

What's on today....

BIDS seminar: Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies has arranged a seminar on 'why doesn't private investment respond to structural adjustment'. Keynote speaker: Prof EVK FitzGerald, Director, Finance and Trade Policy Research Centre, University of Oxford. Venue: BIDS conference room, E-17, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 3 pm.

Lecture: Department of Political Science, Dhaka University, has arranged a lecture on 'conflict resolution, Peace Management and Development in Third World countries'. Dr Peter Wallensteen, Head, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, Sweden, will deliver the lecture. Venue: Institute of Business Administration auditorium, DU. Time: 10 am.

BISS talk: Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies has arranged a talk on 'Security and confidence building measures in South Asia'. Speaker: Dr Sumit Ganguly, Professor of Political Science, Hunter College and Graduate School, City University, New York. Venue: BISS auditorium, 1/46 Elephant Road. Time: 4 pm.

Seminar on arsenic: Dhaka Community Hospital Trust and Disaster Forum have jointly organised a seminar on 'arsenic disaster in Bangladesh environment'. Dr Dipankar Chakraborty, Director, School of Environmental Studies, Jadavpur University, Calcutta, will deliver a special report on 'arsenic disaster'. Venue: BMDC auditorium, 4 Sobhanbagh, Dhanmondi. Time: 9 am-2 pm.

AGMs: Annual general meetings of the Institute of Human Rights and Legal Affairs, Bangladesh, for the years '93, '94, '95 and '96, will be held simultaneously. Venue: Top of the Park, Sheraton Hotel. Time: 6:30 pm.

Reminiscence meet: Muktiuddho Gobeysheona Kendra (Liberation War Research Centre) has organised a reminiscence meet. Capt (ret'd) Dr Sitara Begum, Bir Pratik, will talk about her experiences during the Liberation War. Venue: Kendra seminar room, Rahman Chamber (2nd floor), 12-13 Motijheel C/A. Time: 4:30 pm.

Cassette launching ceremony: The launching ceremony of 'Antony Tar Dak Pathabo', a recording of Tagore songs by Golam Sarwar Chowdhury, will be held. Venue: National Museum auditorium, Shahbag. Time: 5 pm.

Discussion meet: Muktiuddho has organised a discussion meet on 'Role of youth in checking crimes in the city'. Venue: Jatiya Scout Bhawan, Kakrail. Time: 3:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka North: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dilkusha: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 5 pm.

Rotary Club of Gulshan: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sajna Restaurant. Time: 5:30 pm.

Children's theatre: Members of Kanchi Kanchar Mela will stage a play based on Upendra Kishor Ray Choudhury's 'Gupi Gain Bagha Bain', in observance of the organisation's 40th anniversary. Chief guest: State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Kader. Venue: Mela auditorium, Segun Bagicha. Time: 4:30 pm.

USIS Library timing during Ramadan

The United States Information Service (USIS) library will be open to members and patrons from 10:30 am to 4 pm Sunday through Wednesday during the holy month of Ramadan, reports UNB.

After Ramadan, the library will revert to its previous schedule.

NSU condoles Aminul's death

Members of the Board of Governors, faculty and staff of North South University (NSU) in a meeting condoled the sad demise of Chaudhury AKM Aminul Haque on Saturday on the campus, says a press release.

Late Haque was the founder member of the board and the chairman of the finance committee.



Former Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman speaking at a dialogue on Asian Highway organised by the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) at the Sonargaon Hotel in the city yesterday. Seen in the picture from his left are: Prof Rehman Sobhan, ESCAP Director Dr Rahmatullah and ESCAP official Dr John R Moor. — Star photo

Weather

Dry weather forecast

Dry weather with partly cloudy sky is likely to prevail across the country in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

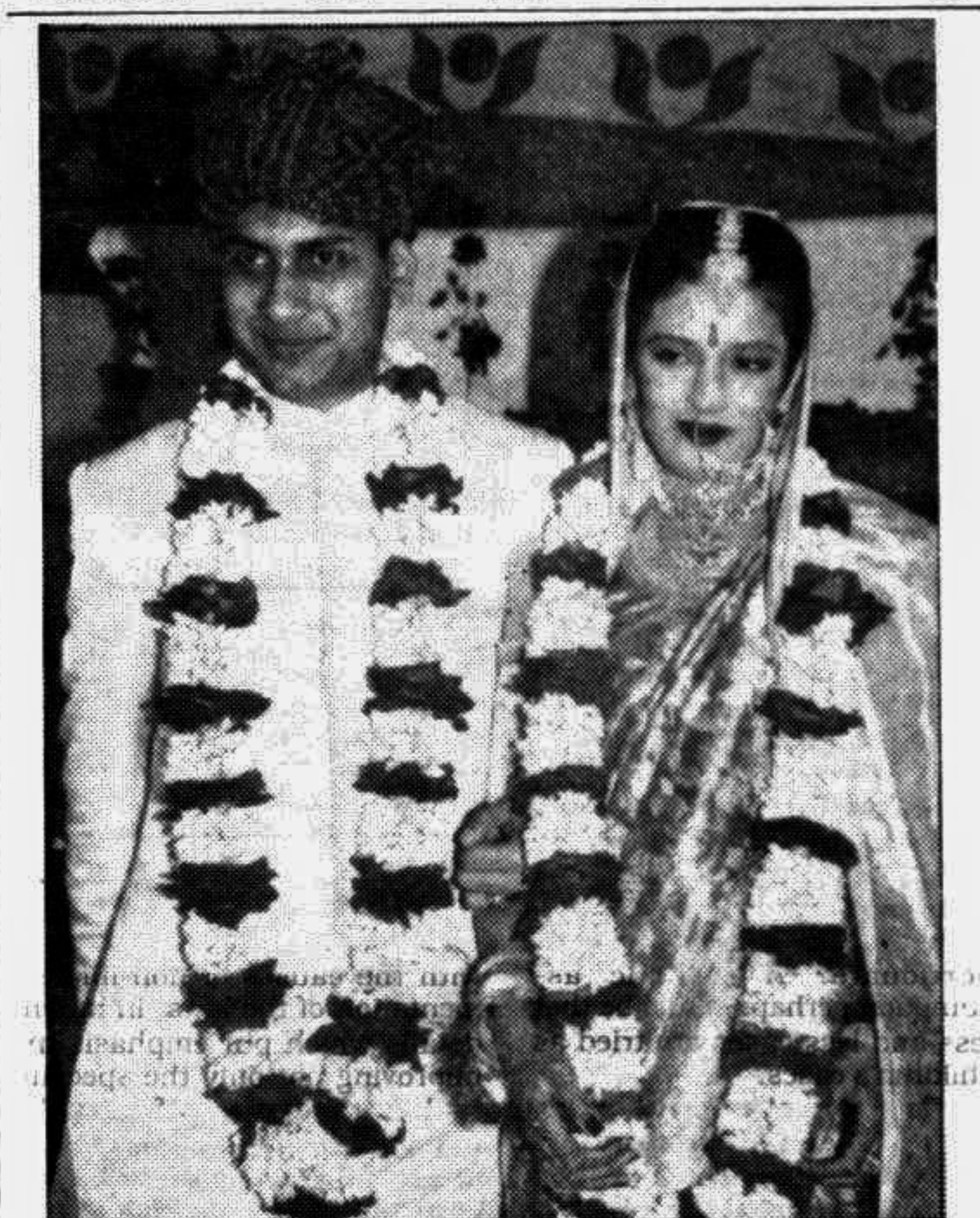
The Met office said night temperature may remain nearly unchanged throughout the country.

The country's lowest temperature, 8.7 degree Celsius, was recorded at Srimangal and the highest, 27.5 degrees, at Cox's Bazar and Chittagong.

The sun sets today at 05.26 pm and rises tomorrow at 06.43 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage
Dhaka	Max 25.5 Min 12.5	Morning 93 Evening 66
Chittagong	27.5 13.6	83 63
Rajshahi	25.0 10.0	78 68
Khulna	25.8 10.8	91 61
Barisal	26.4 11.4	87 77
Sylhet	26.7 13.2	79 66
Cox's Bazar	27.5 14.8	73 69



The marriage ceremony of Romo Rouf Chowdhury, the only son of Abdur Rouf Chowdhury, Chairman of Rang Group, was solemnised with Farhana, daughter of Mominul Huq Khoka, on Dec 30, 1996. On the occasion Abdur Rouf Chowdhury and Zakia Rouf Chowdhury hosted a reception on Jan 2, 1997 at Gulshan Park in the city. Leading members of the society, including Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, members of the cabinet, opposition MPs, leaders of different political parties, members of diplomatic missions, industrialists, high civil and military officials, journalists, artists and litterateurs attended the reception.

Three alleged terrorists held

Police arrested three alleged terrorists from Joar Shahara area and recovered a revolver from their possession early yesterday morning, reports BSS.

A team of Cantonment police acting on a tip off, arrested Mohammad Belayet Hossain, 19, Mohammad Mamun alias Arif, 19, and Mohammad Harun-ur-Rashid, 19, from Lichu Bagan, Joar Shahara area under Cantonment police station at 1 am. Police recovered a country-made revolver from their possession.

A case under Arms Act was registered with Cantonment police station.

Jalsa of Ahmadiya Jamaat ends

The three-day annual gathering (jalsa) of the Ahmadiya Muslim Jamaat Bangladesh ended yesterday, says a press release.

This jalsa was held at the Ahmadiya Complex at Bakshi Bazar Road in the city.

It was inaugurated by Alhaj Ahmad Tawfiq Chowdhury, who is the national Ameer of Ahmadiya Muslim in Bangladesh. The 3-day jalsa was divided in five sessions in which 19 eminent scholars delivered speeches.

Sitar recital

Bandhan, a voluntary blood donation organisation, arranged a solo sitar evening of eminent artist Samir Das at its Shyamoli office Saturday, reports UNB.

The programme was organised to mark the silver jubilee of the country's independence with UNB chairman and Bandhan senior vice president Amanullah Khan was in the chair.

In a brief speech, Samir Das expressed his satisfaction over the activities of the Bandhan. He said voluntary blood donation can pave the way for spiritual communication among human beings, irrespective of cast and creed.

In his presidential speech, Amanullah Khan thanked Samir Das and said flourishing of a nation's culture could not be possible without paying respect to the artists, said a press release.

Condolence meeting

Speakers at a citizens' condolence meeting yesterday paid tributes to the memory of journalist and former president of Narayanjan Press Club Mujibur Rahman Badal who died on December 10, reports BSS.

Organised by Narayanjan Press Club, the meeting was addressed by State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Kader, A K M Shameem Osman MP, S M Akram MP, Alhaj Afzal Hossain, president N'ganj Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Shamsul Huda, former director of PIB.

Mohammad Ayub, president of Narayanjan Press Club presided.

Obaidul Kader recalled his association with the late journalist and expressed his sorrow and grief over the untimely death of Mujibur Rahman Badal.

He expressed his sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

Kuwait returnees' team meets Speaker

By Staff Correspondent
A 19-member delegation of Bangladesh Kuwait-Iraq Repatriated Association met Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury in the city Saturday and submitted a memorandum appealing early distribution of compensation money sanctioned by a UN commission.

The delegation, led by association chairman Md Misbah Uddin, sought the Speaker's help in resolving problems faced by over 62,000 foreign wage earners who were forced to return home from Kuwait and Iraq during the Gulf war, says a press release.

They apprised the Speaker about their demand for making public the government's decision about Tk 113 crore, allocated earlier for rehabilitation of the returnees.

Obituary

K M Hossain, former secretary, BCIC died of a massive heart attack on Saturday. He was 66, says a press release.

He served in the erstwhile EPIDC in various capacities. He left behind his wife, one daughter, one son and three sisters. His qukhani will be held tomorrow at his residence apartment No 12/F, Eastern Housing Society, Siddeswari (opposite to Viharunessa Nari School) after Asr prayers.

CHITTAGONG, Jan 5: Eminent educationist principal Abu Taher died of cardiac arrest at his city residence here last night. He was 60, reports BSS. Late Taher, a retired principal of Government Fine Arts College, Chittagong, is survived by his wife, two daughters, a large number of colleagues, students and relatives.

JS special body meets

A meeting of the parliamentary special committee was held at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhawan yesterday with its President Advocate Rahmat Ali in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting examined the judicial administration training institute (amendment) bill, 1996 and bankruptcy bill 1996.

The meeting was adjourned till 10 am on January 7.

Committee members, State Minister for Law Abdul Matin Khasru, Col (ret'd) Showkat Ali, Dr Mizanul Huq and Kazi Shamsur Rahman attended the meeting.

Secretary to the banking division Shah Abdul Hannan, additional secretary of the Ministry of Law Amin Ullah and additional secretary of Parliament Secretariat Khondaker Abdul Huq were present.

44 arrested in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Jan 5: Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) in a special drive arrested 44 persons on various charges from different parts of the city during the last 24 hours till 6 pm today, a CMP press release said, reports BSS.

Besides, detectives of CMP recovered two powerful hand-bombs from Pahartali here today, the press release added.

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Admission Notice Academic Session 1996-97

No D-1063(6) Date: 5-1-1997

Applications in prescribed form are hereby invited from the bonafide citizens of Bangladesh desiring to participate in the Admission Test for Admission in the Under-Graduate courses of this University for the session 1996-97. Candidates who have passed in the HSC Examination or its equivalent in 1995 and 1996 are eligible to apply, subject to fulfillment of other conditions.

Faculties of Engineering, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Electrical & Electronics Engineering

Eligibility for Submission of Application for the Admission Test:

- Candidates must have passed SSC examination of any Education Board of Bangladesh or its equivalent and obtained at least 50% marks on the average or equivalent grades.
- Candidates must have passed HSC examination of any Education Board of Bangladesh or its equivalent and obtained at least 65% marks on the average in the subjects of Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry and minimum of 50% marks in each of these three subjects separately or equivalent grades in these subjects.
- A merit list on the basis of the marks of Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry only of the HSC examination or the equivalent grades in these subjects will be prepared out of which only the first three thousand and five hundred candidates will be allowed to take part in the Admission Test. All candidates in the three thousand five hundredth position having equal marks, will also be allowed to take part in the Admission Test.

Subjects of Admission Test:

The admission test will be taken only on the subjects of Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Functional English on the basis of the Syllabuses of HSC examinations conducted by the different Boards of Bangladesh in 1996.

Subject-wise distribution of marks of Admission Test will be as follows:

Subject	Marks
Mathematics	180
Physics	180
Chemistry	180
English (functional)	60
Total	600

Number of Seats:

The total number of seats in B.Sc Engineering degree course in the Faculties of Engineering, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Electrical & Electronics Engineering is 615 of which 3 seats are reserved for the candidates from Chittagong Hill Tracts and other Tribal Areas of Bangladesh.

Faculty of Architecture & Planning

(A) Eligibility for Submission of Application for Admission Test in Architecture Dept.

- Candidates must have passed SSC examination of any Education Board of Bangladesh securing minimum 50% marks excluding marks of additional subjects or must have passed equivalent examination securing equivalent grade.
- Candidates must have passed HSC examination of any Education Board of Bangladesh or its equivalent securing at least 50% marks in Mathematics and minimum 55% marks excluding marks of additional subjects.
- A merit list on the basis of the marks obtained in HSC examinations (excluding marks of additional subjects) or its equivalent will be prepared out of which only the first three thousand candidates will be allowed to take part in the Admission Test. All the candidates in the three thousandth position having equal marks will also be allowed to take part in the Admission Test.

Subjects of Admission Test:

The admission test will be taken on the subjects of Mathematics, General Knowledge and Science, Design and Free-hand Drawing and Written Discussion in English.

Subject-wise distribution of marks in the Admission Test will be as follows:

Part	Subject	Marks
Part I	1. Mathematics	60
	2. General Knowledge & Science	40
Part II	1. Design & Free-hand Drawing	80
	2. Written Discussion in English	20
Total		200

Number of Seats:

The total number of seats in B Arch course is 55 of which 1 seat is reserved for the candidates from Chittagong Hill Tracts and other Tribal Areas of Bangladesh.

(B) Eligibility for Submission of Application for Admission Test in Urban & Regional Planning Dept:

- Candidates must have passed SSC examination of any Education Board of Bangladesh or its equivalent and obtained at least 60% marks on the average or equivalent grades.
- Candidates must have passed HSC examination of any Education Board of Bangladesh or its equivalent and obtained at least 60% marks on the average in the subjects of Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry and minimum of 50% marks in each of these three subjects separately or equivalent grades in these subjects.
- A merit list on the basis of the marks of Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry only of the HSC examination or the equivalent grades in these subjects will be prepared out of which only the first two thousand candidates will be allowed to take part in the Admission Test. All candidates in the two thousandth position having equal marks, will also be allowed to take part in the Admission Test.

Number of Seats: The total number of seats is 30

Subjects of Admission Test:

Subject-wise distribution of marks of Admission Test will be as follows:

Subject	Marks
Mathematics	100
Physics	100
Chemistry	100
General Knowledge (Bangladesh related)	100
Functional English & Written Discussion	100
Total	500

For all faculties

Candidates from Tribal Areas must submit certificates from the Principal of the College from which they passed HSC examination or first class gazetted Officer or the Chairman of local union parishad and must indicate in the Application Form that they belong to Tribal Area. Candidates for these reserved seats must also fulfill the minimum qualification requirements for the Test. There will be no separate Admission Test for the reserved seats for tribal students.

The Schedule for Admission Test:

Time-Schedule for Admission Test	All Engineering Departments	Architecture Department	Urban & Regional Planning
a) Last date of submission of application either directly or by post	Sunday 2nd February, 1997 3 PM	Sunday 2nd February, 1997 3 PM	Sunday 2nd February, 1997 3 PM
b) Date of publication of list of eligible candidates selected for Admission Test	Tuesday 18th February, 1997	Tuesday 18th February, 1997	Tuesday 18th February, 1997
c) Date and Time of Admission Test	Saturday 8th March, 1997 9 AM to 12 Noon	Sunday 9th March, 1997 9 AM to 12 Noon (both parts)	Monday 10th March, 1997 9 AM to 12 Noon
d) Date of declaration of the names of the selected candidates for Admission	Sunday 23rd March, 1997	Sunday 23rd March, 1997	Sunday 23rd March, 1997

Procedure for Submission of Applications (All Faculties):

Application form and prospectus explaining details of submission procedure may be obtained directly from the Registrar's Office on Cash payment of Tk 200/- (Two hundred) or by sending Pay Order/Bank Draft of Tk 200/- only in favour of Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology drawn on Sonali Bank in any Branch in Dhaka City along with a 255x115 mm or 10x4 inch self addressed envelope with postal stamps of Tk 10/- (Ten) only.

Admission forms for Engineering, Architecture and Urban & Regional Planning are separate. Candidates who want to get it by post must clearly mention the exact Admission form they need.

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NOTICE OF THE 8TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the 8th Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at Hotel Agrabad, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong on Thursday the 20th March 1997 at 10.00 A. M. to transact the following business:

- To confirm the minutes of the 7th Annual General Meeting held on 12th March, 1996.
- To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1996 and reports of the Auditors and the Directors thereon.
- To declare and approve dividend and issue of Bonus Share for the year 1995-96
- To elect/nominate Directors.
- To appoint Auditors for the year 1996-97 and to fix their remuneration.
- To transact any other business of the Company with the permission of the Chair.

By order of the Board of
Directors

Sd/-
(M. A. KALAM, FCA)
SECRETARY

Dated: Chittagong the
2nd January 1997

NOTES:

- Share transfer books of the Company will remain closed from 1st March 1997 to 20th March 1997 (both days inclusive). During that period, no share transfer shall be effected.
- A shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the General Meeting may appoint a Proxy in his stead. Such proxy must be a shareholder of the Company. The proxy Form must be affixed with a revenue stamp of Tk. 4.00 and should be deposited at the Liaison Office of the Company not later than 48 (fourty eight) hours before the time fixed for the meeting. Otherwise, the Proxy will not be treated as valid.
- Three directors will be elected at the Meeting from amongst the shareholders. Those, willing to contest for the post, are requested to submit nomination paper in Company's prescribed form to the Company Secretary at the Registered Office at least 7 (seven) days before the Meeting i. e. by 10.00 A. M. of 13th March, 1997. Otherwise, nomination paper will not be accepted.
- The shareholders are requested to notify change of address if any to the company in writing at the liaison office of the company.