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## President visits Puja Mandap

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed said here yesterday that the eternal message of every religion is to love one's motherland, reports BSS.

The president was addressing the devotees during his visit to the Puja Mandap at the Ramkrishna Math and mission.

He said the Muslims, the Hindus and the people of other communities had fought in the Liberation War unitedly in 1971. Now the people irrespective of their faiths must put in combined efforts for the continued peace and progress of the country. Patriotism is a part of one's faith and all our activities should be guided by this spirit, he stressed.

President Shahabuddin reminded all that the Muslims and the Hindus had been living in peace and harmony in this country for thousands of years. "This is our social characteristic," he said, adding "social and communal harmony should be maintained at any cost."

The president told the gathering that the evil forces, however powerful, were bound to be defeated. It was truth and justice which would ultimately triumph, he observed.

BCUTA team calls on Sadek

Education Minister ASHK Sadek has said the present government is pledge-bound to create an academic atmosphere in the country's educational institutions by meeting the legitimate demands of the teachers, reports UNB.

He said this while talking to a delegation of the Bangladesh College University Teachers Association (BCUTA) at the Education Ministry's conference room yesterday.

The BCUTA leaders at the meeting put forward various demands, including an announcement of time-scale after a specific time gap, creation of assistant professor and professor's posts in private colleges and exempting the teachers from income tax.

### Aid sought

RANGAMATI, Oct 20: The Council of Hill People has urged the government to provide financial assistance and interest-free loan to the people affected by a fire at Maini Bazar under Langdu thana, reports UNB.

The fire, which broke out on October 13, gutted about 150 shops and many houses, a press release of the Council said.

The council condemned the killing of an SI of Rangachari and Mohammad Noor Ali, a senior vice-president of BAIKA, who was elected to the executive committee of the FBCCI.



Mirza Mehdy Ispahani unveiled the plaque of Ispahani Composite Laboratories at IUB recently. Dr. A. Majed Khan, President, IUB is also seen in the picture.

## Weather

## Light rain forecast

Light rain or drizzle is likely at one or two places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Barisal divisions and weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere across the country in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

The Met Office said no appreciable change in day temperature is expected over the country.

The country's highest temperature 34.8 degree Celsius, was recorded at Kutubdia and the lowest 20.0 degrees at Srimangal yesterday.

The sun sets today at 05.27 pm and rises tomorrow at 06.00 am.

Maximum and the minimum temperatures and humidities recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.8	21.4	65	80
Chittagong	34.5	24.0	72	65
Rajshahi	31.7	22.5	77	—
Khulna	33.5	22.0	76	—
Barisal	34.2	21.5	71	92
Sylhet	33.6	22.4	80	68
Cox's Bazar	34.0	25.0	70	77

## Newly elected FBCCI officials greeted

By Staff Correspondent

Mohammad Mosarrat Hossain, President, Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies (BAIKA) yesterday felicitated the newly elected officials of the Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FBCCI), including its president, Yusuf Abdulla Harun.

In a statement, Hossain hoped that under their dynamic leadership, the FBCCI will help promote overall development of trade, commerce and industry in the country.

He also felicitated the new vice president, Kazi Shahidul Islam, and Mohammad Noor Ali, a senior vice-president of BAIKA, who was elected to the executive committee of the FBCCI.

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## Obaid visits monastery

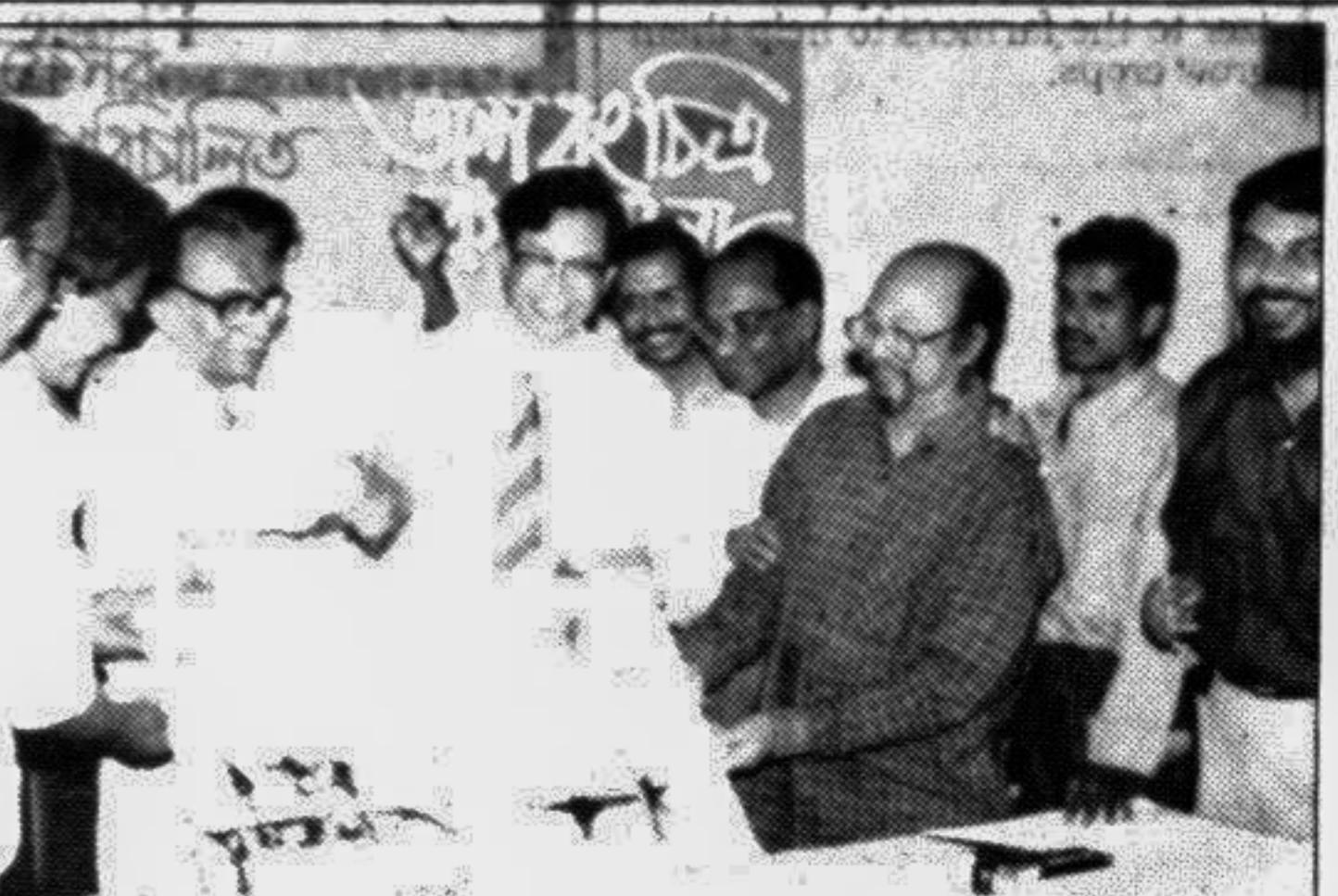
State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader said that proper preservation and maintenance can recover the lost glory of the old tradition, reports UNB.

Obaidul said this while visiting the traditional Buddhist monastery at Paharpur in Naogaon district yesterday.

Terming it a great archaeological resource, he said that many undiscovered mystery and knowledge are hidden here, said a Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy press release.

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Eminent artist Prof Mohammad Kibria and visiting Chinese artist, Prof Wang Weixin of the Central Academy of Fine Arts, China, inaugurated a week-long workshop on water colour painting at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in the city yesterday by painting a water colour together.

— Academy photo



Bangladesh Telecommunications Casual Workers-Employee Welfare Association staged a demonstration in the city yesterday demanding withdrawal of cases against its leaders.

— Star photo



Bangladesh Launch Ghat Hawkers' Kalyan Samity brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting eviction of hawkers from footpaths.

## CCHRB terms Habiganj-2 by-polls fair

By Staff Correspondent

Coordinated Council for Human Rights in Bangladesh (CCHRB) in a statement termed October 15 by-election in Habiganj-2 constituency of Jatiya Sangsad as a free and fair one.

It said, three roving representatives of CCHRB and 60 observers of its member organisation, Bangladesh Human Rights Journalists Forum, observed the by-poll and found the overall process of election as free, fair and impartial.

The observers found that there were polling agents of candidates at all booths and observed performance of presiding and polling officers. They also observed management of voting centres, law and order situation and process of balloting.

## Death in custody Huda demands punishment to people responsible

By Staff Correspondent

Barrister Najmul Huda, former Secretary General and founder of Bangladesh Society for Enforcement of Human Rights has strongly condemned the death of Tuhin in police custody and demanded exemplary punishment to the people responsible for the youth's death in Motijheel thana on Thursday.

In a statement on Friday, Barrister Huda said that whether Tuhin died of torture or committed suicide as claimed by police is a matter to be investigated. But death in police custody cannot absolve police or the administration of responsibility.

Huda urged the society to investigate the death of Tuhin and make its reports available to people. He was also critical of what he said recent tendency of police to arrest people under section 54 after they receive bail by court and subject them to torture.

Barrister Huda alleged that such method to send back accused to lock-up tantamounts to contempt of court. Because, he claimed that such persons can be rearrested but only after moving to the courts to cancel their bail. It is an offence to detain such people without approval of the court and subject them to torture, Barrister Huda alleged.



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### Office of the Executive Engineer Naogaon O&M Division, BWDB, Naogaon

## Tender Notice

1/96-97.

Re-sectioning of embankment in connection with Raktakada-Lohachura Beel Drainage Scheme during the year 1996-97.

1) Agrani Bank, Naogaon Branch, Naogaon.

2) Sonali Bank, Saheb Bazar Branch, Rajshahi.

3) Pubali Bank Ltd, Natore.

4) Sonali Bank, WAPDA Branch, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.

Tk. 400/- per set (Non-refundable) for the works of Group No 9A & B and Tk. 750/- per set for the work Group No 9C.

28.10.96 and 29.10.96 during office hours and up to 12.00 Noon on 30.10.96.

30.10.96 at 12.30 PM.

1) Executive Engineer, Naogaon O&M Division, BWDB, Naogaon.

2) Executive Engineer, Rajshahi O&M Division, BWDB, Rajshahi.

3) Executive Engineer, Natore Water Dev Division, BWDB, Natore.

4) Executive Engineer, Dhaka O&M Division-II, BWDB, Dhaka.

Re-sectioning of embankment-6 Groups.

Estimated cost Tk. 1,88,032/-, 2,08,035/-, 2,77,063/-, 4,83,972/-, 4,16,101/-, 3,46,188/-, Earnest money Tk. 4,701/-, 5,201/-, 6,922/-, 12,099/-, 10,403/- & 8,655/- respectively.

(3 groups reserved for LCS).

B) Repairing 4 Nos regulators 1 (one) group.

Estimated cost Tk. 6,50,000/- Earnest money Tk. 16,250/-

C) Repairing embankment including brick mattressing estimated cost Tk. 18,61,129/-

1 No group. Earnest money Tk. 46,529/-

A, B, C & D class contractors of BWDB enlisted during 1996-97.

A.K.M. Azerul Islam, Executive Engineer, Naogaon O&M Division, BWDB, Naogaon.

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## First class first

Sultana Razia (Lipi) stood first class first in the M. Sc (Traditional) final examinations of 1992 (held in 1995) in psychology from Jagannath College, Dhaka, says a press release.

She is the youngest daughter of late Advocate Noor Ahmed of Mymensingh.



## Obituary

Abu Motahar, Superintendent of Police (Reid) died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital on Saturday, says a press release.

He left behind wife, three sons, two daughters and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

His quirkhwan will be held at his residence at 125 Azimpur Road on Tuesday.

1. Tender Notice No: 46/RDD of 1996-97.
2. Name of work: Earth work & protection of road embankment and bridge approaches by laying geo-textile with CC block at 6th KM bridge approaches on Tongi-Ashulia-EPZ Road during the year 1996-97. (Ch. to 266 C/A).
3. Estimated cost: Tk. 20,50,400/-
4. Earnest money: Tk 41,008/- in BD/TC/NDS certificate in favour of EE (RHD), Road Divn. Dhaka from any scheduled bank.
5. Time allowed: 60 (sixty) days from the dt. of issue of work order.
6. Eligibility of contractor: 'A' to 'D' class enlisted contractor of RHD of general category.
7. Name of offices of availability of tender documents: Office of the Ex. Engr. (RHD), Road Divn. Dhaka/Manikgonj/Munshiganj/Narsingdi/Gazipur/ Narayanganj/ Planning (RB) Divn/Planning & Design Divn, Dhaka Zone, Sarak Bhaba, Dhaka/SDE (RHD), Road Sub-Divn. I/II/Kallyanpur, Dhaka.
8. Name of officers to receive tender bids: SE, DRC/SE. Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle/SE, Monitoring & Evaluation (P&D) Circle, Sarak Bhaba, Dhaka/Ex. Engr. (RHD), Rd. Divn. Dhaka/SDE. (RHD), Road Sub-Divn. I/II/Kallyanpur, Dhaka.
9. Last date of tender documents selling up to office hours on 30.10.96.
10. Last date of receipt of tender up to 12.30 PM on 31.10.96.
11. Date and time of opening of bids at 12.45 PM on 31.10.96.
12. Lottery date & time at 11.00 AM on 6