.

Clerics, broadcasting on the radio and by loudspeakers in the streets, issued a dress code, instructing men to wear a tra-



A Royal Bengal Tiger has given birth to three cubs at the Dhaka Zoo. — Star photo

## Govt conspiring to provide transit to India: BNP

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) yesterday cautioned that it would not tolerate any plot threatening the country's independence and sovereignty.

An emergency meeting of the party's national executive committee alleged that the government had started hatching a conspiracy to provide transit facility to India, allow it to use the Chittagong port and import power from that country.

The activities of this government indicate that "they are going to implement a secret plan" as per previous arrangement, said a resolution of the meeting.

It urged the government to refrain from taking "suicidal steps" and warned that the BNP

along with the people would foil such conspiracies.

Presided over by BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan the emergency meeting, held at the party's central office in the morning, discussed the country's latest political situations as well as organisational matters.

The meeting condemned the government for what it called undermining the country's dignity in the name of "bringing Ganges water" and pursuing a subservient foreign policy.

It said any volume of water below 34,500 cusecs could by no means be acceptable to Bangladesh and the water issue should not be linked with anything else.

Alleging massive rigging, vi-

olence and irregularities in the September 5 byelection in 15 seats of parliament, the meeting observed that rigging and vote dacoity in Laxmipur-2 and Chittagong-1 (Mirersara) constituencies broke all past records.

The meeting in another resolution said despite repeated allegations the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) took no action, rather he tried to describe the byelections as free and fair.

"He has spoiled the dignity of his post by shamelessly concealing the truth," it remarked, adding that the CEC is acting as a loyal activist of the ruling Awami League.

The meeting mentioned that

## Dhaka ready to help resolve Afghan crisis

Bangladesh yesterday expressed its sincere hope that the people of Afghanistan would be able to resolve their differences through peaceful negotiation without outside interference, said a spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, reports BSS.

He said Bangladesh is prepared to play constructive and supportive role within the framework of the efforts of the OIC and the UN to bring about a peaceful solution to the Afghan problem.

The spokesman said the United Nations and the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) may play mediatory roles, if the people of Afghanistan so desire. He further said that in the context of recent developments in Afghanistan,

## Shibir enforces hartal in Kushtia, Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent KUSHTIA, Sept 28: A half day hartal was observed in Kushtia and Jhenidah today at the call of the Islamic Chhatra Shibir (ICS). The ICS gave the call for the strike in protest against alleged attacks on Shibir activists at the Islamic University by BCL on September 26.

All kinds of vehicular traffic were off the roads and banks, shops and other establishments were closed.

During Thursday's violence at the Islamic University, one activist of Shibir was killed and over a hundred students were injured.

The ICS brought out processions and held rallies in the two towns today to protest the attack and killing.

The ruling party Awami League's student front, Bangladesh Chhatra League and See Page 12 col 5

## Local Govt Commission to seek public opinion from October 2

By Nurul Kabir

Local governments would be set up at village, union, thana and district levels with a mechanism for effective cooperation among the different tiers. The members of the local bodies would be elected directly by the people concerned, sources concerned said.

Meanwhile, the Commission has sent letters to the member-countries of the United Nations requesting the authorities concerned to send the outlines of their respective local governments. "We have already started receiving the documents from various foreign countries," a member of the Commission told The Daily Star adding that "those are being studied now".

On October 2, Commission members are scheduled to seek opinions of Dr Kamal Hossain of Gono Forum, Mayor Mohammad Hanif, Rashed Khan Menon of Workers Party, Kazi Farooque of Proshika and some others. "We have already issued letters requesting them to respond to the Commission's invitation," one source said.

Rahamat Ali told this correspondent last night, "We shall also invite the BNP leadership." The person already invited by the Commission could not, however, contacted yesterday for comments.

Earlier the Commission circulated a set of questionnaire, through the print media, seeking citizens' views on a democratic local government system.

## Sept 5 by-polls Aggrieved candidates asked to submit complaints

The Election Commission asked the aggrieved candidates who contested the September 5 byelection to complain about irregularities in voting within 45 days of the gazette publication of results, reports UNB.

An official release yesterday said the EC would send the valid complaints to the respective election tribunals for disposing of those within 15 days of the submission of petition.

The tribunals were formed earlier on June 16 for dealing with electoral disputes following the June 12 general elections.

The candidates will have to enclose with the petitions the receipt of Tk 1000 submitted as security in the form of pay order or bank draft in favour of the Election Commission.

BNP, the main opposition in Parliament, is staging agitation alleging that voting in the Sept 5 bypolls was rigged, specially in Laxmipur-2 and Chittagong-1 constituencies.

## UAE extends amnesty for illegal workers

DUBAI, Sept 28: The United Arab Emirates (UAE) today said it had extended by one month an amnesty for illegal immigrants to get their papers in order or leave the country, report agencies.

Tens of thousands of illegal immigrant workers — mostly from the South Asia subcontinent but also from Southeast Asia — have been scrambling to get out of the Gulf oil state by planes and boats in order to avoid tough new penalties when the amnesty expires and a new law cracking down on illegal labour comes into force.

The October 31 deadline, extended from September 30, was announced as thousands of workers from India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan and the Philippines crammed their embassies seeking exit permits.

The government decreed that those living illegally in the country after November 1 will be fined, jailed or deported.

Many of these low-paid workers, especially from Asia, arrived in the Emirate more than 20 years ago to do most of the menial work in the UAE and neighbouring oil-rich Gulf countries.

As maids, construction workers or garbage collectors, they supported families back home on what now have become sizeable wages — about 1,000 dirhams (274 dollar) per month — in their impoverished countries.

When they first arrived, they turned their passports over to their employers as required by law — abandoning their passports — and became illegal workers.

Now without passports, they

## Storms hit Pabna, Sirajganj; 15 injured

PABNA, Sept 28: A tornado swept over Aigharia thana of the district today that left 15 people injured, three seriously and damaged scores of houses, unofficial sources here said, reports UNB.

The seriously wounded villagers — Ratan Kumar, 45, Dilip Kumar, 45, and Marjina Khatun, 30 — were rushed to the local health complex.

The storm, which began at about 10:05 am and lasted for about one minute, also damaged trees and crops.

In Sirajganj, a storm swept over two thanas of the district today damaging several hundred houses and standing crops.

The storm-hit unions are: Mirkulia, Sihal, Gorjan, Osmanpur and Sadia Chandpur of Chauhali and Khugni, Kajury and Jalalpur in Shajadpur.

An official of the District Relief office said the storm began at around 9 am and lasted for 30 minutes. It damaged 300 houses and huge quantities of crops.

## Call for removal of barriers to women's empowerment



Bhorer Kagoj — a Bengali daily — organised a round-table conference on 'Woman and Politics' at a city hotel yesterday. — Star photo

## Hasina celebrates 49th birthday

By Staff Correspondent Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday celebrated her 49th birthday.

Amidst a group of cheerful kids and surrounded by some party leaders and selected activists, she cut the birthday cake at her official residence at 10:00 in the morning.

The leaders and activists of the ruling Awami League started assembling at the party's central office from 9:00 am. They went together to Gono Bhavan to greet their leader.

They were served with sweets on See Page 12 col 5

## By Staff Correspondent

Barriers to women competing with their male counterparts should be removed for their empowerment in the society, observed panelists at a round-table conference on 'Women and Politics' in the city yesterday.

Two ministers, some MPs, political leaders, economists, lawyers, cultural and human rights activists and representatives of various women's organisations took part in the conference organised by Bhorer Kagoj, a vernacular daily at a hotel. Bhorer Kagoj Editor Matjur Rahman presided.

Former advisor of the caretaker government Dr Najma Chowdhury presented the keynote paper titled 'Empowerment of Women: Political Perspective'.

Discussions at the round-table conference touched on various aspects of women's status in the society, ranging from their basic rights to economic

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করদাতাদের সুবিধার্থে আয়কর রিটার্ন জমাদানের শেষ তারিখ ১৫ই সেপ্টেম্বর ৯৬ থেকে বাড়িয়ে ৩১শে অক্টোবর ৯৬ পর্যন্ত করা হয়েছে।

আয়কর রিটার্ন দাখিল করা প্রত্যেক উপযোগী নাগরিকের জন্য একটি অবশ্য-পালনীয় আইনানুগ দায়িত্ব। ব্যক্তির ইচ্ছা-অনিচ্ছার উপর এটি নির্ভর করে না। কোন ব্যক্তির মাসিক আয় আনুমানিক ৫০০০/- টাকা হলে তাকে বাধ্যতামূলকভাবে আয়কর প্রদান করতে হবে। সরকারী কর্মকর্তা/কর্মচারীদের ক্ষেত্রে অন্য কোন নিজস্ব আয় না থাকলেও আয়কর রিটার্ন দাখিল করা বাধ্যতামূলক। এক্ষেত্রে বাধ্যতা দস্তনীয় অপরাধ।

দেশের গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ডাকঘরসমূহে আয়কর রিটার্ন ফর্ম পাওয়া যাবে।

বার্ষিক দুই লক্ষ টাকা পর্যন্ত সীমিত আয়ের করদাতাদের ক্ষেত্রে এ বছর স্ব-নির্ধারিত রিটার্ন ফর্ম অভ্যন্তর সহজ ও স্ব পরিসর করা হয়েছে। হালকা নীল রং এর এক পৃষ্ঠার এ ফর্মটি সহজেই পূরণ করা যায়। অন্যান্য করদাতাদের ক্ষেত্রে প্রযোজ্য রিটার্ন ফর্মটিও বিজ্ঞান সম্মত ও সরলীকৃত করা হয়েছে; তবে এটি ছয় পৃষ্ঠা ব্যাপ্ত। এ ফর্মের পায়ে 'স্ব-নির্ধারিত' শব্দটি লিখলে সেক্ষেত্রে স্ব-নির্ধারিত করাদেশ পদ্ধতি প্রয়োগ করা হবে।

রিটার্ন ফর্ম সম্বন্ধে বা পূরণ সহায়তার জন্য নিউ বেইলী রোডস্থ বিসিএস, কর একাডেমী, ঢাকা (ফোন-৪১৫৩৬৯) এ কর পরামর্শ কেন্দ্রের সাথে যোগাযোগ করা যেতে পারে। কেন্দ্রটি প্রতি কর্ম দিবসে সকাল ৮টা থেকে রাত ৮টা পর্যন্ত আপনাদের সেবায খোলা থাকে। এ কেন্দ্রে 'করদাতাদের জন্য জ্ঞাতবা' নামে একটি বুকলেট পাওয়া যাবে।

ঢাকার বাইরের করদাতাগণ ফর্ম পূরণ সহজতর পরামর্শের জন্য নিকটস্থ আয়কর অফিসে যোগাযোগ করতে পারেন।

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