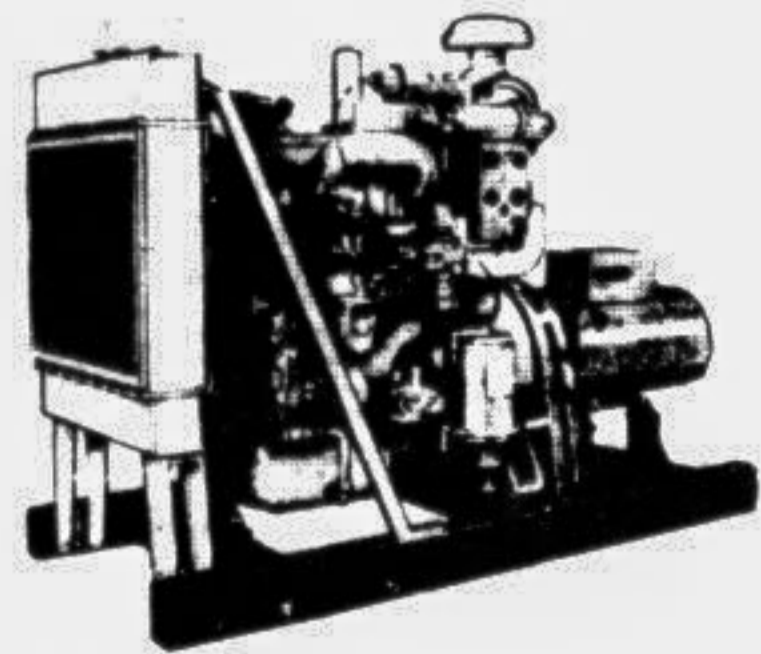


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National Sunni Movement brought out a rally on the eve of Ashura in the city yesterday. — Star photo

'Sub-regional quadrangle must for mutual development'

The proposed South Asian sub-regional quadrangle is no longer an option but a compulsion for inter-country and intra-country development through a strong political goodwill and cooperation among the nations concerned, reports BSS.

This was observed by economists and development experts at a seminar organised by the Society for Development and Cooperation (SODAC) held at the auditorium of Development and Planning Academy in the city yesterday.

They said these countries, belonging to the Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna (GBM) region, have huge resources, both natural and human, which must be tapped and utilised in a proper way to rid the vast masses living here of perpetual poverty through mutual cooperation.

The experts described the private sector as the engine of growth and said the respective governments could formulate policy and provide infrastructural facilities to help this sector play its due role for rapid development in this region.

With SODAC chairman and a leading economist of the country, R Quazi Kholiquzaman Ahmad in the chair, the seminar was addressed, among others, by former secretary M Mujibul Huq, Dr Hafiz GA Siddiquee as the keynote speaker, Dr Khurshidul Islam, Manzurul Islam of Islam Group and Dr Gauhar Rizvi of the Ford Foundation. Dr MA Mannan, Secretary general of SODAC, gave the welcome address.

Dr Kholiquzaman Ahmad said a consensus within the country was a must to help build cooperation with the neighbours as well as other countries of the world.

Dr Hafiz Siddiquee of North-South University, in his keynote paper, called for seizing the opportunity of cooperation through floating an economic trade block in the region in the greater benefit of the people living in the GBM countries.

Speaking on the sub-regional growth quadrangle Dr Siddiquee referred to such bodies in other parts of the globe and said the countries in the GBM region could benefit enormously if the common resource, water, could be utilised at its best.

BTTB to get licence for cellular phone

Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board will soon get operating licence for cellular phone alongside they private operators to make cell-phone service cheaper and more easily available, reports UNB.

This was disclosed by Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim at a function organised on the occasion of 29th World Telecommunications Day at Engineer Institute in the city yesterday.

This year's theme of the day was "Telecommunications and Humanitarian Assistance."

The standard of service would be raised as much as the competition between BTTB and private operators enhanced, the minister said, emphasising better service to the subscribers.

He also urged the officials to keep pace with latest development in telecommunications across the world as telecom technology is undergoing rapid changes everyday.

Referring to investment in telecommunications, the minister said there is huge scope for investment in the sector.

Telephone directory in Bangla published

By Staff Correspondent

Business Information Systems (BIS), a private organisation, has published a telephone directory in Bangla, for the first time in Bangladesh, comprising data of 400,000 subscribers.

In a press conference yesterday, BIS also disclosed that it would soon publish its database on the INTERNET ('information super highway').

BIS managing director K Habib Sattar informed journalists that BIS would also produce 'Bangladesh Yellow Pages', which will include a business directory, on CD-ROM for export purposes some time next year.

Also present at the press conference, held at the Jatiya Press Club, were Transcom Electronics Ltd manager Rizwana Nazrul and BIS director Monzurul Haque.

Using its first ever computerised data-base, BIS gave its customers the opportunity of 'free listing' in the directory, they informed.

The directory covers individual subscribers, organisations and government bodies from the 11 old greater districts — Dhaka, Dinajpur, Pabna, Jessore, Kushtia, Bogra, Faridpur, Patuakhali, Comilla, Barisal and Noakhali. BIS expects to complete publication of directories for the other eight greater districts within the next few days.

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His services have been arranged by Bangladesh Association for Social Welfare and Health Care (BASH), an NGO, for two weeks from 19th May, 1997.

Intending patients are advised to register their names between 10 AM to 12 Noon at Al-Jebel-e-Noor, Heart and Polyclinic Ltd, House No 21, Road No 9A, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka. Phone No 817031.

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NOTICE OF THE NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the shareholders of RELIANCE INSURANCE LIMITED will be held at the Ball Room of Sonargaon Pan Pacific Hotel, Dhaka, on Wednesday, the 18th June 1997, at 3:00 p.m. to transact the following business:

- To receive, consider and adopt the Directors' Report for the year ended 31st December 1996.
- To receive, consider and adopt the audited balance sheet as at 31st December 1996 and the profit and loss accounts for the year ended on that date together with the Auditors' Report.
- To declare dividend.
- To appoint auditors for the year 1997 and fix their remuneration.
- To elect Directors from Group A shareholders in place of those who retire.
- To elect Directors from Group B shareholders in place of those who retire.
- To transact any other business of the Company with the permission of the Chair.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

18 May 1997

FAKHRUDDIN AHMED, M. Com., FICMA, FCA
SECRETARY

Note:

- The Register of Members as well as the Register of Transfer of the company will remain closed from 1st June 1997 to 18th June 1997 (both days inclusive).
- A member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his/her stead. Such proxy shall be a member of the Company. The proxy form must be stamped with revenue stamp of Tk.5.00 (Taka five only) and should be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company not later than 72 hours before the time fixed for the meeting.

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BCIC International Tender Notice

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Managing Director, Karnaphuli Paper Mills Limited, 92, Sadarghat Road, Chittagong invites sealed quotation on C&F (C) Chittagong basis under any suitable source of financing for the following items under two envelope system:-

Tender No	Materials	Opening Date	Cost of Tender
1. F/31/MPIC/3/11/97/POP	Plate Laid Dandy Roll for Paper Machine	4-6-97	Tk. 100/=
2. KPM/863A/122&185/MPIC/34(47&55)/96/POP	Sodium Sulphate (Salt Cake) Anhydrous -1000 M/Tons	4-6-97	Tk. 500/=

The quotation duly supported by 1% (min. Tk. 1000/-) earnest money will be received up to 11:00 AM in the mentioned date and will be opened immediately thereafter in presence of the tenderers, if any. The tender document on cash payment may be obtained from (a) Addl. Chief Accountant, Karnaphuli Paper Mills Ltd., 92, Sadarghat Road, Chittagong and (b) Controller of Accounts, BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha Com. Area on all working days. No tender document will be sold on the date of opening.

BCIC 372-10/5/97
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General Manager (Commercial)

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer

Local Government Engineering Directorate, Dist-Moulvibazar

Memo No. LGED/EE/Moul/97/784

Dated: 6-5-97

Tender Notice LGED/MBazar/No 23/96-97

Tenders under sealed cover in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 attached to the schedule with additional terms and conditions, are invited from capacitywise valid LGED enlisted contractors/contractors firms and LGED's various projects enlisted pre-qualified contractors/contractors firms for implementation of the undermentioned schemes.

2. Tender documents can be purchased from the office of the Superintending Engineer (Maintenance), LGED, Bhawan, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207; Project Director, Rural Development Project-13, LGED, LGED Bhawan, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207; Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet; Deputy Commissioner, Moulvibazar; Executive Engineer, LGED, Dist-Sylhet/Habiganj/Sunamganj/Moulvibazar; Thana Engineer, Thana-Sadar/Rajnagar/Srimangal/Kamalgaon/Kulaura/Barlekha, Dist-Moulvibazar and the undersigned at prescribed price (non-refundable) on production of contractory registration book/enlistment fee deposit receipt during office hours up to 25-5-97.

3. Tender documents will be received in the tender box kept at the office of the Superintending Engineer (Maintenance), LGED Bhawan, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207; Project Director, Rural Development Project-13, LGED, LGED Bhawan, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207; Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet; Deputy Commissioner, Moulvibazar; Executive Engineer, LGED, Dist-Sylhet/Habiganj/Sunamganj/Moulvibazar; Thana Engineer, Thana-Sadar/Rajnagar/Srimangal/Kamalgaon/Kulaura/Barlekha, Dist-Moulvibazar and the undersigned up to 1:00 PM of 26-5-97 and the tenders will be opened on 27-5-97 at 1:00 PM at the office of the undersigned before the tenderers (if any) present.

4. Earnest money at the rate 2.5% of quoted amount should be submitted with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from scheduled bank in favour of Executive Engineer, LGED, Moulvibazar. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled.

5. Decisions regarding realisation of VAT mentioned against title No. 004 under second schedule of VAT Act 1991 (Item No. 22 of 1991) will be effective.

6. Work schedule stating time for each phase of execution of work should be submitted with the tender. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled outright.

7. Tender submitted in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 shall be treated as first and formal tender. Formal tender should be submitted only in case of necessity to reduce rate through offer.

8. Tender submitted at rate more than 5 (five) per cent below the estimated cost will be treated as cancelled outright. In case of submitting rate at more than 5% above the estimated cost, itemwise rate analysis should be submitted with the tender. No photocopy of or cancellation, erasing, overwriting in the rate analysis will be acceptable. Tender without rate analysis or with photocopy of rate analysis or struck off, erased, overwritten rate analysis will be treated as cancelled forthwith. Proportionate quantities of materials shown in LGED's rate analysis of different items will be treated as final.

10. The tender notice will be treated as part of terms and conditions of tender.

11. This tender notice is short and, if necessary, other information may be known from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

12. The authority reserves the right to cancel all tenders or accept any tender without assigning any reason.

Description of work:

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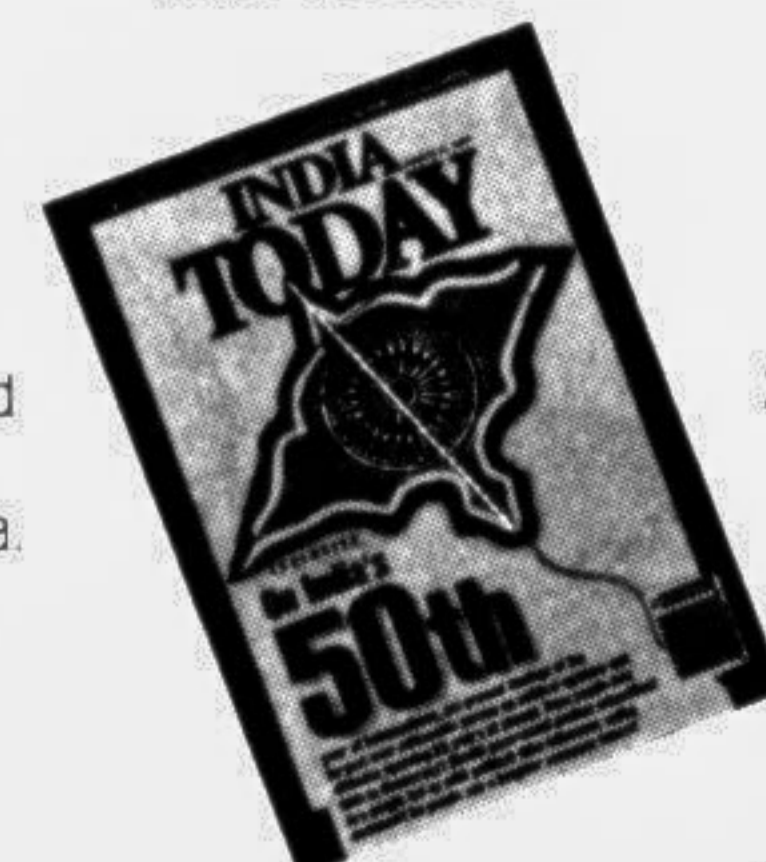
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