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## BOU BEd first semester exam postponed

**By Staff Correspondent**  
The BEd first semester exams (essay) of the 1996 batch of Bangladesh Open University (BOU) have been postponed for ten days from today (Sunday). The exams are now scheduled to begin on January 28 and will continue throughout February with two exams a week, sources at the University said yesterday.

The decision was taken after talks between the Vice Chancellor of the BOU and representatives of the examinees. They were demonstrating in front of the VC's office yesterday to re-assert their demands.

The advisor, Information and Press Relations of the BOU Moinuddin Ahmed, talking to The Daily Star said the detailed examination schedule would be announced shortly.

Meanwhile, "For 92 to 95 batches exams (Objective) will be held as per schedule and the schedule of the third semester exams of 95 batch will also remain unchanged," Ahmed said.

The university authorities have introduced a grading system where the pass marks has been fixed at 50. In the past the pass mark was 36. "This is unfair," said an examinee adding that exams were also scheduled without any gap between two exams. "We are all teachers appearing in the exams if we are not given time between the exams, our schools will have to be closed," said a BEd examinee from Narayanganj.

Asked about the demands of the examinees, Ahmed said the authorities have favourably considered the demands.

## Dhaka Electric Supply Authority

Ref No.CA (Computer)/DESA/AC-5/97/362

### Tender Notice

Sealed tenders in PDB's T-2 form are invited from bonafide importers/suppliers & DESA PDB enlisted contractors for supply of Pre-Printed Billing Form (perforated fanfold contiguous sheet) size 15"X11" in foreign superior quality offset paper 60 GSM with DESA monogram as per LT/LTI/HT sample. Total cost of the work is Tk 1,02,000/= (one lakh two thousand) only. Tender schedule can be purchased from the office of the undersigned & General Manager, Consumer Service (North), DESA, 75, Kakrail subject to payment of Tk 200/= (two hundred) only in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of Additional Director (AC), ZAO, DESA, during office hours up to 28-01-97 and the tenders will be received in the tender box kept at both the offices up to 12-30 PM of 29-01-97 & opened on the same day at 1-00 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason. It may be noted that if, under any circumstance, the offices remain closed on the said date, then the tenders will be received & opened on the next working day.

**Engr Md Abul Basar**  
Executive Engineer  
Addl Director (Sys Ana)  
Computer  
DESA, 80, Mohakhali, Dhaka

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## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Facilities Department Ministry of Education Comilla Zone, Comilla

### Tender Corrigendum Notice

Notice No. 01/07/Tender/Corrigendum/FD(CZ)/96-97 Dated: 08-01-97  
The undermentioned educational institution is hereby added to the description of work (group list) in para (A) of the Tender Notice invited vide this Office Tender Notice No. 07/SEP/D&R/FD(CZ)/96-97 dated 30-12-96. This will be treated as additional to the list stated in the advertisement. All other rules & regulations stated in the advertisement will remain unchanged.

Group No.	Name of district	Name of thana	Name of Educational institution	Category of project
13	Comilla	Chouddagram	Padua Sufia Rahman High School	GOB-9

Last date of purchasing tender is 30-1-97 (during office hours).

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**Md. Fazlur Rahman**  
Executive Engineer  
Facilities Department  
Comilla Zone, Comilla

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Local Government Engineering Directorate Habiganj

Memo No: LGED/EE/Habi/Pri-11/96/3029 Dated: 31-12-96

### LGED, Habiganj Tender Notice No 19/96-97

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 with additional terms & conditions attached to the schedule are invited from LGED enlisted contractors and all pre-qualified contractors/contractor firms under LGED for the works of the undermentioned schemes undertaken in Habiganj district for implementation during 1996-97 financial year under the project Priority Basis Construction of Road, Bridge/Culvert (including flood-damaged infrastructure) in Rural Area.

- Tenders can be purchased at the prescribed rate (non-refundable) on production of contractor's licence renewed for 1996-97, from the office of the Project Director, Priority Basis Project, LGED Building, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, and office of the Divisional Commissioner, LGED, Sylhet and office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Sylhet/Sunamganj/Moulvibazar and offices of all Thana Engineers under this district as well as the office of the undersigned up to 28-01-97 during office hours.
- Tender documents can be submitted in the tender box kept at the office of the Project Director, Priority Basis Project, LGED, Head Office, Dhaka and office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Sylhet/Sunamganj/Moulvibazar and office of the Divisional Commissioner, LGED, Sylhet and offices of all Thana Engineers under this district as well as the office of the undersigned up to 1-00 PM of 29-01-97 and the tenders will be opened on 30-01-97 at 1:15 PM before the tenderers (if any) present.
- 25% of the estimated cost as earnest money should be submitted with the tender through Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Habiganj.
- Income Tax and Value Added Tax are deductible as per government decision.
- Items Tax, Analysis and other charges as mentioned in the tender quoting rate more than 5 (five) per cent above the estimated cost shall be treated as cancelled.
- Tender will be treated as cancelled outright if quoted rate is more than 5 (five) per cent below the estimated cost.
- Work schedule should be submitted with the tender. Tender submitted without work schedule will be treated as cancelled outright.
- Rate in overall percentage on estimated cost as well as rate above/at par/below should be mentioned in figures & words at the specified space in tender. There should be no erasing/overwriting in writing rate. Such tender will be treated as cancelled outright.
- The quantity of materials under different heads shown in the LGED's rate analysis should be treated as final in works of different items.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason.

#### Schedule of work

Group No.	Name of scheme	Estimated cost (in lakh Taka)	Price of schedule	Time limit for completion of work	Class of contractors
01	Development of Goplarbazar-Jamalshuvo Gram: Kushi Road.	15.00	500/-	90 days	Special A & B class
02	Development of Goplarbazar-Banglabazar Road.	15.00	500/-	90 days	-do-
03	Development of Imambaribazar-Burinaobazar Road.	15.00	500/-	90 days	-do-
04	Development of Deopara Satak Road.	10.00	300/-	90 days	All class
05	Development of Lukra Madna Road.	10.00	300/-	90 days	-do-
06	Development of Habiganj-Lakhal Road to Richigram Road.	10.00	300/-	90 days	-do-
07	Development of Chalitatala-Baktarpur Road.	10.00	300/-	90 days	-do-
08	Development of Bahubal-Madhupur Road.	10.00	300/-	90 days	-do-
09	Development of Ganiganjbarzar to Sharif Uddin Road via the Mazar of Late Sharif Uddin Ahmed MP.	15.00	500/-	90 days	Special A & B class
10	Development of Ganiganjbarzar to 5/6 No Bazar Road via L-R Govt High School.	15.00	500/-	90 days	-do-
11	Development of Habiganj-Baniachang RHD to Hospital.	15.00	500/-	90 days	-do-
12	Development of Barabazar to Govt Girls' High School Road.	10.00	300/-	90 days	All class
13	Development of Azmiriganjbarzar Nagar Govt Primary School-Gudaraghat Road.	15.00	500/-	90 days	Special A & B class
14	Development of Shukrabari Bridge to ABC Road.	10.00	300/-	90 days	All class
15	Development of Chunarughat-Satiajuri Road.	15.00	500/-	90 days	Special A & B class

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**Md Khalilur Rahman**  
Executive Engineer  
LGED, Habiganj



Jong Kyoo Byun (R), Ambassador of the Republic of Korea in Dhaka, handed over one hundred and twenty pieces of jogging suits to Md Golam Mustafa, Officer-in-charge of Gulshan Police Station, for the use of police personnel of the station, in the city recently.

## City transportation system

### WB report suggests more large unit, faster vehicles to ease congestion

Mass transit system (MTS) in the city is becoming acute day by day due to gradual shifting of mode of transportation from large-unit vehicles to small-unit vehicles, like rickshaws and auto-rickshaws, reports BSS.

Travelling in the city, with more than 85 million people, has become costlier in the absence of mass transportation network like underground train or trolley bus, and with gradual reduction in buses from the city roads.

This phenomenon in the city transportation system, along with road inter-sections within short distances, even on primary roads, has been contributing to traffic congestion of alarming dimension.

According to a World Bank appraisal of city transportation system and traffic congestion, there are about 1,60,000 motorised vehicles in the city, which include 80,000 cars, 40,000 auto-rickshaws, 16,000 trucks, 1,500 buses and more than three lakh non-motorised vehicles (NMV).

The city has about 2,000

kilometres of road, which include primary roads, secondary roads and side streets.

Of the buses plying the city roads, only 350 have 50-seat capacity 50 are double-decker buses while the rest are mini-buses with 30 seats.

World Bank estimated the present demand of large buses is at 4,000, against the present availability of only 1,500, majority of which are small-sized mini-buses. Out of the available buses, only 1,100 ply on city roads in a day.

The estimate said out of the total travelling public, only one-fifth uses buses. Buses utilise only 4.4 per cent of city roads, it added.

On the other hand, rickshaws carry 48 per cent of the travelling public a day, utilising 48 per cent of the city roads.

Meanwhile, the number of auto-rickshaws which was below 18,000 in 1982, increased to over 45,000 by 1996, due to unplanned city transportation system.

According to automobile experts, these auto-rickshaws, which use a mixture of petroleum and engine oil in

their two stroke engine, are considered hazardous to health as they emit carbon monoxide.

In most of the big cities where population density is high, these two-stroke engine auto-rickshaws have been banned from plying the city roads for the sake of public health and also for safety of traffic.

The World Bank report suggested enhancing the number of large unit vehicles in the city transportation system for a more cost effective and efficient transportation system.

It also suggested introduction of faster vehicles on the primary roads discontinuing slower vehicles, and reduction of as many road intersections as possible on primary roads to ease city traffic.

Under Dhaka Integrated Transport System, the study suggested road fly-overs in important road inter-sections, at least in four points of the metropolis to ease traffic congestion.

Steps to construct road fly-overs in the city was initiated in 1989, but the project was discontinued in 1991.

## HERE and THERE

### BPWC election

Business and Professional Women's Club (BPWC) Dhaka North west held its biennial general meeting and election in the city Friday. A 13-member executive committee was elected for a two-year term with Rasheda Akhter Khanam and Ferdoushi Sultana as its president and general secretary respectively. Other office-bearers are: Prof Jahanara Huq and Syeda Rawshan Kader - vice presidents, Momena Khatun - joint secretary, Syeda Jamila Saleh - treasurer, Prof Latifa Akhand, Rasheda Amin, Johara Rahman, Shamsujjahan, Nurjahan Alam, Dr Habiba Khatun and Dilara Kibria - members.

### Uttara Sector-6 Welfare Assoc

A nine-member executive committee of Uttara Sector-6 Welfare Association was elected unanimously at a meeting held on Friday. Khandakar Mosharraf Hossain and Amanullah Khan were elected president and senior vice president respectively. Other elected members are: Vice president - Shafiqul Alam Bhuiyan, general secretary - Qazi Golam Mostafa, joint secretary - M Monowar Hossain, treasurer - Babu Swapna Kumar Roy, organising and publicity secretary - Dewan M Yusuf, women and youth affairs secretary - Mahmuda Bashir and sports and cultural affairs secretary - M Iqbal Bhuiyan.

### DUJ, Dainik Bangla unit

The Dainik Bangla Unit of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) yesterday pledged its total support to the Times-Bangla Trust if it should take any legal measure against the corruption, irregularities and misuse of power in the daily before the re-

### Parliamentary commission on minorities demanded

**By Staff Correspondent**  
Bangladesh Hindu-Buddhism-Christian Oikya Parishad, an organisation of the minorities of the country, has demanded formulation of a 'Parliamentary Commission on Minorities' to find out the reasons of migration of minority population and resolving this issue, say a press release.

In an extended meeting of the parishad, speakers have demanded elimination of 'long persistent' communal oppression, discrimination against the minority people. They have demanded cancellation of the 'Enemy (Vested) Property Act' soon.

The meeting which chaired by Major General (Rtd) CR Dutta was also addressed, among others by, Srmat Bodhipal Mohathoro, Sudangshu Shekhar Halder, Panchanan Biswas MP, Dr Lalit Mohan Nath, Dr Nim Chandra Bhanumik, Christopher Gomez.

The leaders of the organisation urged the government to form a 'Minority Rights Implementation Council' to speed up the solutions of the socio-political problems of minority population.

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### BOU seminar

A seminar on Pollution Prevention and Environmental Management System sponsored jointly by the University of Texas at Austin and School of Education of Bangladesh Open University was held at Gazipur Wednesday, says a press release.

Dr Jobaid Kabir and Dr Nadira Kabir of Texas University presented keynote papers at the seminar. Vice-chancellor of BOU Dr M Aminul Islam presided over it. Other who spoke at the seminar were Dr Anwar Hossain (Treasurer), Monjur-E-Khuda Tarafdar (Registrar), Dr Ferdousi Begum (Lecturer) and Mohammad Emranul Haque (Lecturer).

### Nat'l Assoc of UNESCO Clubs

Speakers at a discussion laid emphasis on motivating people to give up smoking for the sake of good health.

The National Association of UNESCO Clubs in Bangladesh arranged a discussion on "smoking injurious to health" in the city Friday with Mahabubuddin Chowdhury, secretary general, National Association of UNESCO Clubs in Bangladesh in the chair.

The discussion was also addressed, among others, by M Enayetur Rahman, Prof. Masud M Rashid Chowdhury and Dr Kanta Chowdhury.

### Reception

Minister for Shipping ASM Abdur Rab yesterday laid stress on working unitedly to implement the development programmes through proper planning, reports BSS.

Speaking at a reception accorded to the newly appointed deputy minister for shipping Dhirendra Dev Nath Shambu at the ministry Rab said development could not be achieved without proper planning.

The minister also called for the formulation of shipping policies to make the shipping sector more dynamic.

### Tipu made JASAS vice president

**By Staff Correspondent**  
Zahirul Islam Tipu has been made vice president of the national executive committee of the Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Samajik Sanskritik Sangstha (JASAS), a cultural wing of BNP, said a press release of JASAS.

### Obituary

Dr M Abdul Ghani Gazi, Ex-Associate Professor of Anaesthesia, Dhaka Medical College and Chittagong Medical College, died on Jan 16, at 1:00 pm of brain hemorrhage. He was 70, says a press release.

He was buried at his ancestral village graveyard. He has left behind his wife, four sons and a daughter and many relatives to mourn his death. His quikhuani will be held after Asr prayers tomorrow at his residence at 670A Dhanmondi, Rd No. 32.

## Directive to start operations of 5 new digital exchanges

Minister for Posts and Telecommunications Mohammad Nasim yesterday directed the T and T Board to start operations of the new digital telephone exchanges in Khulna, Barisal, Brahmanbaria, Bogra and Kushtia districts by February 28, reports BSS.

He was evaluating the progress of some projects of the Postal Services and the T and T Board in the conference room of the ministry.

Secretary of the Post and Telecommunications Ministry, Mahboob Kabir, BTB Chairman M H Chowdhury and Director General of the Postal Services M B Zaman attended the meeting.

The meeting revealed that the government had established these five digital telephone exchanges with its own resources.

## Bangladesh cultural team visits Shenzhen

The Bangladesh cultural delegation, led by Obaidul Quader, State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs, arrived in Shenzhen on Friday from Beijing, reports BSS.

The team was received at the airport by Su Weiguang, Director of Cultural Bureau of Shenzhen.

Song Zhiwang, Secretary General of Shenzhen Municipal Government hosted a banquet in honour of the Bangladesh minister and members of his delegation.

During his talks with the Bangladesh minister, Song Zhiwang reiterated the existing friendship between the two countries.

The host briefed Quader on the history and the achievements of Shenzhen as a manufacturing power house since economic reform was initiated in 1979.

The delegation member - Syed Shamsul Haque, Syed Hasan Imam, Hashem Khan and Asaduzzaman Noor, were introduced to the host.

The meeting was informed that annual development programme (ADP) had allocated Taka 380.60 crore for the eleven projects of BTB, out of which Tk 19.68 crore would be spent as project aid.

The major projects will include telephone system development of greater Dhaka (2nd phase), digital exchanges in Chittagong with 30,000 lines, inauguration of BTB computer centre and introduction of data communication system in BTB high-powered optical fibre connection between Dhaka and Chittagong and establishment of two lakh new digital telephone connections in Dhaka and other five districts.

The postal authorities will construct nine new towns sub-post offices in the four metropolitan cities while it will carry out another seven development projects to improve postal services.

The minister directed the officials concerned to utilise allocated money properly and finish project work within the stipulated time.

## Ctg Mayor exchanges views with newsmen

CHITTAGONG, Jan 18: Chittagong City Mayor A BM Mahiuddin Chowdhury today warned that strict measures would be taken against the terrorists if they do not rectify themselves at the response of his call, reports BSS.

Exchanging views with the journalists at the city corporation conference room here the mayor said the 30 lakh city dwellers remained hostage at the hands of some terrorists and as such life become unbearable. Criminal activities are rising sharply in the city, he added.

Referring to the present government's firm determination of wiping out terrorism from society, Mahiuddin Chowdhury urged people of all strata to launch social movement against terrorism in order to turn the city into a suitable place for foreign investment as well as focal point of all economic activities of the country.

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### Tender Notice

Sealed tenders subject to the undermentioned terms & conditions are invited from the bonafide Book Traders, Importers and Suppliers for purchasing new edition medical books for the Library of the National Institute of Ophthalmology & Hospital during 1996-97 financial year.

- Prescribed tender schedule for books can be collected for Tk 400/= (four hundred) in cash (non-refundable) each from the Cashier of this Office during office hours up to 2:30 PM from 20/01/97 to 29/01/97.
- A Bank Draft of Tk 2000/= (two thousand) (refundable) should be submitted with each tender schedule as earnest money in favour of the Director & Professor of this Institute.
- All the books should be supplied to the Chairman of the Library Committee of this Institute on own expense within 30 (thirty) days of receiving work order for supplying books.
- Quoted rate should be written distinctly in figures & words for each item of the tender. There must not be any kind of erasing or overwriting etc.
- Earnest money will be treated as forfeited if the tenderer fails to supply books within the time mentioned in the work order.
- Bonafide Book Traders, Importers and Suppliers must submit attested photocopies of their current year Income Tax Certificate and Trade Licence with the tender.
- Sealed tenders with Bank Draft as per the stated terms & conditions of the tender schedule can be dropped in the tender box kept at the office chamber of the Director and Professor of the Institute by 12:00 Noon of 30/01/97 and the tenders will be opened on the same day at the office chamber of the undersigned at 12:01 PM before the members of the tender committee and the tenderers (if any) present.

The authority of this Institute reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason.  
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**Professor Syed Modasser Ali**  
Director & Professor

## Weather

### Dry weather likely

Mild cold wave may sweep over Rajshahi division and the regions of Kushtia and Srimangal in next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Dry weather is likely to prevail elsewhere over the country during the period. Met office said adding that night temperature may fall by 1-2 degree Celsius.

Country's lowest temperature which came down to 6 degree Celsius was recorded at Dinajpur and the highest 27 degrees at Teknaf.

The sun sets today at 5:36 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:43 am. Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	max	min	morning	evening
Dhaka	25.5	09.2	55	64
Chittagong	25.7	13.5	80	80
Rajshahi	24.3	06.4	73	50
Khulna	25.0	09.0	74	49
Barisal	25.4	09.6	66	-
Sylhet	25.4	11.0	65	52
Cox's Bazar	26.0	16.0	80	66