

2nd hearing on Yasmin murder Oct 26

From Md Mozammel Haq

RANGPUR, Oct 20: The second hearing on the sensational Yasmin murder case will be held on October 26 in the special judge court, Rangpur, according to court sources.

Abdul Matin, judge of the special court who is also district and sessions judge, Rangpur held first hearings on the case on September 21 last. The learned judge of the special court on that day after hearing had rejected bail prayers of the three main accused and granted conditional adinterim bail to six other accused asking them to submit the documents regarding their adinterim bail which was granted earlier by the high court.

It may be recalled that, earlier on September 5, the hearing on this sensational rape and murder case of Dinajpur was scheduled to start at the Dinajpur special court, however, upon a prayer by the accused Abdul Mottaleb, ex-SP of Dinajpur the honourable high court transferred the case to Rangpur special court for trial.

The three main accused in the case are, Mainul Haque ex-ASI of Kotwali thana, Dinajpur, Abdus Sattar, ex-constable of Dinajpur police line and Amratal Barmen, a former driver of police line, Dinajpur.

The six other accused are, Abdul Mottaleb, ex-SP of Dinajpur, Mahtab Hossain, ex-Officer-in-Charge of Kotwali thana,

Dinajpur, Swapon Kumar Chakravarti, ex-SI, Kotwali thana, Dinajpur, Matru Rahman, ex-Officer-in-Charge, Watch DSB, Dinajpur, Jahangir Alam, ex-ASI of Kotwali thana, Dinajpur and Dr. Md Mohsin, Medical Officer, General Hospital, Dinajpur.

The prosecution story in brief was that the victim, Yasmin, 14, was allegedly raped and later murdered by the members of a police patrol team near the Dinajpur town in the early hours of August 24, 1995.

The girl, who used to work as a maid in a house in Dhaka, on the night of the tragedy was returning to her house in Dinajpur to see her ailing mother. But on the way while she was waiting at a point popularly known as, "Daash Mile", some ten miles from Dinajpur town, suddenly the police patrol team on a van appeared there. The police personnel, patrolling in the area picked up Yasmin on the van assuring to give a lift to her residence at Dinajpur town.

The rape and murder of the girl sparked violent protest by the mob in Dinajpur and during violent agitations against police, seven persons were killed by police firings and many others injured.

There are 54 prosecution witnesses in the case who will be examined in the special court.

Agro-based partex producing industry faces set-back

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, Oct 20: A promising agro-based industry meant for producing "Partex" utilising local jute sticks available in abundance across the northern region, is facing a great set-back since inception due to acute financial constraint.

Established under the initiative of a private entrepreneur, the industry is named "Diamond Particle Board Mills Ltd." It is situated at Uttam union under Kotwali thana, adjacent to the Rangpur-Dinajpur highway about five kilometres off Rangpur town.

In June this year, the industry had switched on production. Around 50 pieces of Partex sheets were produced daily which is almost 25 per cent of its total production capacity.

The management of the industry alleged that due to want of working capitals, the full-fledged production could not be started as yet and the industry is now facing a great economic set back in meeting establishment cost and procuring raw materials from the market on cash price.

It was alleged that the Shilpa Bank, the main source of financial supports towards industrialisation did not sanction any fund to the industry despite repeated approach to the doorstep of the Bank authority by the management of the industry

during past two years. However, a commercial bank had provided a meagre amount of loan amounting Taka 17,17,000 which could hardly meet 20 per cent demands of the industry, an official alleged.

The industry is also lacking a telephone connection, due to alleged indifferent attitude of the T&T authority.

According to the information, it is a lone industry of its kind across the northern re-

gion, constructed covering one acre and fifty decimal of land costing about Taka two crores.

The jute sticks are available from the jute plant after separating jute fibre, is the main raw materials of the industry.

The industry has a capacity to consume around twenty-five thousand maunds to fifty thousand maunds of jute-sticks annually.

It may be noted that, jute sticks is in abundance in the northern region. In one acre of land, about 15 to 20 maunds of jute fibre are usually produced while four-times of jute sticks can easily be procured from the same plot of land after rotting the fibres, the agriculturists said.

The management of the industry is purchasing the jute-sticks from the farmers and the traders at Taka 100 per maund.

S M Kamal, Managing Director of the industry said that he needs at least Taka 50 lakhs to enhance the production of the industry upto its full capacity.

With the enhancement of the production, a large section of farmers would be benefited by selling the jute sticks at fair price which will go a long way to change the socio-economic conditions in the region, the director of the industry said.

Two die in two separate road accidents

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Oct 20: Two persons were killed in separate road accidents in Jhenidah Wednesday, according to eyewitnesses and police sources.

Jhenidah police said, Mokabbir Hossain, 30, a rickshaw puller of village Borgirchar in Daulatpur thana of Kushtia district succumbed to his injuries at Jhenidah sadar hospital at 8:30 am. He received severe injuries by branch of a tree near Bishikhal in sadar thana when he was traveling on the roof top of a Kushtia bound bus of Anic Paribahan at about 6:30 am.

According to another report, an old man age about 70 was crushed to death under the wheels of a Meherpur bound minibus of Shapla Paribahan near Elangi in Kotchanpur thana at about 10:30 am.

Eyewitnesses said, the old man was crushed when he tried to cross the road. The killer bus left the spot immediately, they said. But the identity of the deceased could not be known till the writing of this report.

Separate cases were lodged with respective thanas and the bodies were sent to morgue for autopsy, police said.

No system to check quality of food products

NATORE, Oct 20: Processed food items like soyabean oil, iodised salt, and branded food products are being marketed in the North Bengal region without quality control by the Bangladesh Standard and Testing Institute (BSTI), reports UNB.

The BSTI, Rajshahi regional office, says the processed and packed food items are not submitted for standardisation and quality testing, nor is it possible for the institute to check these products in the market for lack of manpower and other resources.

Youth sets himself on blaze, dies

RANGPUR, Oct 20: A youth allegedly committed suicide at Mandolpara in the town area on Saturday, reports UNB.

Police said the victim, identified as Monirul Islam, 18, committed suicide by pouring kerosene on his body and setting fire himself.

The cause behind the suicide could not be known immediately.

The body was sent to morgue for autopsy and a case was filed with the Kotwali police.

Girl commits suicide

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Oct 20: A teenaged girl committed suicide for getting plucked in the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations here recently.

Pratitula Devnath, 16, committed suicide by hanging with a nylon rope from the ceiling fan in her bed room Saturday noon for getting plucked in the HSC examinations.

An unnatural death (UD) case has been registered with Kotwali thana in this connection.

Contraband worth Tk 3 lakh seized

RAJSHAH, Oct 20: BDR personnel seized Indian contrabands worth Taka three lakh by conducting special drives at different places under the 14 rifle battalion area yesterday, an official handout said, reports BSS.

The seized goods included, paika, tara baji, salt, sugar, lipstick, combs, Chinese silk thread, utensil, milk powder and radio parts.

Indian citizen arrested

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Oct 20: BDR jawans of Jamalpur border outpost of Daulatpur thana have arrested Sarwar Biswas, 30, an Indian citizen and one round of ammunition were recovered from his possession.

The arrested person confessed that he hails from village Fendaspur of Daludabad thana under Murshidabad district of West Bengal. He was arrested from the house of Abed Ali of village Munshiganj under Daulatpur thana.

Three arrested in Khulna

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Oct 20: Kotwali police nabbed three alleged terrorists named Mansur, Rashid and Fazlu and recovered a pistol loaded with six rounds of bullets.

Police said they were preparing to commit robbery in a house at Baitypara in the city.

No significant progress in dev works of Gopalganj

From Our Correspondent

GOPALGANJ, Oct 20: There had been no significant progress in the development works in Gopalganj district over the past twenty-one years.

The Gopalganj-Takerhat road was constructed on the embankment along the MBR (Madaripur Beel Route) canal and as such the road communication of Gopalganj with the capital was established. The 35 kilometers long road from Gopalganj to Takerhat on the embankment is however, narrow, uneven and unplanned one. Traffic movement is quite dangerous as there is little room for two medium size vehicles to pass through. The road is endangered to be washed away during the flood. A properly planned and well protected road is urgently required to keep the smooth communication of Gopalganj with the rest of the country.

The other major road from Gopalganj to the southern districts of Khulna, Bagerhat and Satkhira including the sea port of Mongla is not also broad and well planned. This road requires to be broadened and partial reconstruction work is badly needed.

Though the communicating road of the district headquarters of Gopalganj with the Tungipara thana headquarters, the birth place of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, has been constructed, but constructions of the communicating roads of other thana headquarters of Kotawalipara and Kashiani with the district headquarters have not been completed.

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Presently the vehicles move through the thickly populated area of Bedgram endangering lives and properties of the people.

Earlier the stand of Kotawalipara bound mini bus and tempoo from Gopalganj was in the spacious place at Bedgram, but in the face of obstruction the district administration moved the stand in a narrow space and thickly populated area of Gatepara last year allegedly to serve the interests of a few people causing serious inconveniences to the people. The district administration on several occasions requested to arrange the stand from Gatepara to its shifting of original location at Bedgram immediately.

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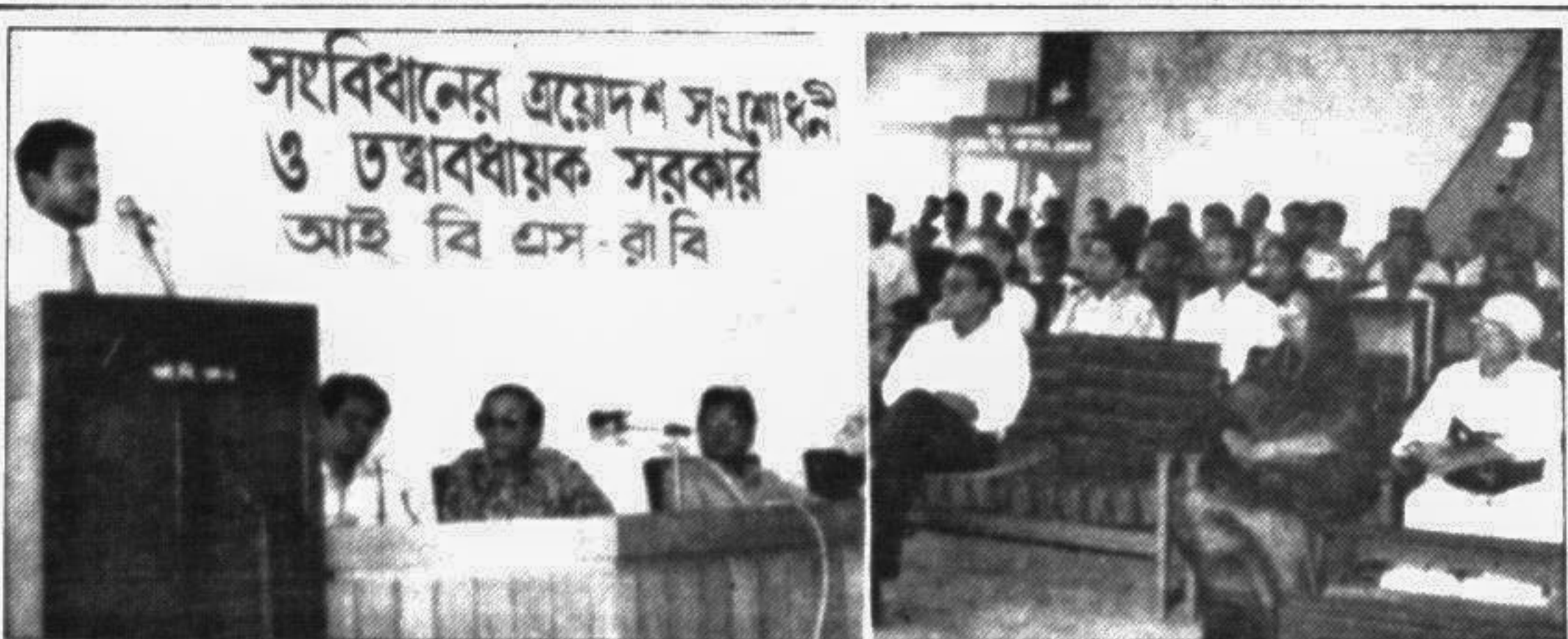
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The existing sub-jail at Gopalganj has been facing various problems for a long time. The capacity of the sub-jail is thirty-eight prisoners. But sometimes the number of prisoners triples multiplying the existing problems. There is no scope of extension of the sub-jail in the present location as all the available spaces around the sub-jail have already been occupied by the government of offices and quarters.

The Public Works Department (PWD) undertook a programme for the construction of the Gopalganj district jail at Goshcherchar, on the other side of river Madhumati, in the fiscal year of 1994-95.

But construction of the proposed district jail could not be started for want of necessary fund, according to PWD high officials.

Ten acres of allusion land of the river Madhumati in the western side of the Gopalganj district headquarters were acquired to establish the BSCIC industrial estate in 1985. But only construction of the administrative building, the overhead watertank and the haring bond work of the roads inside the proposed industrial estate have been completed in the long period of eleven years. The unplanned bridge of the industrial estate approaching road was also completed.



RAJSHAH UNIVERSITY: A seminar on "13 Amendment of Constitution and Caretaker Government" Organised by RU Study Forum was held at the Institute of Bangladesh Studies recently.

Prices of essentials up in Magura

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Oct 20: Prices of all essential commodities except rice have gone up in the district.

According to the market observers, prices of sugar, flour, pulses, vegetables and aata are increasing rapidly in different markets of the district causing much inconveniences to the lower and middle income people. Now rice is the cheapest foodgrain here. One kilogram course rice Ratna is being sold at Tk 8.50 and Tk 9 medium quality rice IR 50 is being sold between Tk 9.50 and Tk 10, better quality of rice (Minikit) is being sold between Tk 11 and Tk 14 in town areas of the district.

The course rice is being sold at cheaper rate in the rural areas than in the town. On the other hand, prices of aata and moyda (flour) have been increasing gradually. Now one kilogram of aata (course flour) is being sold between Tk 12.50 and Tk 13, flour between Tk 14.50 and Tk 15.50.

Local food grain dealers said, one metric ton (MT) of wheat was sold between Tk 7000 and Tk 7500 before three months. But now it is being sold between Tk 11,000 and Tk 11,500 in different markets of the district. The supply of wheat in the markets is very inadequate.

Some rice and wheat husking millers said, they are not getting proper allotment of wheat for their mills. Rice has been supplied in lieu of wheat in different project including Food for Education (FFE). As a result,

there is a serious crisis of wheat in markets of the district.

Some retailers of foodgrains alleged, a group of established food grain merchants and mill owners stored huge amount of wheat knowing market situation. Now they are trying to avail of the opportunities. The middle and lower income people in the town areas, the owners of the restaurants and confectionery face serious problem due to high price of aata and moyda. The owners of restaurant and confectionery are thinking to increase the price of their products.

The price of sugar has increased in the markets abnormally. The low quality Indian sugar is being sold between Tk 30 and Tk 32 in the rural markets. Indian sugar is coming in different markets of the district through smuggling. Sugar of our mills is not available in the markets. As a result, the customers are being compelled to purchase low quality Indian sugar, customer sources said. Some sugar dealers said, the stock of sugar in local sugar mills has run out. As a result, they will have to depend on Chittagong or Mongla Port for taking delivery of imported sugar.

Prices of all types of pulses including motor masur have also increased abnormally. One kilogram of motor pulses is being sold between Tk 39 and Tk 40, masur between Tk 44 and Tk 46, maskalai between Tk 36 and Tk 40 mugdal between Tk 44 and Tk 46, khesari dal between Tk 32 and Tk 36 per kilo-

gram. Some grains dealers who mostly deals in pulses added, the prices of pulses have increased at least 10 to 12 per cent one month ago.

Only the price of soyabean oil has decreased Tk 4 per kilogram. Now one kilogram of soyabean oil is being sold at Tk 44.

According to the reports, prices of all types of vegetables including brinjal, potato, green chile have also shot up. One kilogram of brinjal is being sold between Tk 12 and Tk 14 and potato between Tk 11 and Tk 12, potol between Tk 10 and Tk 12, green chile between Tk 25 and Tk 30. The plants of brinjal, green chile and potol in different areas of the district have been damaged due to recent heavy rainfall.

The prices of vegetables will be increasing due to said causes, some vegetables vendors said. It was reported from the fish and mutton markets in the district that the prices of mutton and beef remained unchanged in the market. One kg of mutton and beef are being sold at Tk 110 and Tk 60 respectively.

All types of fish are not available in rural markets. Tengra, Pabda, Rui, Katla, Koi, Magur are available in markets of Magura town. But the prices of the said fish are very high. A huge quality of hilsha fish are seen in the markets including rural areas. The price of hilsha fish is going down gradually. One kilogram of hilsha is being sold between Tk 50 and Tk 60.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer

Bandarban Public Works Division

Bandarban

Memo No. 10-18/451

Dated: 7-10-96 (22-6-1403 BS)

Tender Invitation Notice

No. 38/96-97

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are hereby invited from Public Works Directorate enlisted building contractors for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received simultaneously by the undersigned & Executive Engineer, Public Works Division No. 3/4, Chittagong & Cox's Bazar Public Works Division, Cox's Bazar at their respective offices up to 12-00 Noon of 28-10-96 and opened on the same day at 12-15 PM before the tenderers' present. Each tender should be submitted with attested copy of VAT registration certificate attached. If more than one contractor submit tender quoting the lowest rate then lottery to select single lowest tenderer will be held in the office chamber of the undersigned on 5-11-96 at 11-00 am in presence of the interested tenderers.

Gr./ Serl.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time limit for completion	Eligibility of contractor
1	Under the Newly Formed District Headquarters construction project — one at Bandarban (Sub-head: construction of Retaining Wall on part of north & west side of District Judge's Court & Judges quarters area. Year 1996-97.	Tk 4,88,165/00	Tk 9,765/00	60 (sixty) days	Public Works Directorate enlisted special 1st class, 1st class and Chittagong Public Works Zones 2nd class, Chittagong Public Works Circle-Z's 3rd class building contractors.
2	Tender document containing Bangladesh Form No. 2911, Tender Invitation Notice, Schedule & additional terms & conditions can be seen and purchased on usual cash payment of price Tk 400/- (four hundred) only for document per set & Tk 25/- (twenty-five) only for each Bangladesh Form No. 2911, from the office of the undersigned and Executive Engineer, Chittagong Public Works Division No. 3/4 & Cox's Bazar Public Works Division.				

Contractor himself or his representative, authorised in writing, can purchase the tender document on production of enlistment register on working days up to 27-10-96.

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37/E, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka

No TRP 13-5/93-94

Dated: Dhaka the October, 1996

Re-Tender Notice for Supply of Staff Bus on Rent

Sealed quotations are hereby invited for supply of 52-seated steel body bus or 32-seated steel body minibuses for transportation of officer/staff of Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board from Banani T&T Colony (Karail) to Telegajog Bhaban, 37/E, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka. Those who do not possess at least two such buses are not qualified to participate the tender. The schedule costing Taka 100/- in cash payment (non-refundable) containing different terms and conditions is available with Accounts Officer, Central Office, 37/E, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka during office time. No schedule will be sold on opening day of the tender. Tender may be dropped in the tender box available at Room No 117, Telegajog Bhaban, 37/E, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka till 1200 hrs of 29-10-96 and will be opened at 1230 hrs in front of the tenderers (Those who be present) on the same day. Earnest money in the shape of Pay Order or Bank Draft at the rate of 5% (refundable) of the annual cost of quoted rate in favour of Accounts Officer (Drawing and Disbursing), Central Office, B T&T Board, Dhaka has to be enclosed with the tender. The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject of any or all of the tenders.

Divisional Engineer (Transport)

DFP-23519-16/10
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Bangladesh Jatiya Sangsad Secretariat

Establishment Section-2

Sher-e-Banglanagar, Dhaka-1207

Appointment Notice

No. 11/1996-Establishment-2(745)

Dated: 13.10.96, 28.6.1403BS

Applications are invited from bonafide citizens of Bangladesh for appointment to the undermentioned vacant post of Bangladesh Jatiya Sangsad Secretariat on temporary basis.

Sl No	Name of post	Pay scale	Number of vacant post	Qualification for appointment
1	Personal Assistant to the Honourable Speaker	1475-3150=	01	1) Minimum HSC examination passed for equivalent educational qualification. 2) Should have 80 & 30 WPM speed in English shorthand & typing respectively.
2	Name in full of applicant, father's/husband's name, present & permanent address, date of birth, educational qualification, name of home district, full description of religion & experience (if any) etc should be stated in the application.			
3	Three copies recent passport size attested photograph, certificate of educational qualification, certificate of skill in English shorthand & typing, citizenship certificate from Union Parishad Chairman, and 2 copies character certificates from 2 first class gazetted officers should be enclosed with the application.			
4	At the time of appointment District quota, Freedom Fighter/Women/Tribal/Orphan quota will be followed as per existing rules.			
5	In case of daily basis yearly working employees of Bangladesh Jatiya Sangsad Secretariat and employees working as desired (as per Privilege Act) by the Honourable Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Chief Whip, Deputy Leader of Sangsad, Leader of Opposition, Deputy Leader & Whips at their offices, the age limit is relaxable.			
6	In case of Freedom Fighters maximum 32 years & in other cases, 30 years.			
7	Candidates in service should apply through proper channel.			
8	Applications will be received at the office of the undersigned up to 30.10.1996 within office hours.			
9	No application will be received after the prescribed date.			
10	Erroneous or illegible application will be treated as cancelled.			
11	Original certificate of educational qualification & other certificates should be submitted at the time of interview.			
12	No TA/DA is admissible for taking part in the interview.			
13	The decision of the authority regarding acceptance or rejection of the application will be treated as final.			
14	Tenure of appointment will be as per the desire of the Honourable Speaker or up to his continuation in his responsibility.			

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