



**World Red Cross Day observed**

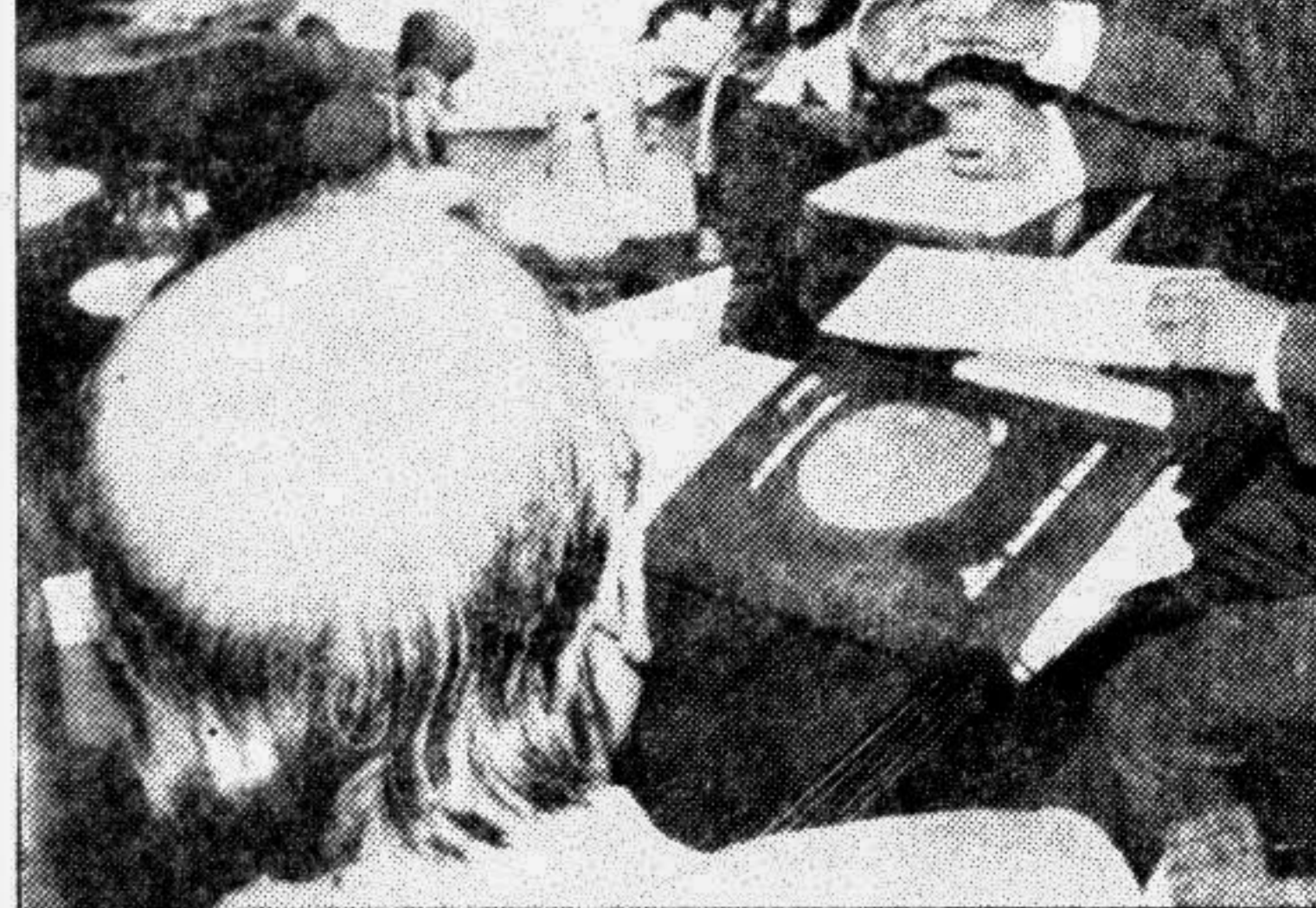
The World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day was observed in the country as elsewhere across the globe yesterday, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society brought out a rally in observance of World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day in the city yesterday.



On the occasion, Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) arranged a day-long programme at Red Crescent Nursing School and at other units across the country. In the morning, a colourful rally was brought out from the Holy Family Red Crescent Hospital which terminated in front of the National Press Club after parading different city streets. BDRCS Chairman Maj Gen (retd) Abdus Salam, MP, and its officials and employees, nurses and volunteers of Jubo Red Crescent and delegates from the International Red Cross Committee attended the rally organised by Red Crescent Blood Bank. The bank distributed prizes among the people who have donated blood 15 to 30 times. The day's other programmes included blood donation, juvenile painting competitions and discussion meeting.

State Minister for Jute and Textiles A K Faezul Haq representing a 'Crest of Honour' to Samresh Sur, GM (Quality Assurance), ACI Limited, as token of recognition to ACI for being the first company in Bangladesh to introduce ISO 9000 in the second training workshop on 'ISO 9000', sponsored by Rapport Bangladesh Ltd in the city Wednesday.



Shipping Minister ASM Abdur Rob (R) exchanging views on the problems facing Chittagong port with members of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industries (BCCI) at the BCCI office in the city yesterday.



Local people of Gazaria staged a sit-in demanding punishment of the killers of Momin, a resident, in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.



Internationally renowned singer Runa Laila recently left for Muscat, Oman to perform in a concert sponsored by Oman Air.



Ove Ullerup, Head of Department for Asia and the Pacific, Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bjorn Kalmar Hansen, Head of Section for Bangladesh, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark, Finn Thilsted, Charge d' Affairs and Henning Nielson, Attache, Royal Danish Embassy, Dhaka, visited UCEP Dhaka Technical School and one General School recently. Prof Ahmadullah Mia, Executive Director of UCEP, and other executives were also present.

**Mahbub gets Munajat Award**

By Staff Correspondent Speaker Humayun Rashid Choudhury has stressed the need for extensive coverage of rural Bangladesh by the newspapers.

"Don't confine yourselves only to covering the problems of rural people but also focus on the developments taking place there," he said at the Munajat award distribution ceremony at the Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday. Addressing the function as chief guest, the Speaker said late Monajatuddin, a celebrated journalist, found himself in the midst of numerous rural people hard-hit by poverty, hunger and other problems. "He shouldered a brave challenge in his career," he said citing some of his courageous reports. Earlier, the Speaker handed over a check of Tk 25 thousand and a certificate to Mahbub Rahman, the Rangpur correspondent of daily Sangbad, who won this year's Munajat Smriti Award.

Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Dr A K Azad Choudhury, who was the special guest on the occasion, handed over a crest to Mahbub Rahman.

**UNFPA poster contest today**

In observance of the World Population Day 1997, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), is sponsoring a poster contest for children and adolescent, says a press release.

The competition will be held today at 3 pm at the Fine Arts Institute, Shahbag in the city. The theme of the competition is "Our Families in the World."

**BJF meeting on housing project today**

A general meeting of Bangladesh Journalists' Foundation (BJF) will be held at 4 pm today at the VIP lounge of Jatiya Press Club. The meeting will discuss various issues relating to the projects taken up by the foundation for the welfare of journalists, including a housing project on a nearly 30-acre plot in Mirpur area, according to a press yesterday.

President of the Foundation Borhan Ahmed and its Secretary General Masud Nizami have asked all the members to attend the meeting.

**18th branch of Ansar VDP Bank opens in Gazipur**

Home Minister Rafiqul Islam yesterday said that the socio-economic development of the country could be achieved only through the improvement of the lot of the rural people, reports BSS. The minister was addressing a meeting of Ansar and VDP members on the occasion of the inauguration of the 18th branch of Ansar VDP Development Bank in Gazipur yesterday, an official handout said. Presided over by the Deputy Commissioner of Gazipur district, the function was also addressed, among others, by Ahsanullah Master, MP, chairman of the governing body of Ansar and VDP Bank, Azimuddin Ahmed, director general of Ansar and VDP Brigadier M Enayet Hossain and managing director of the Ansar and VDP Bank S S Nizamuddin Ahmed. The minister said, if the plans of the bank are implemented, a positive change in the economic condition of a large number of people will be possible.

He pointed out that the bank had already opened up opportunity before a huge number of Ansar VDP members to attain self-sufficiency. The minister said the bank authority would have to ensure that no corruption takes place in the activities of the bank. The Ansar VDP Bank began functioning in 1996 with a capital of Taka 100 crore. The bank is committed to assist 45 lakh Ansar VDP members under its micro-credit scheme, the handout said.

**BFUJ reception**

Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) will accord a reception to the ICC Trophy champions Bangladesh national cricket squad on May 23, reports UNB. The reception will be held at the Jatiya Press Club at 4.30 pm.

**BCL to publish book on '71**

The 1970-71 Dhaka city leadership of Bangladesh Chhatra League will publish a book chronicling the organisation's role in the country's Liberation War, reports UNB. The decision was taken at a meeting of former leaders of the organisation in the city Wednesday. Presided over by Monirul Haq, the meeting was attended, among others, by Abdul Aziz Bir Pratick, Shahed Reza, Sheikh Zahid Hossain, Dewan Mohammad Ibrahim, Mohammad Rafiq, Mohammad Ali, Nasima Khatun and Azizul Huq Chowdhury.



A North South University (NSU) team participated in the 17th World Universities Debating Championships held in South Africa recently.

**BCL demands fresh DUCSU elections**

Ishaque Ali Khan Panna, general secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), the front organisation of the ruling Awami League, yesterday urged all concerned to resist fundamentalist Jamaat-Shibir socially and politically, reports BSS. He was speaking at a rally in front of the Aparajeeo Bangla of Dhaka University, organised by BCL central committee, protesting the prevailing violence by Islami Chhatra Shibir on Rajshahi and Chittagong University campuses, and demanding fresh election of Dhaka University Central Students' Union (DUCSU).

He said Jamaat-Shibir, the defeated power of '71, were trying to create unrest with the assistance of a certain quarter. "Chhatra League is committed to resist Jamaat-Shibir," he said. Panna urged the Dhaka University authorities to dissolve the DUCSU immediately and demanded fresh elections to it. "There is no logic in continuing the DUCSU as it is not serving the interest of the general students," he said.

BCL vice-president Mahbubul Haque Shakil, joint secretary Shahjahan Alam Sajou, organising secretary Ajoy Kar Khokon, DU unit president Bahadur Bepary and organising secretary Sajjad Hossain, among others, addressed the rally.

**Workshop**

KHULNA, May 8: A four-day workshop on 'Legal Aid for Labourers' began at Karitas auditorium here on Wednesday, reports UNB. Representatives from different NGOs and jute mills and lawyers of Khulna region are taking part in the course, organised by local NGO Prodepeon. City mayor Sheikh Tyebur Rahman inaugurated the workshop.



**Young woman missing**

By Staff Correspondent A young married woman has been missing from her house at Shanirakhra under Demra thana in the city since Tuesday morning. Lucky Begum, 22, daughter of Siddiqur Rahman, went out of her house at No: 1 Govindapur, Shanirakhra, at about 11 am. Lucky, about four feet tall with mixed complexion, was wearing salwar and kameez. She has been suffering from mental illness for a long time. A general diary has been filed with Demra thana in this connection, police said. Anybody knowing her whereabouts has been requested to contact the above address or Demra thana.

**HERE and THERE**

**BWREA**  
Election to the central executive body of the Bangladesh Water Resources Engineers' Association (BWREA) for the Bangla Year 1404 was held recently in the city, says a press release. The new office-bearers are: President — Shafuluddin Ahmed, Vice President — Giasuddin Ahmed Chowdhury, Executive Secretary — M Inamul Haque, Social and Cultural Secretary — Ali Akbar Haider, Joint Secretary — Abdul Kuddus, Press and Publicity Secretary — M Akmal Hossain, Treasurer — Mainur Rashid, Organising Secretaries — Syed Hassan Imam, Fatema Shireen Akter, Rashid Farid, Shyamal Kumar Das, Members — Saidur Rahman, Kazi Golam Mostafa, Abul Kashem, A H M Kausher, Pravat Mukherjee, Sarfaraz Wahed and Molla Monjurul Haque.

**Bangladesh Biggani Samity**  
Post, Telecommunications, Housing and Public Works Minister Mohammad Nasim yesterday said that the government was giving due importance to development of science and technology to ensure progress and prosperity of the country, reports BSS. Inaugurating the second annual conference of Bangladesh Biggani Samity at the Dhaka University Teacher-Student Centre, the minister said for the first time Bangladesh Awami League, in its just concluded council session, had created the post of science and technology secretary in the party. Presided over by the president of the samity, Prof M Abdul Aziz Khan, the inaugural session was also addressed by the Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof A K Azad Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor of Open University Prof M Aminul Islam and Secretary General of the samity Prof I E Mustafa. The inaugural session was followed by a discussion on "Professional problems of the scientists in Bangladesh." Vice-Chancellor of Open University Prof M Aminul Islam, former Vice-Chancellor of Open University Dr M Shamsher Ali and Professor of Zoology Department Dhaka University, Syed M Humayun Kabir presented papers in the discussion. It was followed by the annual general meeting of the samity.

**EC envoy hosts reception**

Ambassador Michael Drury, head of delegation of European Commission, hosted a *vin d'honneur* yesterday afternoon in celebration of the European Day, reports BSS. The reception was attended, among others, by Commerce and Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, politicians, diplomats, high officials, journalists and elite of the city.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
**Office of the Executive Engineer**  
Facilities Department, Ministry of Education  
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**Tender Notice**

No. 15/Revenue/Govt/College/FD/SZ/96-97 Dated: 30-04-97

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from A-1, A-2 class enlisted contractors of Facilities Department for implementation of the work of checking and bank revision on Govt College under Manikganj district. Other terms & conditions will be available in the tender document.

A) Last date of purchasing tender document	: 15-05-97 (up to office hours).
B) Last date of receiving tender document	: 17-05-97 (up to 1:00 PM)
C) Date & time of opening tender document	: 17-05-97 at 1:30 PM (in presence of contractors, if any).
D) Price of tender document (non-refundable)	: Tk 400/= (four hundred) only.
E) Time limit for completion of work	: 14 days.
F) Offices' where tender document will be sold from & received at	: All Zones under Facilities Department, Dhaka Circle, Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Education, Building No. 6, Room No. 1719, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka & Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department, Manikganj District Office.
G) Amount of earnest money	: Earnest money at the rate 2% of estimated cost must be attached with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Savar Zone, Savar, Dhaka.

**Instructions to contractors:**

- Contractor paying renewal fee for 1996-97 financial year can purchase the tender document on production of original registration book, necessary papers of VAT & Income Tax and attested copies of the said documents should be submitted with the tender.
- Tenders of the tenderers quoting rate more than 5% (five per cent) below the estimated cost of tender will be rejected outright.
- Income Tax & VAT will be deducted against the bill of the said work as per rules according to the Tax policy of Bangladesh government. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Facilities Department  
Ministry of Education  
Jessore Zone, Jessore

**Tender Notice**

Tender Notice No-30/Revenue/JZ/FD/96-97 Dated: 28/4/97

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No-2911 are hereby invited from this Department enlisted A/1 (one) class contractors for implementation of the works of the undermentioned govt. educational institutions.

Group No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Amount of earnest money	Time limit for work
1 (one)	Construction of floor of the second floor of the old administrative building with other repairs of Narail Govt Victoria College	5,00,000/00	10,000/-	2 (two) months
2 (two)	Repairing of doors and windows of the old administrative building of Narail Govt Victoria College.	5,00,000/00	10,000/-	2 (two) months
3 (three)	Electrification work repairs of the old administrative building of Narail Govt. Victoria College.	4,99,561/00	10,000/-	2 (two) months
4 (four)	Wall plastering with snowcem and plastic paint and painting of doors and windows of the old administrative building of Narail Govt. Victoria College.	5,00,000/00	10,000/=	2 (two) months

Last date and time of purchasing tender document : 17/5/97 up to office hours.  
Date and time of receiving tender document : 19/5/97 up to 12:30 pm  
Date and time of opening tender document : 19/5/97 up to 12:45 pm

Tender documents may be purchased on cash payment of Tk 400/= (four hundred) only (non-refundable) from the office of the undersigned Deputy Commissioner, Jessore, Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Khulna/Jhenidah and office of the Assistant Engineer of this Zone, Narail and will be received at the same offices. Earnest money must be submitted with the tender through Pay Order/Bank Draft/CD of the mentioned amount from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Jessore Zone, Jessore. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled outright.

**Terms and Conditions**

- Contractor should apply in their original printed pad at the time of purchasing tender.
- Tender document should be purchased on production of the receipt of depositing fee for 1996-97, original registration book and attested copy of VAT registration and income tax certificate at the time of purchasing tender document and attested copies of the said documents should be submitted at the time of submitting tender.
- Tender will be cancelled outright if submitted at the rate more than 5% (five percent) below the estimated cost.
- Bill will be paid subject to receipt of allotment. But the contractor will be bound to complete the work within the prescribed time. Income tax and VAT will be deducted from the bill as per govt. rules.
- Not more than 1 (one) work in the name of the same contractor firm under the same tender notice can be allotted, and contractor will be selected from the office of the Chief Engineer.
- Any one intending to take back his tender after opening of tender and before selection of contractor, his BD will be forfeited and deposited to govt treasury as per rules.
- Other terms and conditions of tender will be available in the tender document. The authority reserves the right to accept/reject any/all tenders without assigning any reason.

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