

Shahabuddin attends Sayem's qukhwani

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed attended the qukhwani of former President and Chief Justice A S M Sayem at his Dhanmondi residence yesterday afternoon, reports UNB.

A milad mahfil was held on the occasion, followed by a special *munajat*, for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

Bangabandhu Memorial Trust meet held

A regular meeting of the trustee board of the father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Trust was held yesterday in the city, reports BSS.

Trustee board president Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina presided over the meeting. At the outset of the meeting the board warmly congratulated Sheikh Hasina for receiving an honorary degree of doctor of law conferred by famous Waseda University of Japan.

Disparity in inter-city train fares alleged

By Staff Correspondent

Fares of inter-city trains operated by Bangladesh Railway (BR) in Dhaka-Sylhet route are on an average 40 per cent more dearer than that of BR inter-city trains operated in Dhaka-Chittagong route.

A train passenger of Dhaka-Sylhet route portrayed this picture of disparity while addressing a press conference in the city recently.

Exhibition on jute, textile apparels opens

A special exhibition on jute and textile apparels began at the art gallery of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria inaugurated the three-day exhibition, organised by Bibi Productions marking its second founding anniversary.

Various outfits for women made of jute and cotton, designed by Bibi Rassel, a renowned Bangladeshi model, are on display at the exhibition. Visitors on the opening day were enthralled by members of Bibi's troupe modelling the dresses, dancing to the tune of 'tak dum tak dum, bajay Bangladesh dhole', sung by Kumar Shachin Dev Burman.

The function was also attended by Minister for Agriculture and Food Motia Choudhury, while State Minister for Jute and Textiles A K Faezul Huq was in the chair. Director General of Shilpakala Academy Shamsuzzaman Khan was also present.

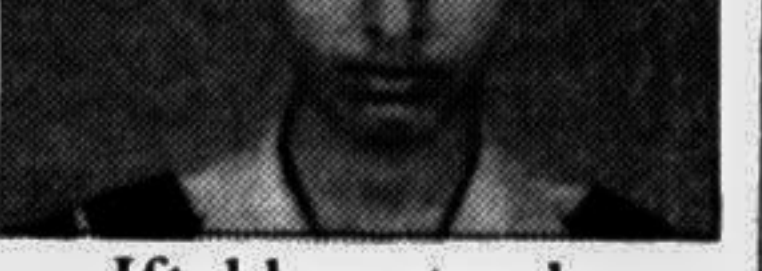
Kibria said diversified use of the jute and cotton would greatly help in curbing the use of synthetics which were destroying the environment. Motia Choudhury said the use of various goods made of jute and cotton would ultimately help the farmers as well as the soil of Bangladesh.

Md Mansur Bakht Chowdhury, a businessman of Srimgal in Moulvibazar district, told newsmen that fare for 'Shovan Class' of inter-city train in Dhaka-Sylhet route (319km) is fixed at Tk 130, while fare for similar class in Dhaka-Chittagong route (346km) is Tk 100 only.

He placed papers in support of his statements and said that he had earlier sent letters to the Prime Minister and Communication Minister to eliminate such discrepancy in train fares.

Chowdhury also said that quality of certain services in the Dhaka-Sylhet route was not up to standard and tracks were in bad shape. He urged all ministers, whips and MPs from Sylhet division to discuss the issue in the Parliament.

Moreover, the aggrieved train passenger said that if the government takes no steps in this regard, he would file a writ petition with the Supreme Court seeking redress for the train fare anomaly.



Iftekhar stands 4th in SSC exams

By Staff Correspondent

Iftekharuddin Ahmed, a student of Barisal Cadet College, who stood fourth in the combined merit list of the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination under Jessore Board this year, said that he was not happy with his results.

"I expected a much better result," Iftekhar said, talking to The Daily Star yesterday.

According to him, he studied for about eight to nine hours on an average for the exams.

Iftekhar spends his leisure time listening to music and reading books. Humayun Ahmed and Satyajit Ray are his favourite authors.

He is the son of Jashimuddin, an official of the Department of Taxation, and Latifa Begum, a teacher.

First class first

C M Sarwar Hossain stood first class first in M Com (final) examination of 1994 (held in 1996) in accounting department from Dhaka University, says a press release.

Hailing from Zangira thana under Sariaptur district, Sarwar is the son of Abdul Hamid and Ashia Begum.

He also stood first class fourth in B Com (Hons) examination of the same university.

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A delegation of Jatiyatabadi Shechhashebok Dal, Dhaka city unit, called on BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia at her Minto Road residence yesterday. — Star photo

'Allocation for research work not adequate in DU budget'

Inadequate financial support virtually restricts the various research bureaus and centres under the Dhaka University from carrying out any meaningful programmes, reports UNB.

Some of the research institutes of the DU even do not have a room for conducting meetings or carrying out their programmes, nor have their own computer or photocopier.

Directors and presidents of the research institutes said that very meagre funds were allocated for different research bureaus and centres of the university.

The heads of the concerned agencies emphasised on the allocation of sufficient funds for 'meaningful and successful' research works at the top educational institution of the country.

Talking to UNB yesterday, Treasurer of Dhaka University

Prof M Shamsul Haq admitted that the allocation for the purpose of research was not adequate.

"What to speak of research, lion's share of the allocation goes to pay for the salaries of staff and employees, and maintenance of the institutes," he said.

The Dhaka University authorities made an allocation of about Tk 1.69 crore for its research institutes for the fiscal 1997-98. The amount was Tk 90.24 lakh during the last year (1996-97).

Although the amount look much higher than the last year, the actual allocation for the research institutes increased by a mere Tk 4.76 lakh to about Tk 95 lakh for the current fiscal year.

This year's research allocation of Tk 1.69 crore include Tk

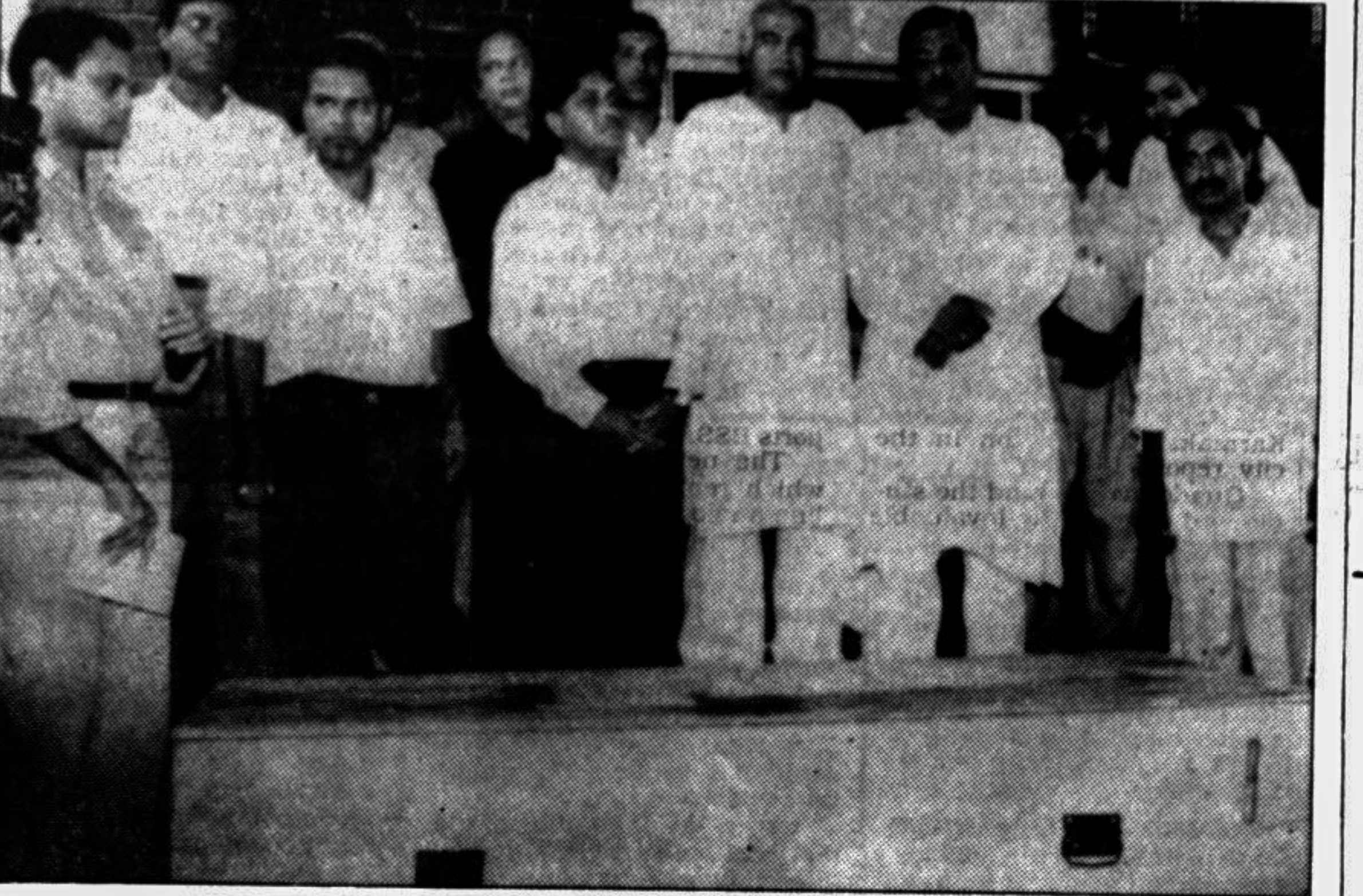
75 lakh for various departments under the faculties of Science and Biological Sciences, which were not included in previous years, DU sources said.

Even this allocation of Tk 75 lakh for the Science and Biological Sciences faculties is subject to sanction from the University Grants Commission (UGC).

The allocation for the research institutes showed that the actual increase was very insignificant: increase for individual institutes was only several thousand taka.

"The allocated fund is very little against the needs," said Prof Ayubur Rahman, Chairman of Economics Research Bureau.

Prof Rahman said inadequate fund stand in the way of success in conducting research projects and publishing the project reports.



The body of Mahbub, who was found dead in the wheel carriage of a Biman aircraft on March 23, arrived at the Zia International Airport from Saudi Arabia yesterday. — Star photo

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer, DPHE, 18-DTP
Nilphamari Division, Nilphamari
Tender Notice

Memo No 02(85) Dated: 1.7.97
Separate sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from DPHE enlisted 1st class "c" category contractors renewed/enlisted for the year 1996-97 those who have experience and successfully completed the same nature of work or any other RCC (structure) work not below the amount of Tk 50 lakhs in a single work order and those who have prequalified for the construction (new) of IRP or OHT under 9-DTP, DPHE for the following works in Joypurhat Municipal area under the Netherlands Assisted 18-District Towns Water Supply, Sanitation and Drainage Project of DPHE. Those BWDB/PWD 1st class contractors who have experience and successfully completed the same nature of work of minimum capacity of 100m³/hr for IRP and 250m³ for OHT can also participate in the tender for the below mentioned work.

Sl No	Description of work	Estimated cost (Tk)	Earnest money	Time of completion	Fund
1.	Construction of 450m ³ RCC Over Head Tank at Joypurhat Municipal Area.	To be quoted by the tenderers	2% of the quoted amount.	270 days	RPA
2.	Construction of 200m ³ /h Iron Removal Plant at Joypurhat Municipal Area.	-do-	-do-	270 "	RPA

Terms and Conditions
1. The above tender(s) will be received at the office of the (i) Executive Engineer, DPHE, 18-DTP, P&D Division, 190, Arambag, Dhaka (ii) The Executive Engineer, DPHE, 18-DTP, Nilphamari Division, Nilphamari and (iii) The Sub-Divisional Engineer, DPHE, 18-DTP, Joypurhat Sub-Division, Joypurhat up to 1.00 PM on 27.7.97 and will be opened at the office of the Project Director, DPHE, 190, Arambag Inner Circular Road, Dhaka at 12.00 Noon on 29.7.97 in presence of the tenderer or their representative happened to be present at the time of opening tenders. The tender documents will be sold to the eligible bidders at a cost of Tk 1500.00 (non-refundable) during the office hours up to 24.7.97 from the office of the Executive Engineer, DPHE, 18-DTP P&D Division, Dhaka and the Executive Engineer, DPHE, 18-DTP, Nilphamari Division, Nilphamari. No tender document will be sold on the date fixed for receiving tenders. Tenderers will have to quote time-wise rate with detail analysis and this rate will include all types of taxes and VAT. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof. The contractor who has failed to complete the work under 18-DTP in schedule time will not be eligible to participate in the tender.
Other information and terms and conditions will be available in the tender documents.

Wahidur Rahman
Chief Engineer
BTMC, Dhaka
Phone-328506.
Md Afaz Uddin Khan
Executive Engineer, DPHE, 18-DTP
Nilphamari Division, Nilphamari
DFP-15926-8/7
G-1804

Weather
Heavy rainfall forecast
Heavy to very heavy rainfall is likely at places over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.
Met Office also forecast moderate to moderately heavy rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind at most places over the country.
No appreciable change in day temperature is likely throughout the country.
The sun sets today at 6:49 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:19 am.

WANTED
Accountant - capable of handling accounting functions independently, course completed/part qualified CA/ICMA & Computer literacy preferred. Good prospects for the right candidate. Apply with CV, recent photo and expected pay to G.P.O. Box # 2211 Dhaka-1000 by 22nd July, 1997

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Police Headquarters
Dhaka
International Tender Notice for Establishment of Dog Squad
Sealed tenders are invited from the bonafide foreign suppliers or their local agents for supply of a fully operational capabilities dog squad consisting of 20 trained dogs, with their handlers on hire basis, for a limited time and offers are also invited for training and establishment of a Dog Squad consisting of 20 puppies for Bangladesh Police (details of trained dogs, puppies and other terms and conditions related thereto to be specified in the tender schedule) during the financial year 1997-98:-
1. Number of trained : 20 (Twenty) Nos. (10 male and 10 female).
2. Number of puppies : 20 (Twenty) Nos. (10 male and 10 female).
3. Categories of trained dogs, purpose of use and number required : (a) 10 dogs for tracker and guard duties (5 male and 5 female).
(b) 10 dogs for narcotics detection, arms/explosive search duties (5 male and 5 female).
4. Categories of puppies, purpose of use and number required : (a) 10 puppies for tracker and guard duties (5 male and 5 female).
(b) 10 puppies for narcotics detection, arms/explosive search duties (5 male & 5 female).
5. Cost of tender : Tk. 750/- (Tk. seven hundred fifty) only in cash.
(Non-refundable)
6. Tender Schedule : Police Headquarters, E&T Section, Room No. 107, Police Bhaban, Dhaka.
7. Last date of selling Tender Schedule : Up to 14.8.97 on all working days during office hours.
8. Place, date and time of submitting tenders : Police Headquarters, E&T Section, Room No. 107, Police Bhaban, Dhaka on 20-8-97 up to 12.00 Noon.
9. Place, date & time of opening tenders : Police Headquarters, Dhaka on 20-8-97 at 12.30PM in presence of tenderers, if any.
10. Earnest Money : 5% (five per cent) of total quoted value of the whole project.
11. Validity of offer : Up to 30-6-98.
12. The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.
Md Anwar Hossain
Asstt. Insp. Genl. of Police (E&T)
Bangladesh, Dhaka.
DFP-15963-8/7
G-1806
Tel: 9564313

Dhaka Electric Supply Authority
Memo No. DES/CA (Computer)/A-597/432 Dt.: 29-06-97
Re-Tender Notice
Sealed tenders in PDB's Form T-2 are re-invited from bonafide importers/suppliers & DESA/PDB enlisted contractors for supply of pre-printed billing form in foreign superior quality offset paper 60 GSM (perforated fanfold continuous sheet) size 15"x11" with DESA monogram LT/LTI/HT bill form (as per sample attached with schedule). Total cost of the work is Tk 7,28,100/= (Seven lakh twenty-eight thousand one hundred) only. Tender schedule can be purchased from the office of the undersigned & General Manager, Consumer Service (North), DESA, 75, Kakrail office up to 28-07-97 during office hours subject to payment of Tk 200/= (two hundred) only in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of Addl. Director, ZAO, DESA. Tender should be submitted with earnest money at the rate 5 per cent of quoted price in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of Addl Director, ZAO. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at any of the above offices up to 12-00 Noon of 29-07-97 & opened on the same day at 12-30 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason. It may be noted that if the office remained closed on the date under any unavoidable circumstances tender will be received & opened on the next day.
Superintending Engineer
(Consumer Service)
Gulshan
& Addl Director (System Analyst)
Addl Responsibility
Computer Centre, DESA
80, Mohakhali, Dhaka
DFP-15859-7/7
G-1809

BTMC Tender Notice for Sale of Land at Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka
Sealed tenders are hereby invited by the Chief Engineer (Civil), BTMC, BTMC Bhaban, 7-9, Kawran Bazar C/A., Dhaka-1215 from interested persons/organisations/citizens of Bangladesh staying abroad for purchase of Group (a) Land and Building and Group (b) Vacant land "as it is where it is basis" at Motijheel C/A, Dhaka under Olympia Textile Mills, Tongi, Gazipur. Description of land and other information are as follows:
Group No. Description of land and structures Total land in decimals Last date of selling tender Dropping & opening date & time of tender.
(A) Mouza Motijheel S.A. Dhagh No. 7(part) and 8(part), Holding No. 7 and 8, Motijheel Road, city of Dhaka, land and one RCC 5-storied building of floor area 25000 sft. (5000 sft. in each floor). 15.40 23-7-97 24-7-97 12-00 Noon 12-30 pm.
(B) Mouza Motijheel S.A Dhagh No. 7(part) and 8(part), Holding No. 7 and 8, Motijheel Road, city of Dhaka, vacant land and one semi-pucca godown of floor area 1000 sft. 15.00 -do- -do-
Tender schedule may be purchased @Tk. 750/- per set on cash payment (non-refundable) from the office of the Chief Accountant, BTMC, BTMC Bhaban (1st floor), 7-9, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215 or Account Section of Olympia Textile Mills, Tongi, Gazipur or BTMC Shipping Office, 79, Agrabad C/A., Chittagong as mentioned above up to 1.00 pm on all working days during office hours. The tender must be dropped in the tender box as kept in the office of the Chief Engineer (Civil), BTMC as mentioned above, Ministry of Textiles, 11th floor, Room No. 1117, Bhaban No. 6, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka, BTMC Shipping Office, 79, Agrabad C/A., Chittagong and Olympia Textile Mills, Tongi, Gazipur on 24-7-97 up to 12-00 Noon & will be opened at 12-30 pm on the same day in presence of the bidders, if any.
2.5% Earnest Money of the quoted value of the Tender must be submitted with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/PO etc. in favour of BTMC from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh. In case of citizen of Bangladesh staying abroad will submit 2.5% Earnest Money in the form of Bank Draft in foreign currency along with the original bank receipt with the tender. The representative may submit the tender on behalf of citizen of Bangladesh staying abroad. Details terms & conditions will be available with the Tender schedules. No tender without earnest money will be considered.
The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
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