

Metropolitan

**Minister informs JS
3 district level
passport offices
to be established**

The government has a plan to establish three district level passport offices in Noakhali, Faridpur and Jessore, reports UNB.

Home Minister Rafiqul Islam said this in parliament yesterday, replying to a starred question from A Mukit Khan (JP-Sylhet).

He said the proposal of establishing the three passport offices was approved by the Home and Establishment ministries, and now awaiting approval of the Finance Ministry.

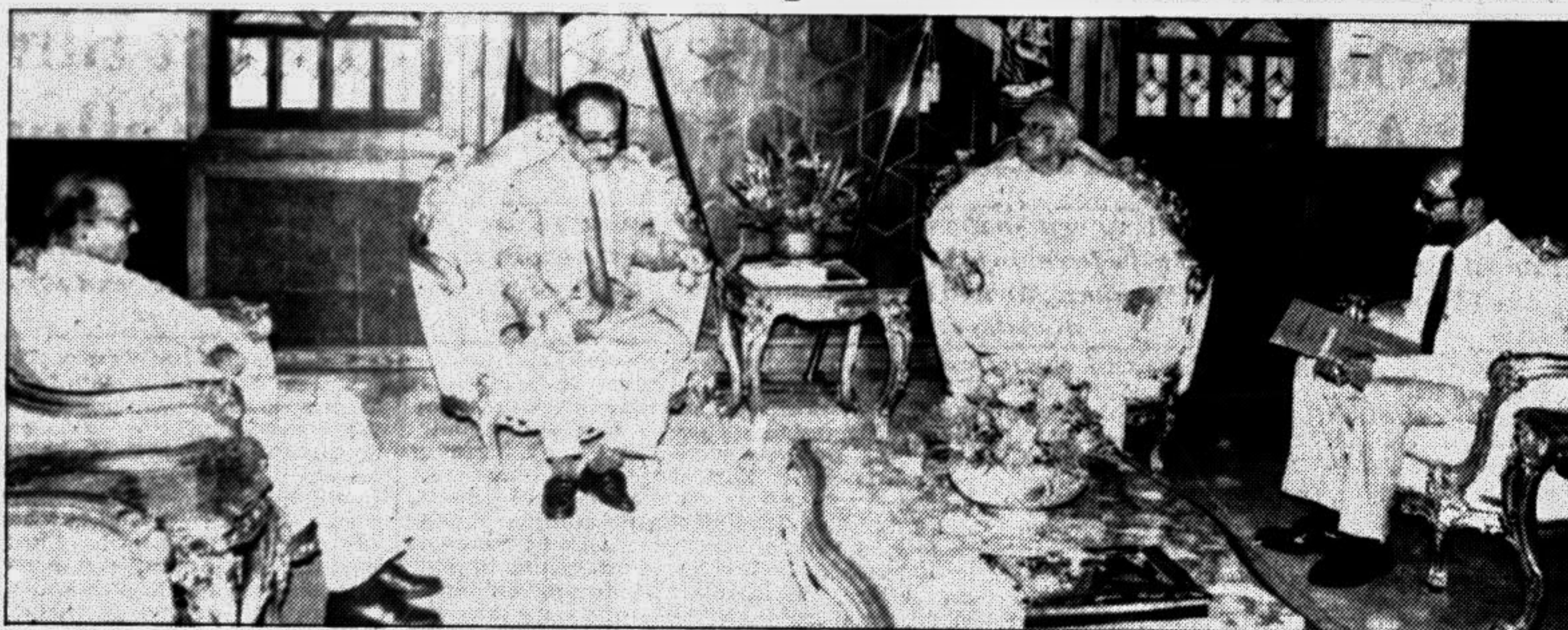
The Home Minister, however, said the government has no plan to establish another branch of the passport office in Dhaka.

**Nat'l Edn Policy
Formulation body
team meets President**

A three-member delegation of the National Education Policy Formulation Committee, headed by Education Minister A S H K Sadek, called on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

The members of the delegation apprised the President of the progress of their work. They said that they will be able to submit their report within the stipulated time.

They informed the President that regarding religious teaching in schools, a wrong idea has been created alleging that religion will no longer be taught in schools. They said this is far from truth. Religious education will continue to be taught in schools, they pointed out.



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**Samad Azad tells Jatiya Sangsad
Efforts on to realise due share
of assets from Pakistan**

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad yesterday informed the Jatiya Sangsad the government has been continuing diplomatic efforts to come to a solution with Pakistan on realising Bangladesh's due share of assets, reports BSS.

Replying to a question from Syed Ashrafur Islam (AL-Kishoreganj), he said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina raised the issue with the Pakistan leaders during her recent visit to Pakistan to attend the Conference of the Organisation of Islamic Countries (OIC) but there was no significant progress in this regard due to the reluctance of Pakistan leaders, he added.

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believes that the problem can be solved on the basis of this relation.

Moreover, Commerce and Industries Minister Tofiqul Islam and himself recently visited Myanmar to solve the problem and had fruitful discussion with Myanmar leaders on the issue.

48 ambassador-level missions abroad

UNB report says, Bangladesh has a total of 48 Ambassador-level missions and 11 sub-missions abroad, Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad told the Parliament.

Replying to a starred question from Ahmed Taftiq Uddin (Pabna-2), the minister said the actual expenditure of the missions in fiscal 1996-97 was not yet finalised due to non-availability of the account.

The diplomatic missions are located in Abu Dhabi, Ankara, Oman, Baghdad, Bahrain, Bangkok, Brasilia, Bonn, Brussels, Cairo, Dakar, Jakarta, Rabat, Riyadh, Geneva, Kathmandu, Kuwait, Manila, Moscow, New York, Beijing, Paris, Qatar, Yangon, Rome, Stockholm, Tehran, Thimpu, Tokyo, Tripoli, Washington, Warsaw, Seoul, Tashkent, Hanoi, the Hague, Birmingham, Calcutta, Canberra, Colombo, Nairobi, Kuala Lumpur, London, Manchester, New Delhi, Ottawa, Singapore, Harare, Islamabad, Pretoria, Karachi, Los Angeles, Agartola, Akyab, Dubai, Hong Kong, Jeddah (consulate), New York (consulate) and Kabul (presently suspended).

Replying to another starred question from Nurul Islam Nahid (Sylhet-6), the Foreign Minister said Bangladesh has diplomatic relations with 81 countries.

The country's missions abroad have officials and employees of 20 categories. Azad said replying to another question from M Shahidul Islam (Jhenidah-3).

They include 45 ambassadors/high commissioners, 18 deputy high commissioners/consul generals/ministers, 35 assistant high commissioners/councillors, 31 first secretaries, 17 second secretaries and 10 third secretaries.

**Hasina visits
Rafiq at CMH**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visited Home Minister Rafiqul Islam at the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

The Prime Minister talked to the attending doctors about his treatment. Rafiq recently underwent surgery at the CMH.

WE REMEMBER

ON THIS DAY, TWELVE YEARS AGO, OUR MOTHER, MRS. AYESHA AZIZ, LEFT THIS WORLD FOR ETERNAL REST. ALL WELL WISHERS, FRIENDS AND RELATIONS ARE REQUESTED TO PRAY FOR HER SOUL TO REST IN ETERNAL PEACE.

DR. NAJMA RIZVI
MAJ. GEN. NURUL ISLAM (RETD.)
DR. MANIZA JOHNSON
DR. M. ANIS
MOHAMMED KAISER AZIZ
MOHAMMED IQBAL AZIZ
HABIBUR RAHMAN (SANNI)
MAHMUD RAHMAN
YASMEEN RAHMAN

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Public Works E/M Division-7, Dhaka

Memo No. EM-7-126/04 Dated: 1-7-97/17-3-1404BS

Short Tender Invitation Notice
No. 2/1997-98

Tenders on percentage basis in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are invited from Public Works Directorate enlisted electrical/mechanical 1st/2nd class contractors having valid ABC/BC class contractory and supervisory licence issued by Bangladesh Electrical Licensing Board, Dhaka and VAT Department's registration certificate for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the office of Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division 1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8, Workshop Division, Timber Workshop Division, Dhaka, Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka up to 12-00 Noon of 16-7-97/1-4-1404BS and opened on the same day at 12-30 PM in presence (if any) of the tenders.

Tender form, schedule of items, terms and conditions etc. can be purchased on cash payment of Tk 425/= (non-refundable) from the office of Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8, Dhaka, Public Works E/M Workshop and Timber Workshop Division, Dhaka, Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka during office hours up to 15-7-97/31-3-1404 BS. Contractor himself or his authorised representative can purchase the tender form on production of registration book with necessary papers. Earnest money at the rate 2 per cent of total quoted amount should be deposited with each tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/Treasury Challan/Call Deposit from any scheduled bank in favour of the undersigned.

Serial No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed
1.	Supply and installation of 40HP submersible pump motor set at the deep tubewell adjacent to Hindol Complex under Taltala low-cost quarters complex at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka.	Tk 3,99,083/=	At the rate 2 per cent of total quoted days.	12 (twelve) days.

Md Aminul Huq
Executive Engineer
Public Works E/M Division-7
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar
Dhaka

DFP-15734-3/7
G-1794

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education
Bangladesh, Dhaka

Memo No. 2112/P Dt: 30-6-97

Appointment Notice

Applications are invited from bonafide citizens of Bangladesh for appointment to the undermentioned posts at the project 'Establishment of Madrasa Teachers Training Institute' under the Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education at pay & allowances admissible as per govt rules in the pay scales mentioned against the posts on purely temporary basis for the project period.

Serial No.	Name of post	Number of post	Pay scale	Age	Educational qualification & experience
01.	Senior Computer Operator	1	2300-4480/=	Maximum 30 years (32 years in case of Freedom Fighters)	Graduate from any recognised college/university. Should be minimum 4 (four) years experienced as Computer Operator. Candidate shall have to pass computer aptitude test. Experienced departmental candidate will be given preference.
02.	Accountant	1	1475-3150/=	Do	Should be B. Com passed with 1 (one) year's practical experience at Govt/semi-govt/autonomous/private organisation. Age is relaxable in case of experienced candidate.
03.	Office Assistant	1	1200-2335/=	Do	Should be minimum HSC passed. Experienced candidate will be given preference.
04.	Driver	1	1200-2335/=	Do	Should be Class VIII passed with 3 (three) years driving experience.
05.	MLSS	2	900-1530/=	Do	Should be Class VIII passed. Experienced candidates will be given preference.
06.	Sweeper	1	900-1530/=	Do	Class V passed.

Terms & Conditions:

- Applications in plain paper addressed to the undersigned stating name of candidate, father's/husband's name, date of birth, age, permanent address, present address, nationality, educational qualification, experience etc should reach by 21-07-97. No application will be received after that time.
- The undermentioned papers should be enclosed with the application: (a) 2 (two) copies recent passport size attested photographs, (b) attested certificates of all educational qualifications, (c) Character certificate from 1st class officer, (d) Nationality certificate, (e) attested certificate of experience (where applicable). In case of driver, attested copy of driving licence.
- Pay Order/Bank Draft/Postal Order for Tk 50/= (fifty) only (non-refundable) from any scheduled commercial bank in favour of Director General, Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education should be submitted with the application.
- In case of Freedom Fighter candidate attested true copy of certificate signed by the Chairman, and countersigned by the Chief Adviser, Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad should be submitted with the application.
- Candidate in service should apply through proper channel. In case of tribal candidates, attested true copy of certificate from proper authority should be submitted.
- The decision of authority will be treated as final in matters of appointment.
- The post will remain valid for the project period on purely temporary basis. On expiry of the tenure the authority will not bear any responsibility for the appointed officer.
- No TA/DA will be admissible for taking part in written test/ viva voce.
- Govt rules will be followed in matters of appointment.

Fazilatunnessa
Assistant Director (Planning & Development)
Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education
Bangladesh, Dhaka

DFP-15746-3/7
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Govt for permanent solution of Rohingya

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad yesterday said in the Jatiya Sangsad reports on the new influx of Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar has been published in some newspapers and the government is waiting for confirmation from the authority concerned in this regard, reports BSS.

Replying to a question from BNP legislator Alamgir Mohammad Mahfuzullah Farid (Cox's Bazar), he said the government has plan to settle the Rohingya problem permanently.

He said the government has been working to establish a good relation with Myanmar as it is a neighbouring country and

Govt has list of illegal arms holders, JS told

Home Minister Rafiqul Islam yesterday told the Jatiya Sangsad that the government has a list of illegal arms holders and of suspected holders of illegal arms, reports UNB.

There may be more illegal arms holders outside this list," he said in reply to a question of Zafrul Islam Chowdhury (BNP-Chittagong).

He said the government takes legal action in the matter after proper investigation on the basis of allegations received from the people.

Meanwhile, the minister said, huge arms and ammunition were recovered through countrywide and regional drives against illegal arms.

The government is continuing the arms recovery drives in Khulna, Barisal, Dhaka, Sylhet, Rajshahi and Chittagong, he said.

Replying to another question from Prof Khaleda

Directives given to withdraw 1,113 cases, JS told

Since July 1996, the government has given directives to withdraw some 1,113 cases related to the democratic movements in the country, reports UNB.

Deputy Leader of the House and LGRD Minister Zillur Rahman said this in parliament yesterday replying on behalf of Home Minister Rafiqul Islam to a question from Prof Shahidul Islam (BNP-Kushtia).

The minister, however, said only 63 of the cases were actually withdrawn till date and the rest were under process.

UNB adds: Deputy Leader of the House Zillur Rahman told parliament yesterday that the government will not scrap the Special Powers Act, but wants to ensure its proper application.

Replying to a supplementary question from Ruhul Quddus Talukder Dulu (BNP-Natore), he said the Act need not to be scrapped. "It was enacted to meet the necessity of a special situation and still has its utility. This is why it has not been scrapped."

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Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Procurement of Pipeline Materials under OECF Loan No. BD-C18

Date of Issuance of Invitation: 6th July, 1997

- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has undertaken the Third Natural Gas Development Project for the development of its natural gas production, transmission and distribution system. The part of the foreign exchange requirement of the Project is intended to be financed out of the "Energy Sector Adjustment Loan" (the loan no. being BD-C18), signed between the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB) and the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) of Japan. Out of the total loan of Japanese Yen 3.8 billion under the said "Energy Sector Adjustment Loan", an amount of Japanese Yen 1996 million has been made available for Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Co. Ltd. (TGTDC), an undertaking of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and it is intended that part of the proceeds of the allocation for TGTDC will be applied to eligible payments under contract (s) for supply of Gas Pipeline Materials and Equipments (The Goods).
- Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co. Ltd. now invites sealed bids for the supply of the following goods from eligible bidders from Eligible Source Countries (Eligible Source Countries are (a) all the developing countries except People's Republic of Bangladesh, and (b) all the member of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)).

Sl. No.	IFB No	Short Description of Goods	Cost of Bid Document	Bid Closing Date
1.	PD.2312/375-NDT	Radiographic Materials: (A) Films & Chemicals. (B) Ancillary Materials.	Tk. 1,000/- or US\$ 23.00	25 Aug '97
2.	PD.2312/375-PIG	Cleaning Pigs	Tk. 1,000/- or US\$ 23.00	26 Aug '97
3.	PD.2312/375-FIT(BW)	Butt-Welding Fittings	Tk. 1,000/- or US\$ 23.00	26 Aug '97
4.	PD.2312/375-ICCS	Isolating Couplings, Casing Seals & Insulating Spacers.	Tk. 1,000/- or US\$ 23.00	27 Aug '97
5.	PD.2312/375-FLANGE	(A) Flanges & Gaskets. (B) Stud Bolts, Nuts & Half Couplings.	Tk. 1,000/- or US\$ 23.00	27 Aug '97
6.	PD.2312/375-BV	Ball Valves	Tk. 2,000/- or US\$ 46.00	28 Aug '97
7.	PD.2312/375-CP	Cathodic Protection Materials & Equipments.	Tk. 1,000/- or US\$ 23.00	01 Sep '97
8.	PD.2312/375-T&P	Polyethylene Tape & Primer	Tk. 2,000/- or US\$ 46.00	01 Sep '97
9.	PD.2312/375-BEND	Hot Formed Bends.	Tk. 1,500/- or US\$ 35.00	02 Sep '97

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents at the office of:
Deputy General Manager (Purchase)
Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co Ltd
105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue
Kawran Bazar Commercial Area, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh.
Phone: 819380, Fax: 880-2-813031, Telex: 632468 TGNC BJ.

- Phone Documents may be purchased by any interested eligible bidder upon payment of the cost (non-refundable) of the respective bidding document as indicated above from Accounts Department of this Company at the above addresses from 8th July, 1997 between 9:00 hrs. and 13:00 hrs. on all working days. No Bid Document will be sold on the closing date of the respective IFB.
- All Bids accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order or Bank Guarantee of 2% of Bid Amount must be delivered to Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co. Ltd., Dhaka within 11:00 hrs. of the closing date of the respective IFB.
- Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co. Ltd. will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation and delivery of bids.
- Bids will be opened on the same date of closing at 11:15 hrs. in presence of Bidders, if any. Should this day happens to fall on any holiday, Bids shall be opened at the same hours on the 1st subsequent working day.
- TGTDC reserves the right to accept any Bid and reject any or all the Bids at any stage without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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