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What's on today....

Conference: The ninth national conference and fifteenth council session of the Bangladesh Water and Power Diploma Engineers' Association will begin. Venue: WAPDA auditorium at Motijheel. Time: 9 am. Minister for Water Resources Abdur Razzak will inaugurate the conference.

Seminar: The Study and Research Group (SRG) will organise a seminar on good governance. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, House No 510, Road No 7, Dhanmondi Residential Area. Finance Minister SAMS Kibria will be the chief guest.

Rotary club of Dhaka capital: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Officers' Club, 26, Baily Road. Time: 7 pm. The meeting will be followed by a dinner.

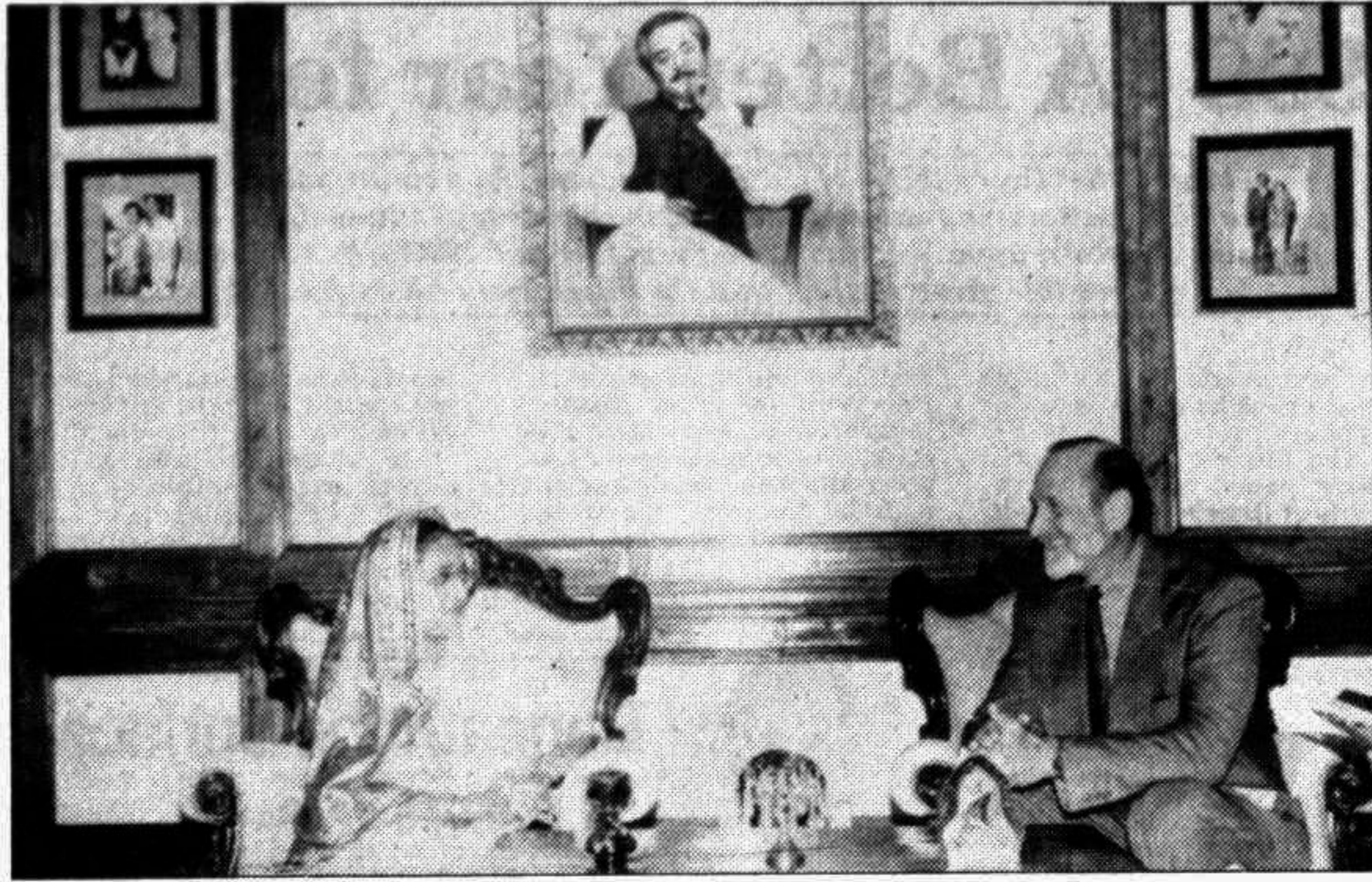
Rotary club of Dhaka central: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club Limited. Time: 1:30 pm.

Lecture: Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA) will organise a public lecture on Macroeconomic Vulnerability, International Finance and Aid. Venue: Academy for Planning and Development, Nilkhet. Time: 3 pm. The lecture will be delivered by Prof EVK Fitzgerald, Director, Finance and Trade Policy Research Centre, Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford, UK.

Photographic exhibition: The fourth solo photographic exhibition of S A Shahrir Ripon will begin. Venue: Baitalik Kachi Kanchar Mela auditorium.

Open discussion: Nabadihara Nattya Sampradaya will hold an open discussion. Venue: Auditorium of the cultural centre of the Indian High Commission, Sat Masjid Road, Dhanmondi (Opposite to Abahani playground). Time: 6 pm. The discussion will be followed by a drama Jotati.

Sylhet Chamber of Commerce and Industry: The Sylhet Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Sylhet Press Club will jointly hold an exchange of opinion with residents editors and journalists now living in Dhaka. Venue: Hotel Purbani International, Motijheel. Time: 3 pm.



US film-maker Lear Levin, well-known for the documentary on Liberation War 'Muktir Gaan' called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the Ganabhaban yesterday. — PID photo

Poonam's painting exhibition begins today

By Staff Correspondent
A solo painting exhibition by Poonam Patnalk will begin at La Galerie in Banani in the city today. The exhibition displaying 35 works of Poonam in acrylic on canvas will remain open for public from 9 am to 7 pm every day till January 9. In this series Poonam's awe of the desert is reflected in her work.

Born in India, Poonam, a self-taught artist, has experimented with various media and different themes. In Bangladesh, she learnt to use acrylic as a medium and started using it extensively. Poonam is also a porcelain painter, having studied it in Geneva, Switzerland, and has many works to her credit.

In Dhaka, Poonam participated in various group exhibitions including the Young Artists Exhibition at Shilpakala Academy, the Art Exhibition organised by the UNICEF.

Call to set up regional centre for study of refugees

By Staff Correspondent
Speakers at a workshop recently called for setting up a regional centre for the study of refugee and migratory movements in South Asia.

They also called on the states to develop national asylum policies and a regional instrument to protect the rights of the refugees, immigrants, internally displaced and stateless persons in South Asia.

The workshop on "Forced Migration in South Asia" was organised by the Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) at the seminar room of the department of International Relations, Dhaka University.

Prof Sayed Sikandar Mehdi of Karachi University and Dr CR Abrar of the Dhaka University jointly conducted the workshop. It was attended by the teachers and students of the department of International Relations and Anthropology.

Lear Levin calls on PM Govt help for preserving history of '71 assured

Film director Lear Levin, well-known for the film "Muktir Gaan" made a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her official residence Gonobhaban yesterday, reports BSS.

Levin's wife Raquel Levin and Muktir Gaan makers Tareque Maasud and Catherine Maasud accompanied Levin.

The Prime Minister assured them of her best help and assistance in their noble gesture for preserving and enriching our history and culture, particularly the War of Liberation which is the greatest pride of the nation.

Secretary to the Prime Minister Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir was also present.

Levin told the Prime Minister that he was horrified with the news of brutality ravaged on the Bengali people by the then West Pakistanis. From the point of prevailing reality as there was no other public service outlet for commercials to raise funds for struggling Bengalis, Levin decided to make a film on the liberation struggle to raise funds by showing it in theatres and on public television.

Tareque hoped that the Muktir Gaan would endure in the hearts and minds of the Bengali audience. He also informed the Prime Minister that another such film — "Muktir Katha" is under process. Among other things, this film would contain the colour video documentation of the historic March Seven speech of Bangabandhu, live interview of freedom fighter Sheikh Jamal at a war ground, colour documentation of historic home coming of the father of the nation from Pakistani captivity and many other rare and valuable historic documents.

Levin rushed to Bangladesh during the crucial days of its independence war for making a film on the heroic struggle of the Bengalis, who were fighting for achieving independence of their beloved motherland. Armed with a 16mm camera and a professional crew Levin shot extensive footage on his subject with the aim in mind of making more than a time bound newsreel piece. He had a vision of the film he wanted to make as an enduring work of art.

Almost twenty years later Bangladeshis residing United States Tareque Maasud and his wife Catherine picked up the subject again with a new vision, different goals and a separate audience in mind and made the epoch-making short film "Muktir Gaan" utilising celluloid footings of Levin.

The Prime Minister warmly welcomed Levin and other members and extended her deep gratitude for their contribution, particularly to capturing and preserving the "History of the Liberation War of Bangladesh".

'Over 9 thousand houses rented for Hajj pilgrims'

State Minister for Religious Affairs Mohammad Nurul Islam said in the city yesterday that the renting of over nine thousand houses had been finalised for the Hajj pilgrims who will perform Hajj under the government arrangement this year, reports BSS.

While talking at the Zia International Airport after returning from a six-day visit to Saudi Arabia, the state minister said, the standard and environment of the houses are better than those of the houses rented last year.

The state minister said, during his visit he had talks with his Saudi Arabian counterpart.

Aminul Haq's qulhwani today

The qulhwani of Chowdhury AKM Aminul Haq, an adviser to the caretaker government of Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, will be held today at 4 pm at his 17, New Eskaton (Gias Nagar) residence, reports BSS.

Friends and relatives of late Aminul Haq have been requested to attend the qulhwani.

Haq died on January 1.

Jalsa of Ahmadiyya Jamaat begins

The inaugural session of the three-day 73rd annual gathering of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat, Bangladesh began in the city yesterday. The gathering will continue till tomorrow, says a press release.

The session began with the recitation from the Holy Quran and doa and welcome address of Meer Mobaswer Ali, chairman, Jalsa committee.

The inaugural session was presided over by the national ameer Alhajj Ahmad Tawfiq Chowdhury.

Over two thousand delegates from all over the country attended the jalsa.

In Memory of Munni Rahman



We deeply mourn and remember you always

Family, Friends and Munni Memorial Committee

Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD Ferry Divn. Barisal (RHD), Tender Notice

- Tender Notice No: 31. of RHD, Ferry Divn. Barisal/1996-97
- Name of work: As described below
- Eligibility of contractor: "A to E" General category contractor of RHD, as per financial capacity and territorial jurisdiction.
- Availability of tender schedule: (1) Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Divn. Patuakhali. (2) Executive Engineer, RHD, Mechl. Ferry Divn. Barisal/Khulna. (3) Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Mechl. Ferry Sub-Divn. Barisal. (Only office hours. No tender will be sold on the date of receiving tender schedule).
- Tender receiving officer: (1) Superintending Engineer, RHD, Mechl. Ferry Circle, Khulna. (2) Executive Engineer, RHD, Mechl. Ferry Divn. Barisal/Khulna
- Last date of selling tender documents: 12-1-97/29-9-1403 (only office hours).
- Last date of receiving tender in sealed cover: 13-1-97/30-9-1403 at 12 Noon.
- Date and time of opening tender: 15-1-97 / 2-10-1403 at 1 PM tender
- Date and time of lottery (if applicable): 16-1-97 at 11 AM

Group No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money
1.	Supplying of spare parts for 108 HP Samura engine's gear box of Utility Ferry No-03/80 at Dapdapia ferry ghat under Ferry Sub-Divn. Barisal during the year 1996-97.	Tk. 1,63,000/-	3260/-
2.	Supplying of spare parts for 150 KW MAN engine of Utility Type-2 ferry No. 016/80 and 06/ at Labukhali ferry ghat under Ferry Sub-Divn. Barisal during the year 1996-97.	Tk. 93,000/-	1860/-
3.	Supplying of spare parts for overhauling and repairing of 225 HP GM Grmarine engine and 2 Nos propeller line shaft of steel Ferry Kheya SF-011 at Payarakunja ferry ghat under Ferry Sub-Divn. Barisal during the year 1996-97.	Tk. 2,32,000/-	4640/-
4.	Repairing of 2 Nos propeller line shaft including supplying materials of steel Ferry Modhumoti at Amtali Ferry ghat under Ferry Sub-Divn. Barisal during the year 1996-97.	Tk. 95,300/-	1906/-
5.	Supplying of spare parts for overhauling and repairing of 165 HP Cummins engine of steel ferry Modhumoti SF-018 under Ferry Sub-Divn. Barisal during the year 1996-97.	Tk. 2,41,500/-	4830/-

Executive Engineer, RHD, Mechl. Ferry Divn. Barisal.

Police Week '97 Role of Police

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appoint or even of the P.Ps or G.Ps. Finally, the society has no prohibition service to rehabilitate the convicts who are released after suffering imprisonment/punishment. On the other hand, Bangladesh has no provision for organizational arrangement to oversee the social, economic and political reasons that cause crime and criminality. Police is a part of the Criminal Justice System and Criminal Justice System is only a part of the Govt. and in the final analysis, gov't. is only a part of society or state. The Police activities should be evaluated in this perspective which could be beneficial for the society.

Now-a-days, human resources development is regarded as the foundation of economic development. In police department, development of human resources means and includes improvement of professional skill which requires enhanced budget allocation but training of police is not yet considered as an investment in human resources development. As an obvious outcome we could not show the expected result as a modern and organised institution. The proposals for a Police Staff College for promoting good managers by coordination, education and training and establishment of computer network is yet to be approved by the authority. Proposals for modernization of the forensic and chemical laboratories of the CID are still awaiting approval of the authority.

Since police plays the predominant role in the maintenance of law and order, due consideration should be given to professional honour and status. We frequently mention "London Bobby" to identify efficiency in police, but we never point out that the police constable in London are better placed in salary structure in comparison to college and university teachers. It may be mentioned here that per capita expenditure for Bangladesh Police is tk. 43.00 only per annum; the salary for a police constable is almost the same with that of an unskilled labour in the national pay structure.

Crime is not directly due to poverty, although economic deprivations is one of the major factors that lead to commission of crime. Our efforts should be directed to the causes of crime and to embark upon socio-economic programme to keep crime within tolerable limit. Therefore, establishment of a crime free society may be a goal although in reality, it may never be achieved.

Recommendation:
To maintain a desired level of law and order and to control crime the following recommendations may be made:
1. Certain curriculum may be included in school and college text books to make law abiding an inseparable part of our culture.
2. Universities may introduce "Police Science" in their curriculum to impart a clear idea about police activities and criminology to the students. An institution of criminology may also be established.
3. Crime should be identified as a social problem and the society shall have to face it in a coordinated and concerted manner. Individual attempts in this regard may not bring expected results.
4. Inter ministerial cooperation and coordination should be given due importance since maintenance of law and order crime control is not the responsibility of the Ministry of Home Affairs alone.
5. A sizeable portion of police budget, including expenditure on communications, training and building, should be included in the development budget. Police training should be recognised as a part of human resource development.
6. Necessary budget allocation should be made for development on manpower, transport, communications and equipments.
7. Steps should be taken to develop desired awareness among people for implementing traffic law and rules and in the criminal justice process.
8. Police should be allowed to discharge their duties without fear or favour.
9. Responsibility of police should get due recognition in the National pay structure and warrant of precedence.
10. Social and economic planning should be made and implemented in such a manner that maximum people become law abiding, develop respect for law and social tension gets dissolved.
11. More emphasis should be given on obedience to law rather than on implementation.
12. Laws may be reformed where needed and adjusted to ensure social peace and crime control.

The Writer is Inspector General Of Police Bangladesh. This paper is modified and abridged version of the keynote paper presented by the writer in the "Workshop on Law and Order" held at Osmani Memorial Auditorium on 20th July 96.

CU exams
CHITTAGONG, Jan 3: Practical examinations of M.Sc. final year 1993 and first year honours, 1995 in the Department of Statistics of the University of Chittagong will be held on Jan 5 and 6 during the winter vacation, a university press release said here today, reports BSS.

To facilitate the examinees two buses will ply from New Market Square toward university campus on the days of examination at 8.30 am.

My dear wife, Nakiba
Many, Many
Happy Returns
of The Day
— Jan 4, 1997
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Death condoled
Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA) express its deep grief at the death of Chowdhury AKM Aminul Huq, former Adviser of the 1991 Caretaker Government and life member of the association, says a press release.

The Economic Association recalls the contribution of Chowdhury AKM Aminul Huq in the field of economics during his brilliant career as teacher.

BCL sweeps students' union polls
KHULNA, Jan 3: Pro-Awami League Bangladesh Chhatra League swept the Shahid Suhrawardy College Students Union election winning 20 of the 21 posts, reports UNB.

GM Arifuzzaman was elected Vice President while Rashed Siddiqui general secretary and Hafizur Rahman AGS in the election held on Thursday.

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POSTPONEMENT OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS
It is hereby notified that the 14th and 15th Annual General Meetings of Bangladesh Indenting Agents' Association for the years 1995 and 1996 Scheduled to be held at the Auditorium Hall of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industries Building on the 08th day of January, 1997 are hereby postponed until further notice.

By order of the President
Nazma Begum
Secretary-In-charge.

Date: 01/01/1997

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FEEDER VESSEL M. V. MENG YANG VOY 9635 IMP. ROT NO. 1269/96 IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE CHITTAGONG OUTER ANCHORAGE ON OR ABOUT 04.01.1997 WITH EVERGREEN CONTAINERS RELAYED AT SINGAPORE EX FOLLOWING VESSELS:-

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CONSIGNEES ARE REQUESTED TO CLEAR THEIR CARGOES IMMEDIATELY ON DISCHARGE. CARGOES UNCLEARED WITHIN 45 DAYS FROM THE ARRIVAL DATE OF THE VESSEL WILL BE DISPOSED WITHOUT ANY REFERENCE TO THE CONSIGNEES, AS PER CUSTOM RULES.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
PWD Division, Naogaon

Notice Inviting Tenders
Tender Notice No. EE/Naogaon-12(twelve) of 1996-97.

- Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from the approved special class-I(one)/class-II(one) building contractors of PWD, class-II(two) building contractors of PWD Zone, Rajshahi and class-III (three) building contractors of PWD Circle, Rajshahi according to financial limit of classification of contractors for the undermentioned works and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi Division Rajshahi and Executive Engineer, PWD Division No. 1/II, Rajshahi/Natore/Pabna in their respective offices up to 12-00 Noon on 15-1-97 Eng and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of the tenderers who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.
- Tender Form will be sold up to: 14-1-97 Eng.
- Name of work under each group with other particulars as below:

Group No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed
I (one)	Construction of District Jail at Naogaon (Subhead: Construction of convicted and undertrial prisoners cell) during the year 1996-97.	Tk 17,83,340/-	Tk 35,667/-	150 (one hundred fifty) days
II (two)	Construction of District Jail at Naogaon (Subhead: Construction of segregation wall attached to front side (part) of undertrial Male prisoners barrack) during the year 1996-97.	Tk 5,37,149/-	Tk 10,743/-	100 (one hundred) days
III (three)	Construction of District Jail at Naogaon (Subhead: Construction of segregation wall around hospital building, kitchen and dhupikhana) during the year 1996-97.	Tk 10,48,049/-	Tk 20,961/-	120 (one hundred twenty) days
IV (four)	Construction of District Jail at Naogaon (Subhead: Construction of segregation wall attached to east and south side of children (kishore) prisoners barrack) during the year 1996-97.	Tk 4,72,243/-	Tk 9,445/-	100 (one hundred) days
V (five)	Construction of District Jail at Naogaon (Subhead: Construction of segregation wall attached to front side and south side of classified prisoners barrack) during the year 1996-97.	Tk 5,84,147/-	Tk 11,683/-	100 (one hundred) days
VI (six)	Establishment of 8 (eight) Zonal Cooperative Training Institute one at Naogaon (Subhead: Construction of Principal's qrs) during the year 1996-97.	Tk 6,35,083/-	Tk 12,702/-	100 (one hundred) days

NB: If the tenderers of the same lowest equal rates are received from more than one tender contractors shall be selected from among those valid tenders by lottery on 29-1-97 at 12-00 Noon in the office chamber of the undersigned in presence of the tenderers who may like to remain present. In absence of anybody no claim whatsoever will be entertained.

A K Zahur Ahmed
Executive Engineer
PWD Division, Naogaon.

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