

SC stays operation of HC verdict on homeopathy board

The Supreme Court has stayed a High Court verdict that declared illegal the cancellation of the Bangladesh Homeopathy Board by an official circular, reports UNB.

The order staying the operation of the HC verdict for six weeks was passed on Thursday on a civil miscellaneous petition filed with the Appellate Division, court sources said.

The Health Ministry cancelled the Bangladesh Homeopathy Board on October 24 through an official notification and appointed a deputy secretary of the ministry as interim administrator of the board.

Chairman of the cancelled board Prof Dr Badrul Alam filed a writ with the High Court challenging the legality of the order and the court stayed the operation of the official directive.

After hearings, the High Court Division on January 22 gave the verdict stating the official directive as illegal.

Hasina hosts iftar party

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina hosted an iftar party for local people, destitutes, and the Awami League leaders and workers at her ancestral home in Tungipara, Gopalganj yesterday, reports UNB.

Hundreds of people attended the *milad* and prayed to the Almighty seeking divine blessing for Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, his family members and others killed in the August 15, 1975.

They also prayed for the four national leaders killed in jail in November 1975, martyrs of the 1971 War of Liberation and those who laid their lives for democracy during the last movement.

Divine blessings were also sought for the victims of the January 24 mass killing in Chittagong in 1988.

Sheikh Fazlul Karim Salim MP, Sheikh Helaluddin MP, Faruk Khan MP, and local Awami League leaders Abdullah Mia, Abu Mia, Kabir Hossain and ASM Kamal were, among others, present on the occasion.

Garment workers urged to form committee to realise Eid bonus

President of Bangladesh Combined Garments Workers and Employees League Sirajul Islam has called upon the garment workers all over the country, including the capital, to form a committee to realise Eid bonus and outstanding salaries, reports UNB.

He was addressing a meeting at the Bangabandhu Avenue office of Garments Sramik League yesterday.

The meeting was attended by the workers, representatives of Garment factories in Tejgaon, Mirpur, Gulshan, Banani, Badda, Postgola, Jatrabari, Dhanmondi, Hatirpool, Motijheel, Malibagh, Rampura, Lalbagh, Tongi, Uttara and Gazipur areas.

Sirajul Islam said that in most cases, owners were not paying the outstanding dues, including salaries and overtime bills to the workers.

Russian FM greets Samad Azad

Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov yesterday felicitated Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad on the occasion of 25th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries, reports UNB.

In a message of felicitation, the Russian foreign minister hoped that the traditional relationship of friendship and understanding that exist between Russia and Bangladesh would be developed further in the years to come.

Bangladesh Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad also sent a message of greetings to his Russian counterpart, recalling the day 25 years ago when the two countries had exchanged note establishing diplomatic ties at ambassadorial level.

"I would like to recall, with profound gratitude, the political and moral support extended by the government and the people of former Soviet Union during our Liberation War in 1971. We in Bangladesh greatly value for relationship with Russia."

FM hosts iftar party

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad yesterday hosted an iftar party for the diplomats of the Muslim countries stationed in Dhaka at the state guest house Padma, reports BSS.

The ambassadors and high commissioners of different Muslim countries including Malaysia, Indonesia and United Arab Emirates attended the iftar.

State Minister of Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, State Minister for Information Prof. Abu Sayeed, Mayor of Dhaka Mohammad Hanif MP, foreign secretary Farooq Sobhan, senior officials of foreign ministry, industrialists and intellectuals were also present.

Pass marks of BOU exam fixed at 36%

Pass marks of B Ed examinees of the Bangladesh Open University (BOU) admitted in 1995 and 96 has been fixed at 36 per cent in place 50 per cent, says a press release.

The decision was taken at an emergency meeting of the Academic Council of the University in the city yesterday. As announced earlier, the examination will resume January 28. Detailed schedule of the examination will be available through newspapers, BOU radio-television programmes, Regional Resource Centres and examination centres.

Examinees of those centres where examination could not be held as per schedule, will be informed of their new examination dates later on.

What's on today . . .

Rotary Club of Dhaka Central: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Rotary Centre, 7-13, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 3:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Capital: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Officers' Club, 26 Baily Road. Time: 5:30 pm.

Certificate awarding: The certificate awarding ceremony on Human Rights Training Programme for lawyers will be held. Venue: Conference room, Bangladesh Bar Council, Ramna. Time: 4 pm.

BML discussion: The Bangladesh Muslim League has arranged a discussion meeting on the occasion of the 15th death anniversary of noted parliamentarian and ex-president of the party Khan A Sabur. Venue: Bangladesh Photojournalist Association auditorium, 58/1-A, Purana Falta. Time: 4 pm.

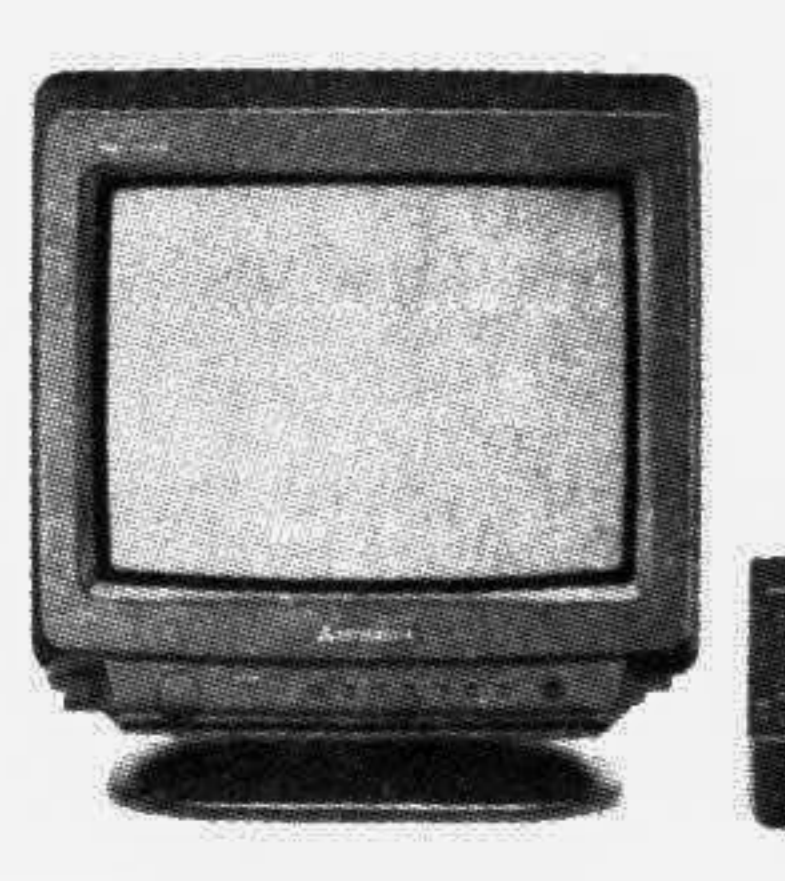
Sculptures exhibition: The fourth solo exhibition of sculptures by Ferdousi Priyabhashini will open. Venue: Shilpakala Academy. Time: 3:30 pm.

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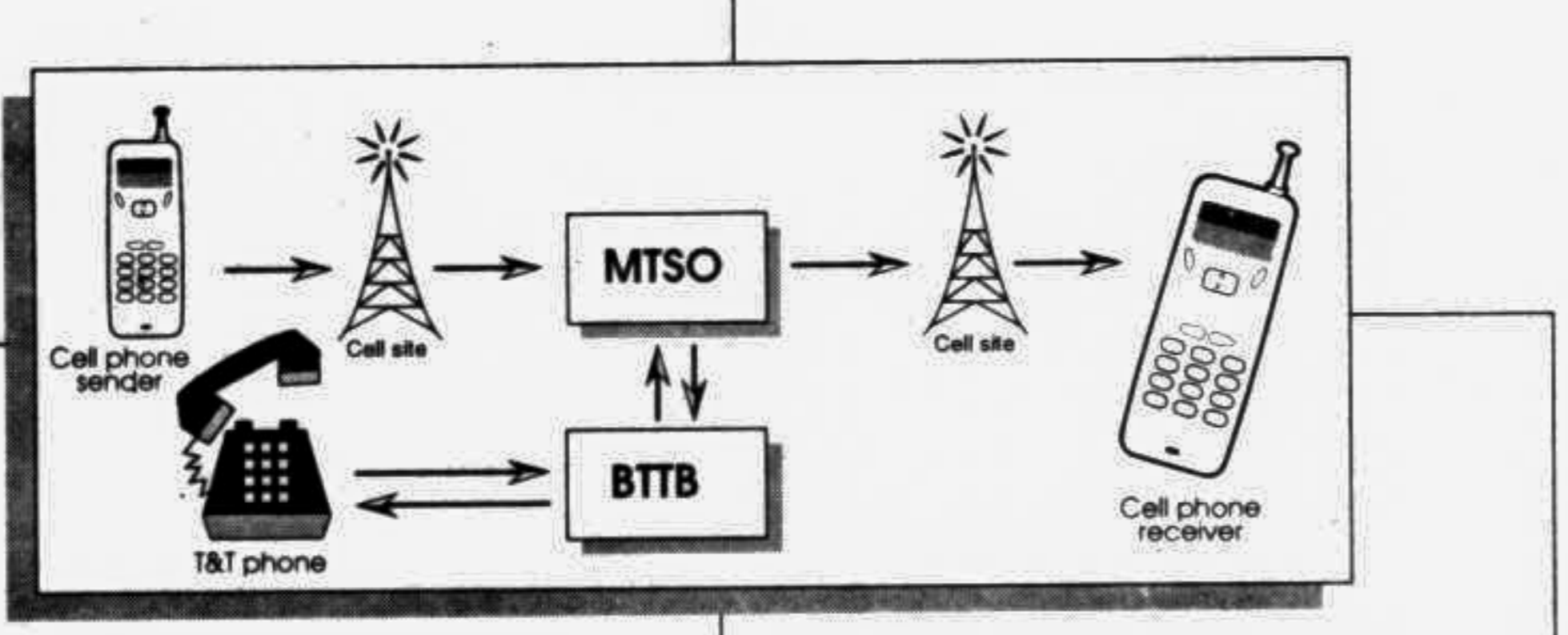
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PWD 2nd Corrigendum Notice Inviting Tenders

Due to unavoidable circumstances the undermentioned corrigendum has been made to the Notice inviting tender circulated vide this office Memo No 3748/1-9(40) dated 21-12-96 and 153 dt 13-1-97 published in the daily newspapers Vide Tender No 115 of 1996-97. Except undermentioned corrigendum all other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

Name of work	Revised date and time of lottery
Construction of ground floor of Barrack Building having 6 (six) storied foundation for 400 (four hundred) Police Forces accommodation at Rajarbagh Police Line, Dhaka (Civil, Sanitary & Electrical Works).	25-1-97 at 11-00 AM instead of 20-1-97 at 11-00 AM.

Md Shahidul Islam
Executive Engineer
Dhaka PWD Division-1
15, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka

DFP-1755-22/1
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Tender Notice

Memo No 98 Dated: 19-1-97/6-10-1403

The Tender Notice No 24-EE/RRD/1996-97 for the following work duly circulated vide this office Memo No 51 dt 7-1-97 is hereby cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances.

Name of work : Construction of 20'-0" (6.10 M) span 3.66 height (12'-0") RCC box culvert and repairing & maintenance of culvert and pipe culvert at diff KM of Sadullapur-Pirgonj-Nababgonj (Madargonj-Pirgonj-Jaintapur portion) under Road Division, Rangpur during the year 1996-97. In 2 (two) groups.

He is, therefore, requested to publish the cancellation notice in the National Daily Newspapers both in English and Bengali.

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Road Division, Rangpur

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