Bangla Academy discussion: On the 4th day of a discussion programme organised by the Academy commemorating Amar Ekushey. Dr Razia Khan will give a talk. Venue: Academy premises. Time: 11 am.

Sandhani: In observance of its 20th founding anniversary. Sandhani, a voluntary organisation of medical students, has arranged a discussion meeting. Venue: Conference room, Dhaka Medical College. Time: 4 pm.

UNAB: The United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB) will hold a discussion in support of the first-ever world micro-credit summit being held in Washington. Venue: Office of the association.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Midtown: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: House No 88/C, Road No 13/A Banani. Time: 4.30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka South: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Hotel Kastury, Bijoy Nagar. Time 4.30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka North-West: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: 42, Siddeshwari Road. Cristal Garden. Time: 5 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 4:30 pm.

Inter-services girat contest

The inter-services qirat and azan competitions got underway at the Sailors' Colony Mosque at Dhaka Cantonment under the aegis of the Bangladesh Navy yesterday morning, says a press release.

About 50 garies belonging to Bangladesh Army, Navy and Air Force are taking part in the two-day meet, conducted by Mufti Noor Uddin of the Islamic Foundation.

Chief of the Naval Staff. Rear Admiral Mohammad Nurul Islam, inaugurated the meet as the chief guest.

LDF calls for probe into press report on Ershad's money in BCCI

Left Democratic Front (LDF) has called for probe into the press report that former military ruler H M Ershad during his rule had deposited several crore taka at the BCCI Bank, a defunct financial institution, reports UNB.

In a statement yesterday, the LDF central executive council demanded of the government to come up with a clear-cut stand over the statement made by a former BCCI stalwart.

Qul Khwani



Qul Khwani of Late Faizul Huda will be held today (Wednesday). Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend a milad organised on the occasion after Asar prayers at 66 Shantinagar residence of the deceased.

A milad mahfil will also be held after Asar prayers Thursday at 43 Fakirapool residence of the deceased.



বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ে/পশ্চিম

তিতুমীর আন্তঃনগর ট্রেন রাজশাহী-চিলাহাটি রুটে চলাচল সম্পর্কিত জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

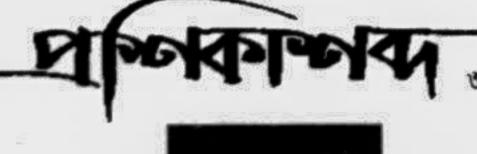
বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ে পশ্চিম জোন আনন্দের সাথে জানাচ্ছে আন্তঃনগর তিত্মীর টেনটি আগামী ৪ঠা ফেব্রুয়ারী ১৯৯৭ইং তারিখ থেকে রাজশাহী-নীলফামারীর পরিবর্তে রাজশাহী-চিলাহাটির মধ্যে নিম্নোক্ত সময়সূচী অনুযায়ী চলাচল করবেঃ-

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- ১টা ৪৫ মিনিটে * চিলাহাটি ছাড়বেঃ দুপুর २ है। ३० मिनिए
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Visitors at the World Press Photo '96 exhibition at the -Star photo Drik Gallery yesterday.

'Arsenic problem can be resolved thru' planned actions'

World Health Organisation (WHO) representative in Dhaka, Dr Wit Hardjotanoj yesterday said that despite being a major health issue, the arsenic problem in Bangladesh could be resolved through carefully planned actions, reports BSS.

"It is a burning problem which became intensified over a long period, creating panic among the people. There are ways to resolve it and what is needed is carefully planned actions," the WHO representative said while speaking at a press conference at a city hotel.

He said, although, the extent of the problem was yet to be determined, the number of people at risk could well be much less than the figures of 30 or 50 million being quoted by some unofficial sources.

The WHO representative, however, suggested promotion of surface water usage as the arsenic originated from the use of ground water, and also for environmental reasons. "You have great sources of

surface water. Promote the use of surface water instead of ground water to avoid diseases caused by arsenic contamination and check environmental imbalances," he said.

He also referred to some studies which suggest that the use of arsenic contaminated waters for irrigation might reduce paddy production from 20 to 30 per cent.

Dr Hardjotanoj said WHO had already taken steps to assist the Bangladesh government in addressing the problem.

Currently, the effectiveness of household arsenic removal "candle filters" are being field tested in the badly affected areas, and are being evaluated by the government's Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) with WHO support, he

The WHO representative told the reporters that his organisation had also provided necessary chemicals and supplies to the PHED to analyse water samples for arsenic content.

WHO expert Alex Redcopp, programme officer Brig (Retd) AQM Hafiz and field programme officer Mohammad Mofazzal Hoque and consultant Sabir Mostafa also spoke on the occasion.

HC issues contempt rule on 2 Edn Ministry engrs

By SC Correspondent

The High Court yesterday issued a contempt rule upon S S M A Mannan, Chief Engineer, Facilities Department, Ministry of Education, and M A M Shamim Iqbal, Executive Engineer, Rajshahi Zone, to show cause within February 25 as to why they should not be punished for committing contempt of court.

The division bench of the HC comprising Justice Md Mozammel Hoque and Justice Md Abdul Matin on February 3 ordered stay of all further proceeding of tender for construction of the 5-storied hostel building of Mother Box Home Economics College, Rajshahi.

The court acted upon an application filed by Biswajit Basak, A-1 1st class contractor, under the Facilities Depart-

Advocate Subrata Chowdhury assisted by Advocate Promila Biswas and Gobinda Chandra Tagore moved for the petitioner.

Mallick's death condoled

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday expressed his deep shock at the death of eminent historian, educationist, former Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University and Finance Minister Dr Azizur Rahman Mallick, reports BSS.

In a message of condolence, President Shahabuddin said, late Dr Mallick dedicated his whole life to doing research on history and development of education in the country. His death is a national loss, he UNB adds: Prime Minister

Sheikh Hasina has expressed profound shock at the demise of former Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University Dr Azizur Rahman Mallick.

In a condolence message, she said the nation will always remember late AR Mallick for his outstanding contribution in the Liberation War. Meanwhile, the teachers and

students of Jahangir Nagar University's History Department expressed their condolences at the demise of Dr AR Mallick, Prof Emeritus of the department.



তিতাস গ্যাস ট্রান্সমিশন এড ডিষ্ট্রিবিউশন কোম্পানী লিঃ (পেট্রোবাংলার একটি কোম্পানী)

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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি (২য় আহ্বান)

কোম্পানীর ১৯৯৫ – ৯৬ইং সালের ১.৩ অথবা ১.৪ ক্যাটাগরীতে তালিকাভুক্ত পাইপলাইন নির্মাণকারী ঠিকাদারগণের নিকট হইতে বৃহত্তর তিতাস অধিকারভুক্ত এলাকা গ্যাস বিতরণ প্রকল্প ফেজ – ৩(৯৬ – ৯৭) এর আওতাধীন নিম্নবর্ণিত প্রকল্পের পাইপলাইন নির্মাণের জন্য সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছেঃ প্রকল্পের নাম

ঢাকা শহর এলাকা-১ ও ২ (মিরপুর, শ্যামলী, মোহাম্মদপুর, সবুজবাগ, রামপুরা, বাড্ডা, গুলশান, উত্তরা ইত্যাদি এলাকা)

দরপত্রের মূল্য **हो**: 2000/= (অফেরংযোগ্য)

বায়নার টাকা উদ্ধৃত দরের ২.৫% তিতাস গ্যাস টি এভ ডি কোং লিঃ এর অনুকূলে বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের তফসিলভুক্ত যে কোন বাণিজ্যিক ব্যাংক ইইতে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট অথবা পে-অর্ডারের মাধ্যমে দরপত্রের সহিত অবশ্যই জমা দিতে হইবে।

০৮-০২-৯৭ ইং তারিখ হইতে ২২-मत्र निन विक्राय ह ০২-৯৭ইং তারিখ সকল কার্য দিবসে সকাল ০৯ ৩০০ টা হইতে দুপুর ১৩ঃ০০ টা পর্যন্ত। ২৩-০২-৯৭ইং তারিখের বেলা দরপত্র গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ঃ

১১৯০০ টা পথন্ত। ২৩-০২-৯৭ইং তারিখের বেলা দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও ঃ ১১৯৩০ ঘটিকা। দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয় (হিসাব বিভাগ), গ্রহণ ও খোলার (সংশ্রিষ্ট বিভাগ)

তিতাস গ্যাস টাঙ্গমিশন এন্ড ডিষ্টিবিউশন কোং লিঃ, ১০৫, কাজী নজকল ইসলাম এতিনিউ, কাওরান বাজার বা/এ, ঢাকা-১২১৫। বাখরাবাদ গ্যাস সিষ্টেম লিঃ, প্রধান কার্যালয় ভবন, চাঁপাপুর, কুমিল্লা। জালালাবাদ গ্যাস ট্রান্সমিশন এভ ডিষ্টিবিউশন সিষ্টেম লিঃ, পাঠানটুলা,

রূপান্তরিত প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাস কোং লিঃ, বি এস ইসি ভবন (৮ম তলা), ১০২, কাজী নজকুল ইসলাম এভিনিউ, কাওরান বাজার বা/এ, ঢাকা-

গ্যাস ট্রান্সমিশন কোং লিঃ, বাড়ী নং-১, রোড নং-১২, সেক্টর-৩, উত্তরা বাংলাদেশ গ্যাস ফিল্ডস কোং লিঃ, কোর্ট রোড, ব্রাহ্মণবাড়িয়া।

বাংলাদেশ পেটোলিয়াম এক্সপ্লোরেশন কোং লিঃ, এইচ বি এফসি ভবন (৯ম তলা), ২২, পুরানা পন্টন, ঢাকা। পেট্রোবাংলা, পেট্রোসেন্টারু, ৩ নং কাওরান বাজার বা/এ, ঢাকা। অন্যান্য তথ্য ও শর্ডাবলীঃ

পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে একই সময় দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলা হইবে। দরপত্র দলিলে অন্যান্য তথ্য প্রদান করা আছে। ইহা ছাড়া প্রয়োজনে নিম্নসাক্ষরকারীর সাথে যোগাযোগ করা যাইতে পারে। ৭.৩। যে কোনরকম দায়-দায়িত গ্রহণ অথবা কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে অত্র

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তিতাস/জনসংযোগ-৮৮/১৬-১৭

World Press Photo '96 opens at Drik

By Staff Correspondent

The World Press Photo '96 exhibition opened at the Drik Gallery in the city yesterday.

Some 250 selected pho-

tographs by nearly 3000 photographers from across the world are on display at the exhibition. Dr Shaheedul Alam, the di-

rector of Drik Gallery, speaking on the occasion. lamented that there were no photo editors in our newspapers and no special awards, like the Ekushey Podok, were given to photographers. He also berated the fact that no calendars published in the country mentioned the name of the photographer. Golam Kashem Daddy, the

first Muslim short story writer of Bangladesh and the country's oldest photographer, speaking at the function, said photographs give pleasure as well as inform people. He regretted that the government gave no assistance to the photogra-

Obaidul Huq, a veteran jour-nalist and the first Muslim of the sub-continent to make a name in cinematography, who was also present, said that photography is a powerful medium. He added that photography is both a science and an art and no newspaper is complete without pictures.

Dr Sitara Parvin, Chairperson, Department of Mass Com-munications and Journalism, DU, addressing the function, reminded the guests that a photograph was worth a thousand

The exhibition, which runs till Feb 19, is an impressive pictorial record of social, political, cultural, scientific and above all, human events worldwide.

Episcopal church of US team meets Shahabuddin

A delegation of Episcopal Church of America, headed by its chief Archbishop Edmond Browings, made a courtesy call on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday morning, reports

Welcoming Browning, the President said moral values of the people should be preserved and kept high over everything in the present day of decadence. Everyone, particularly the religious personalities should ensure that humanity does not degenerate, he observed. Browning thanked the Pres-

ident for receiving him and appreciated his comment on er and peaceful living.

People at grassroots reluctant to go to police to seek

justice, survey says Poor people at the grassroot level are reluctant to go to the thana (police station) to seek justice, reveals a participatory rural appraisal survey report.

According to the report, done

by IDHRB Project research team of the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs most of the villagers of the 20 villages under Araihazar thana, where the survey was carried out, prefer village headmen, local representatives like UP chairmen and members and local MP over thanas due to the formers' easy accessibility to the local poor, low cost of getting justice, speedy procedure and neutrality. Most of the local poor opined that they did not prefer to go the thana because of high expenses.

The IDHRB Project is a Hu-

man Rights Project under the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs. The project is directed by a consultative committee under the leadership of Abdul Matin Khasru, Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs. "We wanted to know how the

poor people at the grassroot define human rights, what they know about it and what they think are their fundamental rights", said KM Haque Kaiser, National Project Coordinator, IDHRB Project, when asked about the objective of the research. "At the end of the day, it's the people at the grassroot who should define and decide", Haque added.

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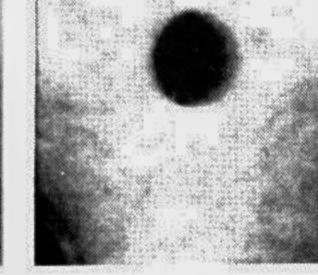
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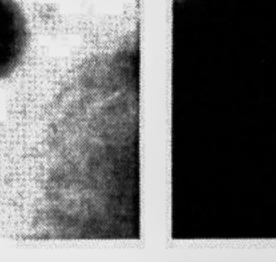
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Secretary General

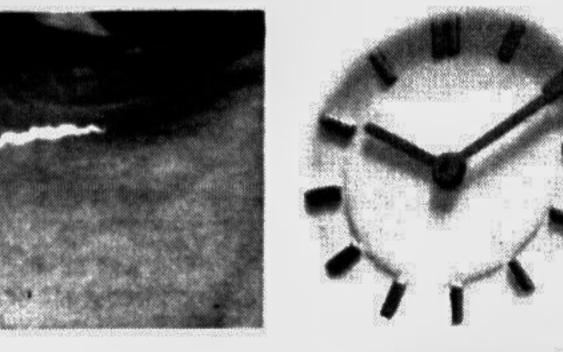




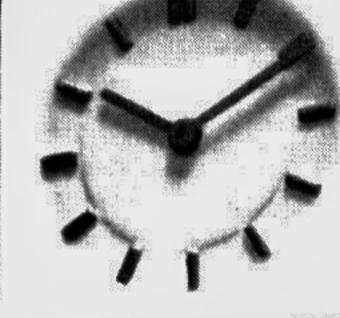




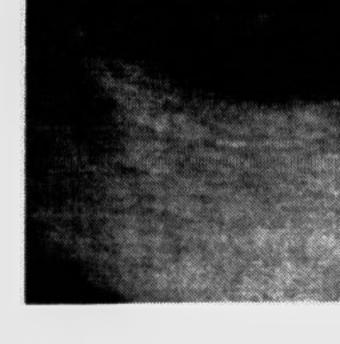


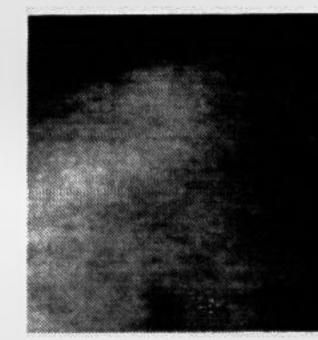


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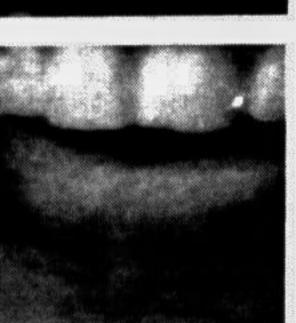












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