

Solar power generation starts commercially

NARSINGDI, June 27: Bangladesh entered into a new era in the power sector yesterday when solar power generation was commercially started in an island near here, reports BSS. Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Lt Gen. (ret) Mohammad Noor Uddin Khan inaugurated the "Solar Photovoltaic Pilot Project" in the island comprising Karimpur and Nazarpur unions under Narsingdi district at a simple function held at the Karimpur High School ground. The pilot project, located in the island surrounded from all sides by the river Meghna and about five km from Narsingdi town, was implemented at a cost of over Taka seven crore including a grant of 6.4 million French franc (about Taka five crore). Besides funding, France also provided technical assistance for the project. The project covering an area of 29 square kilometers in the island has 8,500 households in 21 villages under the two unions. In the initial stage a total of one thousand connec-

tions of five types are being provided under the supervision of Narsingdi Palli Didyut Samity-1. Meherjan Afroz MP, Dr Toufiq e Elahi Chowdhury Bir Bikram, Secretary, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources Division, Mrs Renee Veyret, French ambassador in Bangladesh and Brig. Mohammad Enamul Haq Chairman, Rural Electrification Board (REB) among others, spoke on the occasion.

PM visits ailing cabinet secy

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visited ailing cabinet secretary Ataul Haque at the Suhrawardy Hospital afternoon, reports BSS. She enquired about the treatment of the cabinet secretary and directed the attending doctors to take care of him.

392 killed in last 1 year in Khulna div

KHULNA, June 27: Violent incidents in the division have marked a sharp rise in last one year, taking the law and order situation to an alarming state, reports UNB. During the period, 392 people, including 16 activists of ruling Awami League and its front organisations, 12 of the opposition BNP and its front organisations and two of Jatiya Party, were killed in the division, police said.

Of the deaths, 36 were reported from Khulna district, 37 from Bagerhat, 40 from Satkhira, 48 from Jessore, 46 from Jhenidah, 29 from Magura, 23 from Narail, 56 from Kushtia, 35 from Chuadanga and 28 from Meherpur districts.

Besides, nine prisoners and a policeman were killed in prison revolt of Jessore central jail in December, 1996. Thirty-five members of different outlawed parties were also killed in intra-party conflicts during the period.

112 arrested

Police arrested 112 people, including 21 wanted criminals, from different parts of the city on various charges during the last 24 hours till 6 pm yesterday, reports UNB.

Of the arrested, 30 were held on charges of killing, dacoity, snatching and extortion, said a DMP press release.



Potholes in the busy road at Bishwa Road (in Maddhya Badda) have been causing inconvenience to the movement of vehicles and the pedestrian for a long time. — Star photo

BHRC concerned at deteriorating condition in courts, police stations

Bangladesh Human Rights Commission (BHRC) has expressed concern at the deteriorating condition in lower courts and police stations of the country, reports UNB.

"Being deprived of justice, people are taking the law into their own hands," BHRC President Kazi Abdur Rezzak said in a statement yesterday. He said at least 10 people were killed in massbeating on suspicion of child lifters and thieves across the country in last one month, and alleged that such incidents occurred in front of police, but they did not take any steps against the offenders.

The BHRC President said people are losing confidence in police and lower courts for unusual delay in disposal of cases, easy bail, irregularities in lower courts and illegal activities by police.

He demanded drastic change in police administration and lower courts to establish rule of law in the country to ensure security of public life and property.

President hosts dinner for secys

President Shahabuddin Ahmed hosted a dinner for the secretaries to the government at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Muhammad Abu Hena and the Election Commissioners were, among others, attended the dinner.

Besides, the chiefs of the staff of the Army, Navy and Air Force, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, Attorney General, Comptroller and Auditor General, Chairman of the Law Commission, Chairman of the Pay Commission, Chairman of the Bangladesh Grants Commission, members of the Planning Commission, secretaries and secretaries-in-charge of various ministries were present.

Earlier, President Shahabuddin welcomed the guests and exchanged pleasantries with them.

Khasru at AIB workshop Govt believes in principle of accountability

Law Minister Abdul Matin Khasru said in Comilla yesterday Bangladesh was born after a long struggle for establishing human rights and articles upholding the long cherished human right values which have been embodied in our constitution, reports BSS.

The minister was addressing as the chief guest the annual general conference and workshop of the Amnesty International Bangladesh Academy (AIB) in the Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD) auditorium.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, British High Commissioner David C Walker, member of the central executive committee of the Amnesty International Ross Daniel, president of AIB Syed Md Dastagir Husain and director of AIB Golam Mostafa also spoke on the occasion.

The minister said the government believes in the principle of transparency and accountability, and the commitment of the government to protect and promote human right values.

The minister said for upholding the democratic values not a single minister had visited Manikganj-3 constituency where by-election is being held. Whereas the Leader of the Opposition visited the area to address public rally, he said the government sincerely wants to see 100 per cent impartiality in the by-election is ensured.

In his address the State Minister for Foreign Affairs lauded the role of the Amnesty International in various stages of our struggle for independence and after the brutal assassina-

Govt urged to reduce duties on ceramic raw materials

Bangladesh Ceramic Society urged the government to reduce the duties on ceramic raw materials immediately to 7.5% and waive the surcharge fully enabling this highly labour intensive and foreign exchange earning industry to thrive and contribute to the economy significantly, says a press release.

The society in an emergency meeting of the executive committee and representatives of the corporate members of the society held recently reviewed the proposed national budget for the year 1997-98 and expressed their deep concern over the abrupt enhancement of duty on major raw materials of the ceramic industry by 100%.

Zillur condoles AL leader's death

General Secretary of Bangladesh Awami League and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman yesterday expressed deep condolence at the death of Sultan Ahmed, member of the national committee of AL, reports BSS.

He said Sultan Ahmed was a valiant freedom fighter and sincere worker of the party. He was also a social worker.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Bangladesh Banobhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212

Appointment of Natural Resource Survey Investigator (Field Crews)

Memo No. Dev-261/97/618 Dated : 26 June, 1997

Applications for appointment under contractual arrangement are invited for hiring the services of 6 (six) Botanist and 6 (six) Zoologist as "Field Investigators (Field Crews)" for undertaking Natural Resource Survey in remote forest areas of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Sundarban, Sylhet, Noakhali Coastal, Chittagong Coastal, Patuakhali Coastal and Bhola Coastal forest divisions, under Forest Resources Management Project (IDA Credit No. 2397-BD) of the Forest Department.

Qualifications & Experience :

- 1. A. Botanist : i) M Sc in Botany with specialisation in Plant Taxonomy. ii) Must have experience in Plant survey methodology conducted by government/autonomous/reputed non-government organisation (certificates of such experience is to be attached with application. iii) Will and physical ability to undertake field work in remote forest areas under adverse situation. iv) Must have linkage with National Herbarium and/or Botany Department, Dhaka University. B. Zoologist : i) M Sc in Zoology with specialisation in Wildlife Biology. ii) Must be conversant with fauna survey methodologies. Previous experience in faunal survey conducted by government/autonomous/reputed non-government organisation will be treated as added qualifications. iii) Will and physical ability to undertake field work in remote forest areas under adverse situation. iv) Must have linkage with wildlife section of Zoology Department, Dhaka University.

Duties :

- 1. A. Botanist : i) Survey of flora in designated forest areas (taxa and families). ii) Identification of species — trees, shrubs, herbs, climbers creepers and others. iii) Quantitative data recording as per data format designed by consultants. iv) Assist in data entry. B. Zoologist : i) Survey of fauna (taxa and families) which includes mammals, amphibians, reptiles, Ave's and other forms. ii) Identification of species. iii) Collection of samples if not identified. iv) Determination of population abundance. v) Data recording in data formats designed by consultants. vi) Compilation of list of endangered, vulnerable and threatened species. vii) Assist in data entry. 3. Duration of service : 03 months (extendable if necessary) from 15th July '97 (tentative). 4. Age : Maximum 30 years with good health. 5. Remuneration Package :

A consolidated remuneration per month will be paid which is inclusive of local travel, local transportation, accommodation etc. No DA will be admissible. Long distance transportation from one forest division to another as well as from Dhaka to the working place by Bus/Train/Steamer (1st class) at cost will be reimbursed on production of relevant ticket etc.

The selected personnel will be provided with a short training by the consultants before undertaking the field work as per work plan. No TA/DA will be admissible for appearing before the interview board as well as for joining the training programme in Dhaka.

Interested candidates are required to appear before the interview board in the office chamber of the DCCF, Management Planning, Banobhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212 along with their application, CV copies of relevant academic certificates, experience certificates and two copies of recent passport size photograph on 10-07-97 at 10:30 AM. Applicant should also indicate expected consolidated monthly remuneration in their application.

None need apply without having needed academic background and experience of the job and also ability to work in remote forest areas.

Dr. Shamsur Rahman Chief Conservator of Forests Bangladesh.

ঢাকা সিটি কর্পোরেশন প্রকৌশল শাখা, পুর, অঞ্চল-১ আপনার পরিবেশ সুন্দর ও পরিষ্কার রাখুন আপনার শিককে টিকা দিন দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নিয়ে বর্ধিত কাজটির জন্য ঢাকা সিটি কর্পোরেশন-এর প্রথম শ্রেণীর ঠিকাদার/সরকারী, বেসরকারী ও আধাসরকারী সংস্থার অভিজ্ঞ তবন নির্মাণ কাজের প্রথম শ্রেণীর ঠিকাদারদের নিকট হইতে বাংলাদেশ স্বরম নং ২৯১১তে সীলমোহরকৃত নামে "দুই খাম" পদ্ধতিতে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে। আগামী ১০-৭-৯৭ই/৩১-৩-১৪০৪ তারিখে বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকার সময় বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, ঢাকা, জেলা প্রশাসক, ঢাকা এবং ঢাকা সিটি কর্পোরেশনের সকল অঞ্চলের প্রকৌশল বিভাগ কর্তৃক দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হইবে এবং ঐ দিনই দরপত্র খোলার জন্য পঠিত উপকমিটি কর্তৃক উপস্থিত দরপত্রাদাতা অথবা তাহাদের প্রতিনিধিগণের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) শুধুমাত্র কারিগরি প্রস্তাব খোলা হইবে। যে সকল দরপত্রাদাতার কারিগরি প্রস্তাব কর্তৃক কর্তৃক গৃহীত হইবে শুধুমাত্র তাহাদের আর্থিক প্রস্তাব পরবর্তীতে খোলা হইবে। শতকরা হারে দর অর্কে এবং কথায় উভয়ই লিখিত হইবে অন্যথায় দরপত্র বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে। ঢাকা সিটি কর্পোরেশনের মেয়র মহোদয়ের অনুকূলে বাংলাদেশের যে কোন সিডিউল ব্যাংকের ব্যাংক ডাফট(পে)-অর্ডারের মাধ্যমে বায়নার টাকা হিসাবে টেকনিক্যাল প্রস্তাবের সহিত জমা দিতে হইবে। ঢাকা সিটি কর্পোরেশনের সকল অঞ্চলের আঞ্চলিক অফিস এবং হিসাব বিভাগের হিসাবরক্ষক-এর নিকট হইতে প্রতিসেস্ট নির্ধারিত মূল্যে চালানের মাধ্যমে (অফেশরভযোগ্য) দরপত্রের শর্তাবলী, সিডিউল ইত্যাদি জন্ করা যাইবে। এতদসংক্রান্ত বিবরণ অফিস লোকালীন সময়ে ঢাকা সিটি কর্পোরেশনের অঞ্চল-১-এর নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর দপ্তরে জানা যাইবে। কোন কোন দরপত্র মোট প্রাকল্পিত মূল্যের সার্বিকভাবে ০৫% (শতকরা পাঁচ ভাগ) অপেক্ষা অধিক উর্ক দরে দাবিকৃত দরপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে। একই কারিগরি রেসপনসিভনেস সম্পন্ন একাধিক ঠিকাদার সর্বনিম্ন দরদাতা হইলে সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ ঠিকাদারগণ (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) এবং দরপত্র কমিটির সদস্যদের উপস্থিতিতে প্রকাশ্যে লটারী অনুষ্ঠানের মাধ্যমে ঠিকাদার নির্বাচন করা হইবে। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখে দরপত্রের কোন দলিলপত্র বিক্রয় করা হইবে না। যে কোন বা সমুদয় দরপত্র কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করিবার ক্ষমতা সংক্রান্ত থাকিবে।

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Decision to set up 12 science varsities hailed

Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) General Education Association yesterday hailed the government's decision to establish 12 science and technology universities in the country, a press release of the association said yesterday, reports BSS.

The association, in a meeting chaired by Prof Montaj Begum, congratulated the government for undertaking programmes for poverty alleviation, introduction of allowances for the uncare old people, generation of employment opportunities and other welfare activities.

The association requested to make computers cheaper and available for the users to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

It urged the government to stress more on computer-based education and allocate money for the establishment of an "information technology training centre."

Fake examinee

CHITTAGONG, June 27: A youngman was caught for appearing at examination on behalf of his sister at a centre here for primary-school teachers' written-test today (Friday), reports UNB.

Mominul Haque, who sat for the examination wearing sari and borkha at Government Muslim High School centre, was challenged by one of the invigilators there. Momin, son of a school teacher, of Charamba in Lohagara thana of the district, was later handed over to police.

7 hurt as rival groups clash at Anowara

CHITTAGONG, June 27: Seven people, including three women, were injured in a clash between two rival group of villagers in Anowara thana of the district today, reports UNB. Police said the clash ensued when a group of people, led by one Ahad-bin-Jamil, attacked the house of Azizuddin of Maizpara village at 11 am.

Weather Heavy rainfall forecast

Under the influence of monsoon depression over northwest Bay and adjoining area of West Bengal coast, heavy rainfall is likely at places over the country in the next 24 hours commencing 6 pm yesterday, reports UNB.

Under its influence, Met Office also forecast temporary south south-easterly squalls at the speed of 55-70 kph or more may occur at places over Barisal, Khulna and Chittagong divisions and the regions of Faridpur, Dhaka, Tangail, Pabna and Bogra during the period.

Moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at most places over Barisal, Khulna, Chittagong, Sylhet and Dhaka and at many places over Rajshahi division.

Moderately heavy to heavy falls may occur at places over the country. Day temperature is likely to fall by 1-2 degree Celsius across the country.

The sun sets today at 6:50 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:15 am.

Table with columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius, Humidity in percentage. Rows: Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.