

## 93, 224 licensed firearms in country 2 modern jails to be built at Gazipur: JS told

Home Minister Major (ret'd) Rafiqul Islam, Bir Uttam, yesterday informed the Jatiya Sangsad that the government has taken up a plan for the construction of two prisons with modern facilities at Kashimpur under Gazipur district at a cost of Taka 129.42 crore, reports BSS.

In a written reply to a question from Harun-Ar-Rashid Khan Monno (BNP-Manikganj), the Home Minister said the government has also taken up plans and programmes for reconstruction of the existing prisons in the country.

Under the reconstruction programme, the Home Minister said, the government would expedite the reconstruction of 19 district jails at a cost of Tk 188.11 crore.

In the second phase, the government would complete the construction of 12 district jails at a cost of Tk 136.78 crore, the Home Minister said.

Listing the other programmes, the Home Minister said the government would construct 26 new in tin shades in 26 jails, increasing the capacity of prisoners to 3,425.

Besides, the government would execute 29 reconstruction and repair projects with a view to gearing up the security measures of the country's prisons.

The Home Minister said that the government would implement a project at the Dhaka Central Jail at a cost of Tk one crore for the construction of one additional kitchen and separate rooms for the female

and child inmates. The government would also construct separate rooms at a cost of Tk 2.50 crore for the safe custody of women and children at different jails of the country.

He said that in order to improve the standard of food of the prisoners and to ensure timely supply of food, the government would construct one kitchen for every 500 prisoners in the jails.

Meanwhile, the Home Minister yesterday told the Jatiya Sangsad that the total number of licensed firearms across the country is 93,224.

Replying to a question by Awami League member Jaijal Abedin Hazari, the minister said according to the thana-wise statistics, the highest number, 7264, of firearms is in Khulna sadar (metropolitan area) followed by Tejgaon thana in the city, with 6659 firearms.

The lowest, one license only, has been issued at Likkangchhari, Ali Kadam and Banchhi thanas under Bandarban, Panchhari and Khagrachhari districts, each.

According to the statistics, the only thana where no license has been issued is Char Tajuddin under Bhola district.

The district-wise figure shows that Dhaka in the highest position with 22,574 firearms, followed by Khulna with 9336 weapons.

The Bandarban district has been placed in the lowest position with only 30 weapons followed by Bhola with 65 firearms.

## Envoy to Bhutan presents credentials

The newly appointed Bangladesh Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bhutan, Mahmud Haque Chowdhury, has presented his credentials to King Jigme Singye Wangchuk in Thimphu, reports UNB.

The king, while accepting the credentials, expressed his satisfaction about the good and friendly relations existing between the two countries.

He also favoured further expansion of trade and promotion of closer relationship in the fields of education and culture between the two countries.

## New stamps out today

Bangladesh Post Office will issue a set of commemorative postage stamps, of Tk 4 denomination, and a first day cover, valued Tk 6.00, on the occasion of the 50th death anniversary of Paul P Harris today, reports BSS.

## Japan signs grant contracts with 4 NGOs

Japan signed four contracts, totalling 3,03,582 US dollars, of Japanese Grant Assistance for Grass Roots Projects (AGRP) with four non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

The NGOs which will receive the grant include Asia Foundation, World Vision, Pathfinder International and Shapla Neer.

The contracts were signed by Shuhei Takahashi, Minister, Embassy of Japan, on behalf of his government, and Nick Langton, Representative, Asia Foundation's Bangladesh, James Hilton, Executive Director, World Vision of Bangladesh, M Alauddin, Country Representative, Pathfinder International and Makoto Nagahata, Director, Shapla Neer, on behalf of their respective organisations.

The grant assistance to the grass roots projects started in 1989 under Japanese Grant Assistance Scheme to extend grant to non-governmental organisations, directly.



Visitors at the National Flower Exhibition at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the city yesterday. — Star photo

## Envoy to Denmark presents credentials

Ambassador Syed Noor Hossain recently presented his credentials to Queen Margrethe-II of Denmark at Christianborg Palace in Copenhagen, says a press release.

Presenting his credentials, Ambassador Noor Hossain conveyed to the Queen greetings of the President and Prime Minister of Bangladesh. The Queen wished the ambassador success in his assignment and expressed her hope that relations between Denmark and Bangladesh will continue to grow further.

Earlier, the ambassador called on the Minister of Development Cooperation of Denmark, Poul Nielson, and discussed the issues of bilateral cooperation between the two countries. The minister, who is scheduled to pay a visit to Bangladesh from Feb 22 to 27, at the invitation of the finance minister, showed keen interest to discuss the entire gamut of relations between the two countries during his forthcoming visit.

## 4-member Hungarian parliamentary team due today

A four-member Hungarian parliamentary delegation will arrive in the city today on a four day visit to Bangladesh, reports BSS.

The delegation headed by Deputy Speaker of Hungarian parliament, Dr. Maria Korodi, will received at Zia International Airport by Deputy Speaker of Bangladesh Parliament, Md. Abdul Hamid, advocate and other dignitaries.

Other three members of the delegation are Ferenc Juhasz MP, Laszlo Horvath and Mrs. Ildiko Varkonyi.

During their stay in Bangladesh the delegation is expected to call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury, Deputy Speaker Md. Abdul Hamid, advocate, Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia, Minister for Health and Family Welfare Saluddin Yusuf, and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury.

## National Flower Exhibition begins

A three-day National Flower Exhibition organised by Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) began yesterday at the premises of Dhaka International Trade Fair at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the city, reports BSS.

More than 20 nurseries and flower shops have set up 32 stalls in the exhibition where varieties of roses and different seasonal flowers are on display. This is for the second time that such an exhibition is taking place in the country with a view to encouraging growth of flowers as well as their export.

Inaugurating the exhibition Commerce and Industries Minister Totael Ahmed said flowers had now been included as one of the exportable items from Bangladesh.

He said trial export of flowers had already been made to some countries and for the first time from this year flower would be exported on commercial basis.

Speaking on the occasion vice-chairman of EPB Faisal Ahmed Choudhury said there was a good prospect for better quality flowers in the international market.

Director General of EPB and co-ordinator of the exhibition M Akmal Hossain also spoke.

The exhibition will remain open today and tomorrow from 10 am to 5 am.

## NGWF protests Shima's death

The National Garments Workers Federation (NGWF) yesterday term:1 the death of Shima Chowdhury under judicial custody in Chittagong as a pre-planned murder, reports UNB.

The NGWF at a rally, organised to protest the death of garment worker Shima under safe custody, demanded immediate arrest and trial of those responsible for, what it said, the deliberate killing.

Addressing the rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club in the afternoon, the NGWF leaders said after raping Shima under police custody the culprits had tried to identify her as a prostitute.

They further alleged that the culprits killed Shima with the help of the district administration as they thought that they would not be able to pass her off as a prostitute if she was alive.

The NGWF leaders also accused the authorities concerned of not conducting the funeral of Shima as per religious norms in an attempt to block her re-autopsy. They even forged the signature of Shima's mother, they alleged.

The rally was addressed, among others, by NGWF leaders Amirul Haq Amin, Lovely Biswas and Alamgir Kabir, Shabana Rahman presided.

Later, the NGWF workers brought out a procession and paraded different city streets.

## Seminar on health promotion held

A seminar on "communication in disease prevention and health promotion in Bangladesh" was held at the NIFSOM auditorium in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

Minister for Health and Family Welfare Salahuddin Yusuf, addressing the seminar as the chief guest, said nutrition is a pre-requisite for health and development and a basic human right.

Chaired by M Azizur Rahman, Joint Secretary of Health and Family Welfare, the seminar was also addressed, among others, by Muhammad Ali, Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Prof Rezaul Karim, Director, Institute of Nutrition and Food Science, Dr Ottar Hope, University of Bergen and MA Mannan, Secretary, Bangladesh National Nutrition Council.

## Workshop on CBR for disabled begins today

A three-day international workshop on "Project Evaluation of the Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) for the Disabled" begins from today in Manikganj district, reports UNB.

The workshop, jointly organised by Voluntary Health Services Society (VHSS) and International Centre for the Advancement of Community Based Rehabilitation (ICACBR), will be held at Proshika Manabik Unnayan Kendra Centre in Kottla.

VHSS Executive Committee president Mahbubul Karim will preside over the inaugural session.

## Weather

## Night temp may fall

Light rain or thundershower is likely at one or two places over Sylhet division and the regions of Mymensingh and Tangail in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office says weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere across the country.

Slight fall in night temperature is expected throughout the country.

Country's lowest temperature 13.9 degree Celsius was recorded at Rangpur and the highest 30.4 degrees in Dhaka, Madaripur, Khulna and Satkhira.

The sun sets today at 5:55 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:29 am. Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	min	max	morning	evening
Dhaka	20.0	30.4	40	48
Chittagong	18.2	28.2	74	83
Rajshahi	14.5	29.5	66	47
Khulna	19.0	30.4	86	—
Barisal	19.0	30.2	89	77
Sylhet	19.5	28.4	74	61
Cox's Bazar	18.5	28.5	82	84



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Memo No B-III/W-7/310 Dated : 2-2-97/20-10-1403

## Notice Inviting Tender No 130(1996-97)

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from the Special Class-I/Class-I, Sanitary & Plumbing contractors of PWD and Class-II Sanitary & plumbing contractors of PWD Dhaka Zone, Dhaka for the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned as well as Executive Engineer, SB Nagar PWD Division-I/II/Mohakhali, Eden Building PWD Division 12-00 Noon of 27-2-97 and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of the tenderer who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it. The tender form will be sold up to 26-2-97. No tender form will be sold to the contractors/firms who has no "VAT" Registration.

- Name of work : Sanitary and Water supply arrangement for the work Constn of Bank and Post Office Bldg. in the premises of Bangladesh Technical Education Board at Agargaon, SB Nagar, Dhaka.
- Estimated cost : Tk 1,80,299/-
- Earnest money : Tk 3,650/-
- Time allowed for completion of the work from the date of work order is 1 (one) month.
- Contract documents consisting of BD Form No 2911, detailed tender notice, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned as well as Executive Engineer, SB Nagar PWD Division-I/II/Mohakhali, Eden Building PWD Division, on all working days during office hours on payment of usual charges of Tk 400/- per set of tender schedule and Tk 25/- per copy of Tender Form No 2911 (both non-refundable). The tender form may be purchased by the contractor/firm himself/themselves or his/her representative on production of authorised letter bearing the signature of the representative duly attested by the contractor.
- Notice inviting tenders, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc signed by the tenderer in every page on the space provided will form a part of the agreement and be binding upon the tenderer.

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## Government of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Munshiganj PWD Division, Munshiganj Notice Inviting Tender No. 15/Munshi/1996-97

- Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from Special Class-I, Class-I, enlisted Bldg Contractors of PWD Class-II enlisted Bldg Contractors of Dhaka PWD, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka for the undermentioned work and will be received by the Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Dhaka, undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, Motiheel PWD Division, Dhaka/Azimpur PWD Division, Dhaka/Resource PWD Division, Dhaka/Eden Bldg PWD Division, Dhaka/Narayanganj PWD Division, Narayanganj/Narsingdi PWD Division, Narsingdi up to 12.00 Noon on 25.02.1997 Eng and will be opened on the same day at 12.30 PM in presence of the intending tenderers who may like to remain present. Tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it. No tender will be sold to a contractor/firm who has no VAT Registration.
- Name of work : Construction of 44 New District Headquarters—One at Munshiganj (Sub-Head: Construction of Boundary Wall in/c SENTRY Box of Circuit-House) during the year 1996-97.
- Estimated cost : Tk 12,48,884/-
- Earnest money : Tk 25,000/-
- Time allowed : 3 (Three) months from the date of issue of work order.
- Contract documents consisting of Bangladesh Form No. 2911, schedule of items, additional & special terms and conditions etc. can be seen and purchased from the office of the undersigned and from the office of the Executive Engineer mentioned above during office hours on payment of usual charges (Non-refundable) up to 24.02.1997 Eng.

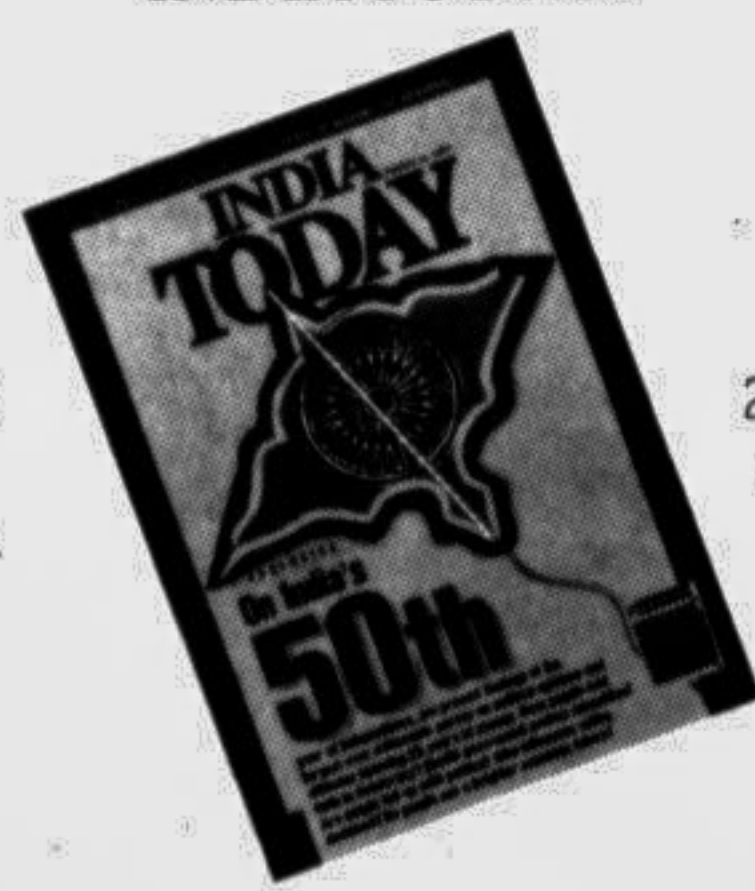
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