



Members of the Bangladesh cricket team pose with the guests during a reception accorded by the Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday. — Star photo

BFUJ accords reception

Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) accorded a reception to the Bangladesh cricket team at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday, reports BSS.

The reception was attended by State Minister for Information Prof. Abu Sayeed as the chief guest and was addressed by Bangladesh Cricket Board president Saber Hossain Chowdhury, MP, cricket coach Gordon Greenidge, team captain Akram Khan, BFUJ general secretary Abul Kalam Azad and Altaf Mahmud. BFUJ president Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury chaired the function.

England end odd streak



NANTES, France, June 5: Veteran Ian Wright and youngster Paul Scholes scored in England's 2-0 victory over Italy in their opening Tournoi de France match at the Beaujoire Stadium here on Wednesday, reports AFP.

It was England's first win over the World Cup runners-up since November 1977 when they also won 2-0 but on home soil at Wembley.

Arsenal's Wright and Manchester United's Scholes, normally a striker but playing in midfield for his first ever full start for England, fired home in the 26th and 43rd minutes.

The 33-year-old Wright, winning his 25th cap, received a long pass from 22-year-old Scholes, outpaced Ciro Ferrara and without breaking stride, fired home left footed past keeper Angelo Peruzzi for his seventh England goal.

Then came the effort by Scholes who was winning his second cap. Stuart Pearce fed a long, swerving pass to Wright on the left. Wright managed to centre despite the attentions of Fabio Cannavaro and Scholes beat keeper Peruzzi with a superb left foot volley from 12 yards.

Scholes was pleased about his effort but even happier about the manner of the victory.

"Scoring a goal so early in my England career is fantastic but I was more satisfied with the way that we beat the Italians. Passing the ball as we did gives us a great boost ahead of the match in Rome in October," Scholes said.

Wright, who has been receiving counselling to try and control his anger which has earned him many yellow cards and dismissals over the years, also scored the winner in England's 2-1 win over South Africa at Old Trafford on May 24 — fed by Scholes.

Glenn Hoddle fielded just four players from the 1-0 World Cup defeat at Wembley in February though Italy were at full strength for this match and

making way for Parma's Antonio Benarrivo.

Sweeper Alessandro Costacurta of AC Milan was entrusted with the captain's armband.

Wright's goal in the 26th minute sparked off some fine flowing football by England.

England's sterling first-half display was only marred by two yellow cards, one for Beckham for a foul on Demetrio Albertini, who is set to have an operation in Milan on Monday on a testicle he injured in training, and one for Scholes a minute after he had scored also for a foul on the unfortunate Albertini.

For the second half, left wing back Graeme Le Saux came off with Gary Neville coming on at right wing back in place of brother Phil who switched to Le Saux's position.

Italy's Alessandro Nesta came on for Ferrara in defence and Vicenza's Stamblerio Maini became the first Vicenza player to be capped by Italy since Paolo Rossi 18 years ago when he replaced Angelo di Livido of Juventus.

Italy could have pulled a goal back in the 69th minute with English Premiership footballer-of-the-year Gianfranco Zola lurking menacingly on the edge of the area.



IAN WRIGHT were out to show their superiority to gain a psychological advantage for the Group 2 return fixture in Rome on October 11.

England are on a high after beating Poland 2-0 in a World Cup qualifier on Saturday and fully deserved their win.

"After the win against Poland this is the icing on the cake and I am proud of all the youngsters who played so well tonight," England captain Paul Ince said.

Wright and Teddy Sheringham played up front with Scholes along-side playmaker David Beckham and Ince.

Phil Neville lined up at right wingback, with Graeme Le Saux at left wingback, leaving Stuart Pearce, Martin Keown and Gareth Southgate in central defence.

Reserve keeper Tim Flowers won his ninth cap — his first since against China a year ago — instead of usual number one David Seaman.

Italy had the same team which beat England 1-0 in a World Cup qualifier at Wembley in February apart from skipper Paolo Maldini, who injured his right thigh against Vicenza in the Italian league 10 days ago.

England's win, which put them top of the group, also boosted their confidence for the remaining matches against France in Montpellier on Saturday and Brazil in Paris on Tuesday.

Div III soccer

Sports Reporter

Labagh SC, BG Press and Purbachal Parishad won their respective Third Division football league matches billed at different city venues yesterday.

At the Rajuk ground adjacent to Dhaka Stadium, Labagh recorded a 2-0 win over Fire Service with Monir and Shakil notching one goal apiece in each half.

Away at the Army Stadium in Banani, BG Press also posted an identical 2-0 win against Kawranbazar.

Ikram opened the winners' account in the 24th minute while Haider doubled the margin midway through the second session.

Meanwhile, in the other match of the day at the same venue, a 67th minute strike from Zakir gave Purbachal a lone goal victory over Rahmatganj.

Delightful double for MSC

Sports Reporter

The veterans of the black and whites set the pattern of a one-way traffic for the youngsters as Mohammedans won both the exhibition football matches against their arch-rivals Abahani Krira Chakra at Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The friendly affairs between the two crowd-pullers in the domestic circuit, which attracted nearly 15,000 fans, turned out as a successful day for Mohammedans when their veterans recorded a 2-0 win over their Abahani counterparts in the first match of the day. Imtiaz Sultan Jhonny, the current manager of the Mohammedan Sporting Club and a former midfielder, gave the Motijheel outfit a 15th minute lead before Joshi, whose career came to a premature end following a knee injury, doubled the margin midway through the second half.

Buoyed by the early success of their predecessors, the current selection of Mohammedans came from behind to score a stunning 4-1 win against their perennial foes in the flood-lit second match.

After a barren first half, striker Mizan enabled Abahani a 56th minute lead with a scorching 25-yarder past a bemused Mohammedan custodian Ponir. But the cheers at the sky blue tent died down soon as Mohammedans bounced back with four goals.

Midfielder Manik switched on the barrage of goals just ten minutes after they fell behind by shooting home from a goal-mouth melee. One minute later an air-borne Naqib made it 2-1 with a spectacular header.

Ranjana added the third in the 72nd minute before Alfaz sealed the fate of the match scoring the fourth two minutes from the final whistle.

Both the exhibition matches were organised by the Bangladesh Football Players' Welfare Association (BFPWA) in a bid to raise funds for the distressed booters.

Young Cricketers, Pragati promoted

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

MONIPUR CC: 110 all out in 40 in 40.4 overs (Nasir 34, Aninul 31; Iqbal 3/23, Sohail 2/16, Shakil 2/25)

PRAGATI BOYS CLUB: 111 for one in 28.2 overs (Tutul 35, Hiru 28 n.o., Sejan 26 n.o.)

NEW EAGLES CLUB: 207 for nine in 45 overs (Rajan 48, n.o., Munna 39, Alam 27, Javed 22; Roman 4/27, Saikat 2/41)

YOUNG CRICKETERS: 208 for four in 40.3 overs (Suman 77, Rajan 61 n.o., Badshah 35; Rumem 2/43)

Pragati Boys Club and Young Cricketers ensured their promotion to the Second Division league next season after recording their second successive victories in the Danish Third Division super league held at different venues of the city yesterday.

The wins kept both teams at the top of the four-team super league table with four points each. However, the championship will be decided tomorrow when the two sides face each other in their last match.

At the remote Uttara Friend's Club ground, Pragati Boys Club, who earlier in their fast match edged past New Eagles Club, recorded a comfortable nine-wicket victory over Monipur Cricket Club.

Chasing a paltry Monipur total of 110 in 45 overs, the winners reached home (111) in the 29th over with nine wickets in hand.

Earlier, electing to bat, Monipur were bundled out in 40.4 overs. Middle-order Nasir (34) and Aninul (31) were the notable run-getters.

Pragati's iqbal captured three wickets for 23 run while Shakil and Sohail shared four wickets between them.

STANDINGS

Tournoi de France standings after Wednesday's match (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):

England	1	0	0	2	0	3
Brazil	1	0	1	1	1	1
France	1	0	1	1	1	1
Italy	1	0	1	0	2	0

To play:

Saturday, June 7: France v England (in Montpellier).

Sunday, June 8: Italy v Brazil (in Lyon).

Tuesday, June 10: England v Brazil (in Paris).

Wednesday, June 11: France v Italy (in Paris).

Men's semifinals today



PARIS, June 5 (Reuters): For Gustavo Kuerten and Filip Dewulf, this French Open has been the equivalent of buskers on the metro suddenly being signed up by a major transatlantic record label.

Whether the unlikely pair can strike the right note in Friday's men's semifinals is anyone's guess but, in the satisfaction stakes, even the Brazilian and the equally unsung Belgian are currently lagging behind Spain's Sergi Bruguera.

Twice champion Bruguera will meet Australia's Patrick Rafter in the last four, a remote prospect for the 26-year-old from Barcelona scarcely a year ago when his career appeared to be on the skids.

Ankle ligament damage suffered three days before Christmas 1995, followed by a horrendous loss of form, led to his being eclipsed by a succession of new Spanish hopefuls and he now admits that a third men's title on Sunday would be the sweetest of moments.

"After everything that has happened to me in the last few years, when I was injured and simply couldn't win a match, it's even more enjoyable to be winning again," he said after downing Morocco's Hicham Arazi in the quarter finals.

"I had to make incredible efforts to come back, at one stage I totally lost confidence and even winning a match seemed like a mountain to climb."

Bruguera's saviour turned out to be his father Luis, an impassive, bearded figure ever-present during his son's Roland Garros run.

"I just couldn't move on the court but my father always believed in me and always thought I could make it back."

But for Andre Agassi, who beat him in the final, Bruguera would have won an Olympic gold medal in Atlanta last summer and, although he

started this year outside the world's top 80, he has steadily rebuilt the patient game which won him his back-to-back French titles.

If he can get past Rafter his career may well come full circle but, in a French Open where little has gone according to plan, his three unseeded rivals will all feel they have a genuine chance.

"Who would have ever thought us three would be in the semifinals?" grinned Rafter after his quarter final win over Spain's Galo Blanco. "The chances are a billion to one but that's tennis I guess."

Apart from the Australian, bidding to become the first man from his country to win in Paris since Rod Laver in 1969, most eyes will be on Kuerten, whose garish blue-and-yellow kit tends to obscure his genuine talent.

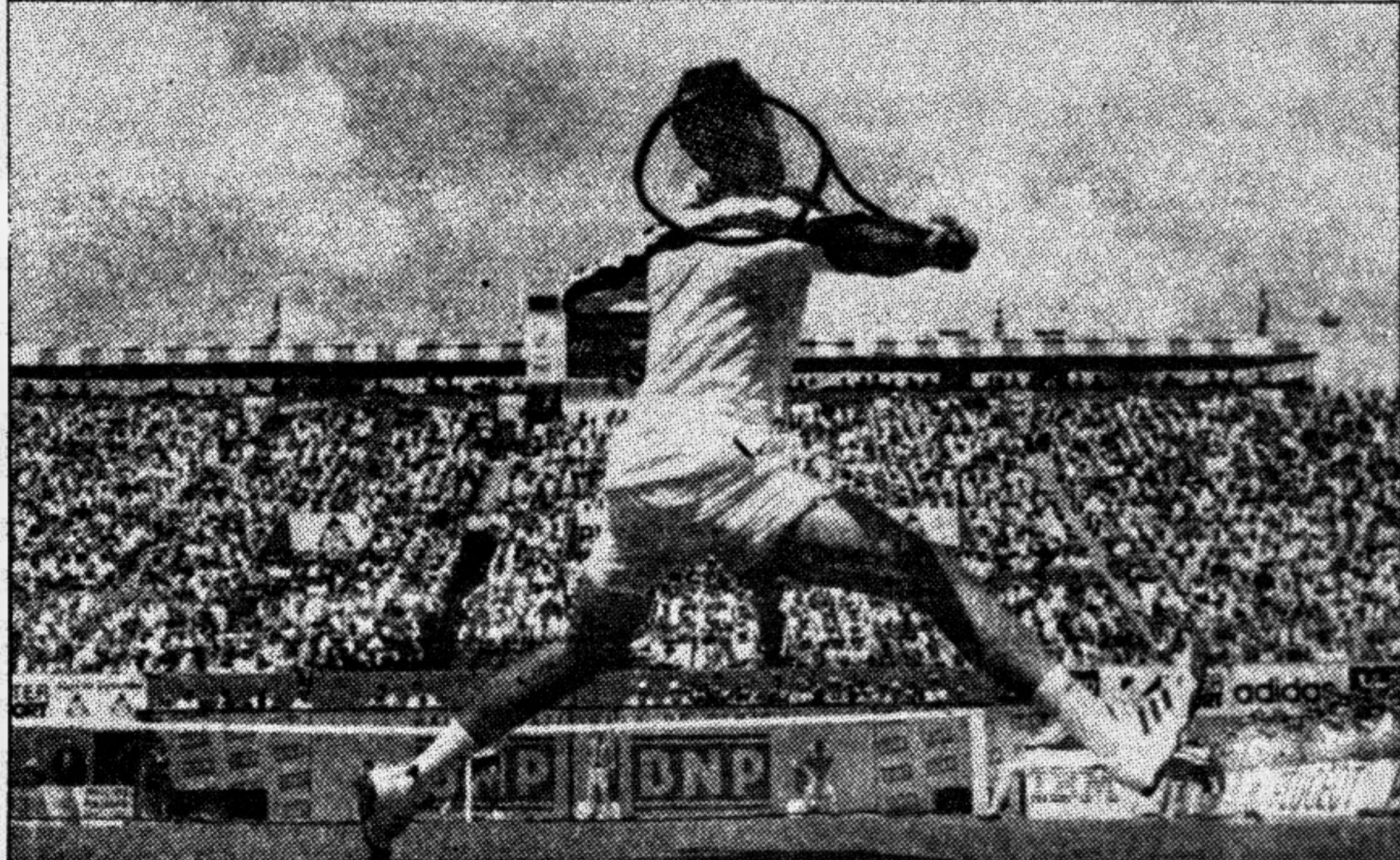
The 20-year-old Brazilian will need to keep the ball away from Dewulf's voracious forehand which has propelled the Belgian qualifier this far. But he appears to be a player with a bright future on almost all surfaces.

The charismatic Kuerten, the rapid serving Rafter, the dogged Dewulf or the born-again Bruguera? Picking a winner remains as tough in tennis as in the music business.

Woodies in final

PARIS, June 5: Top doubles duo Mark Woodforde and Todd Woodbridge of Australia came from a set down to reach the men's doubles final at the French Open here today, beating Argentinians Lucas Arnold and Daniel Orsanic 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, reports AFP.

The "Woodies" will now play either defending champions Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia and Daniel Vacek of the Czech Republic, the fourth seeds, or second-seeded Dutch pair Jacco Eltingh and Paul Haarhuis.



Spaniard Sergi Bruguera goes to hit a forehand against Hicham Arazi of Morocco during their quarterfinal engagement at the French Open in Paris on June 4. — AFP/UNB photo

Pakistani hockey umpire arrives

Sports Reporter

Masood-ur-Rahman, an international umpire from Pakistan, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon to officiate matches in the ongoing Green Delta First Division hockey league.

Masood, the Karachi-based former Pakistan international who played for his country in 70s, is the second foreign umpire arrived so far for the purpose.

Paramjit Singh, an India Grade One official is already in Dhaka and started his job.

Two more Indians, Shakil Qureshi and S Krishnamurti, are expected to arrive next week.

Rafter indebted to ants!



PARIS, June 5: Thomas Muster may be the "king of clay" and Pete Sampras the master on grass but Patrick Rafter rules on 'ant bed'.

But with no Grand Slam event on the slippery surface peculiar to Australia, Rafter has been able to adapt his 'ant bed' game successfully to the slow clay courts of Roland Garros to become the first Australian in 20 years to reach the French Open semifinals.

"We have a surface at home called 'ant bed'," said the 24-year-old Queenslander, after reaching his first Grand Slam semifinal with a straight-sets win over little-known Spaniard Galo Blanco on Wednesday.

The big ants, they make these huge mounds and they get them and crush them and make courts out of the stuff.

"It's very slippery, you can't move. You slide a lot and it's difficult to stand up."

"That's about the closest thing we have to clay courts back in Queensland."

Rafter, ranked 25 in the world, is now the closest thing to a pure attacking player with a chance to lift the French crown since Yannick Noah walked away with the title in 1983.

In a perplexing French Open which has seen as many players ranked outside the top 100 as seeds reach the quarterfinals, the presence of a serve-and-volleyer in the last four may be the most confounding aspect of all.

The Spaniard, winner of

"That's just the way I play," said Rafter, who is already reaping some benefit from his success at Roland Garros having earned a place among the seeds at Wimbledon with his results so far. "If I try and stay

back-to-back French titles in 1993 and 1994, has won both previous meetings against the Australian. Rafter admitting, "He kicked my butt!"

"The next match is another tough match but it's winnable," he said. "It's an opportunity for me to make the finals."

"I'm going to keep serve and volleying but I think I'm doing it a little bit better now than when I played him before."

"He's going to have to hit a few more balls past me."

Two more wins would go a long way to erasing unpleasant memories of two injury-plagued seasons and a controversial start of the current campaign.

Batting wrist and ankle problems, last season never really got started for Rafter until April. Finally recovered, he was sidelined again in August with a shoulder injury and played just three more tournaments. His world ranking plummeted to 62.

Finally over his health problems, Rafter began this season with a major public relations gaffe when he found himself apologising for arriving for a Davis Cup match against the Czech Republic still drunk from a party the night before.

"My life is going to start changing again," said Rafter, adding that he had learned his lessons from past mistakes. "All of a sudden there's people who want a piece of you again like in 1994 and 1995."

"I know who my friends are. You have to be careful, that's part of the learning curve."



PATRICK RAFTER back I'm not going to compete as well.

"If the conditions are right, I'll keep going."

To book his place in Sunday's final Rafter has one more major hurdle to clear - rejuvenated twice champion Sergi Bruguera, the game's quintessential clay-courtier.

The Spaniard, winner of

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Tender Notice

Group-wise separate sealed tenders are invited from contractory firms, suppliers & distributors, experienced in similar works for supply, installation & commissioning of the undermentioned goods as per schedule under Nazrul Institute Development & Extension Project (Amended). Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the chamber of the Assistant Director (Admin & Finance), Nazrul Institute up to 12 Noon of 12 June 1997 and be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers.

Group-A : Schedule for supply & installation of Colour Television, VCR, Audio Recorder, Refrigerator etc, machine.

Group-B : Schedule for supply & installation of Video Camera, Still Camera, Darkroom Equipment etc.

Group-C : Schedule for supply & installation of Computer, UPS, Scanner etc.

Tender schedules can be purchased from the office of the Sub-Assistant Engineer (Electrical), Nazrul Institute by depositing photocopy of up to date trade licence & income tax clearance certificate on cash payment (non-refundable) of Tk 500.00 (five hundred) only for Group-A, Tk 1000.00 (one thousand) only for Group B & Tk 500.00 (five hundred) for group-C during office hours up to 11 June 1997. No schedule will be sold on the date of submitting tender.

Earnest money at the rate 2.50% (two & half per cent) of total tender quoted value should be deposited with the tender in Pay Order/Bank Draft from scheduled bank in favour of 'Nazrul Institute' at the time of submitting tender. The receipt of purchasing schedule must also be deposited with the tender. It may be noted that rate for each group will be considered separately. It may also be noted that the goods described in the schedule should be supplied within 25 June 1997. Under no circumstance the time will be extended.

The quoted rate should be in conformity with the current market rate. All usual taxes including VAT will be deducted at the time of paying the bill.

The Nazrul Institute authorities are not bound to accept the lowest rate and the authorities reserve the right to accept any one tender or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason. The decision of Nazrul Institute authorities regarding acceptance & amendment of tender will be effective as final.

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Tender Notice

1) Tenders under sealed cover are invited from bonafide traders/manufacturers/stockists for purchasing the undermentioned rope & fender for Bangladesh Coast Guard.

Sl. No.	Description of goods	Amount	Name of manufacturing country
1)	1" dia wire rope (for pontoon)	12 Coils	Japan/West Europe
2)	4" dia nylon rope (for ship berthing)	12 Coils	"
3)	2" dia nylon rope (for boat)	12 Coils	"
4)	1.5" dia nylon rope (for boat)	12 Coils	"
5)	7/8" dia nylon rope (signal heliard)	18 Coils	"
6)	Coir Fender (short size)	100 nos.	"
7)	Pneumatic Fender (short size)	100 nos.	"

2) Tender with necessary terms & conditions may be received at the prescribed price (non-refundable) during office hours (from 0800-1300 hours) on any working day. Selling price of tender is Tk 400/00.

3) Last date of selling tender is 11 June 97. Tender will be opened at 1200 hours of 12 June 97 before the tenderers present.

4) The Director General reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

M A Zaman
Commander BN
Director (Admin & Finance)
Coast Guard Headquarters.

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Raiser Hamid (L) of Mohammedan Sporting Club and Chunnun of Abahani fight for the ball during a charity engagement between the arch-rivals' veteran teams at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority
Dredging Unit, Dhaka

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are invited from Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority's Engineering Division enlisted contractors for the undermentioned work:

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Price of schedule	Time limit for work
1)	Dredging facilitation work of Shibpur shoal of Kaloni/Kushiara river during 1996-97. (Group No.1)	6,86,733/-	17,168/-	Tk 800/-	Up to the duration of dredging work
2)	Dredging facilitation work of Kangsha river during 1996-97. (Group No 7)	5,82,000/-	14,550/-	Tk 600/-	-do-
3)	Dredging facilitation work of filling the low land of M/s K Mart Fashion Ltd. at Nabiganj under Bandar Thana of N'ganj District.	2,00,000/-	5,000/-	Tk 600/-	-do-

Tenders will be received by the Superintending Engineer (Civil), Dredging Unit, Dhaka at the 7th floor of BIWTA Building, 141-143, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka. Executive Engineer, N'ganj Division, BIWTA, N'ganj, Executive Engineer (Civil), Dredging Division, BIWTA, Barisal and Executive Engineer, BIWTA, Aricha up to 12:00 Noon of 19/06/97 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the tenderers (if any) present. Amount mentioned as earnest money should be submitted with each tender separately through Bank Draft/Call Deposit/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of BIWTA. Documents of tenders will be available on payment of the abovementioned amount (non-refundable) as price of the schedule to the Cashier of the Authority's Accounts Division, from the respective Accounts Department during office hours up to the day before the date of opening tender.

The authority reserves the right to accept any or reject all tenders without assigning any reason.

Md. Golam Rabbani
Superintending Engineer (Civil)
Dredging Unit, BIWTA, Dhaka.

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