

## Sirat-un-Nabi seminar held

A Sirat-un-Nabi (SA) seminar for women, jointly organised by Bazme Quaderia and Khanquah Sharif Abul Ulaya Kayetuli, Dhaka was held yesterday at the Bazme Quaderia Complex at Nilkhel in the city, says a press release.

Quamruddoja Begum Quaderia, President of Bazme Quaderia, presided over the deliberations and Sarwari Rahman, former state minister for women's affairs, was the chief guest.

Four research papers were presented at the seminar, followed by a lively open discussion session. The Prophet's (SA) life, work and achievements were topics of discussion.

Syeda Sharequa Sharafi, Vice-Chairman of the Organising Committee, welcomed the guests and presented the vote of thanks.

The seminar ended with a munajat for the welfare of the Ummah, conducted by Razia Shafiuuddin.

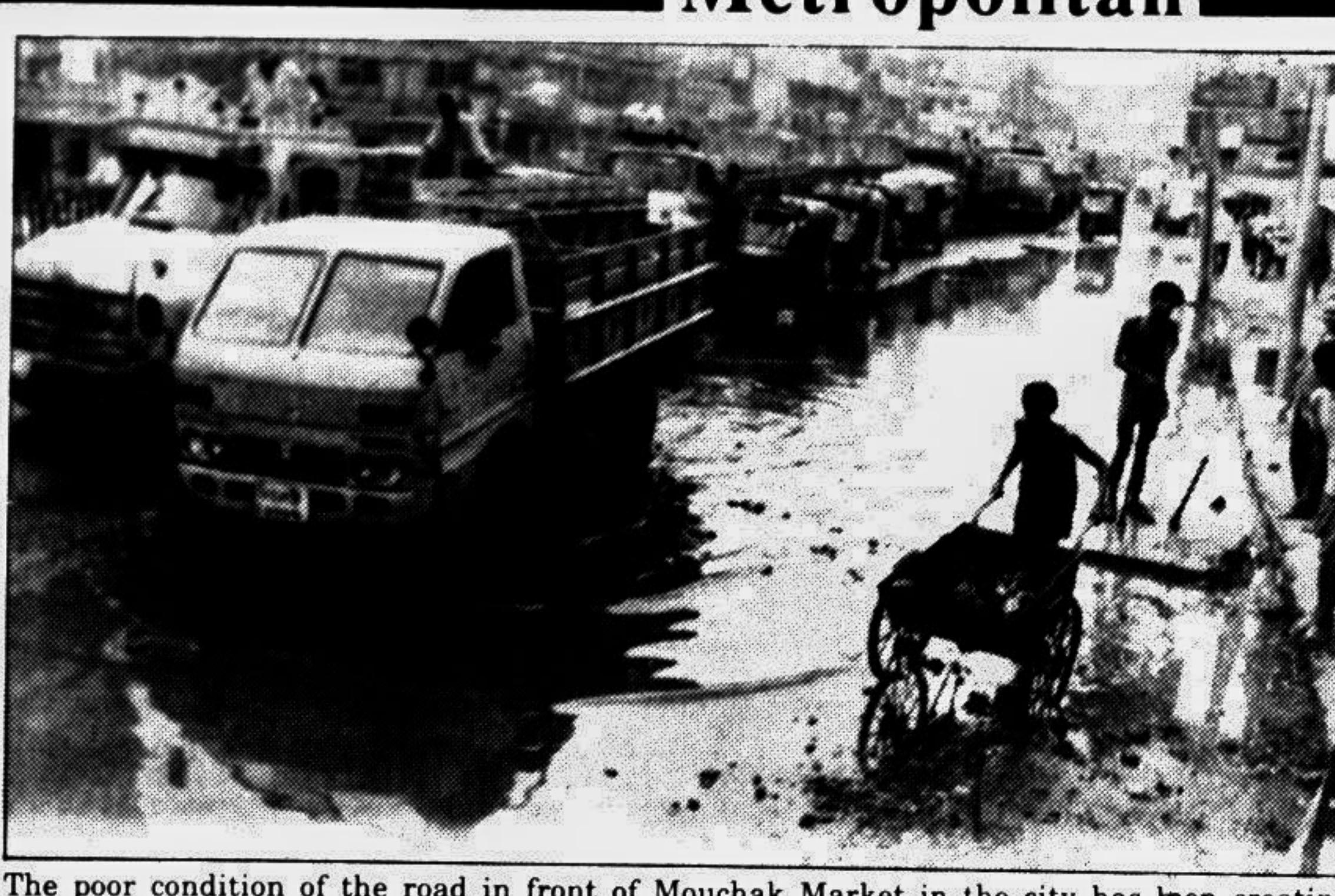
## Police HQs set up cell to monitor investigation of cases

Police headquarters have set up a cell to monitor investigation of the cases of rape, acid throwing, abduction and trafficking in women and children, reports UNB.

These cases will be treated as "special report cases" like dacoity and other important cases as per the decision of the monthly crimes review meeting held on Wednesday, said a press release.

The meeting was informed that the number of cases of repression on women and children, except rapes, decreased in June as compared to those of the previous month.

But, crimes like dacoity, robbery, murder, clash, rape, kidnapping, stealing and smuggling were on the increase during the month.



The poor condition of the road in front of Mouchak Market in the city has been creating serious traffic jams in recent days.

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### Bangladesh Fisheries Development Corporation 24-25, Dilkusha Commercial Area Motijheel, Dhaka 1000

## Notice for Pre-Qualification of Contractors

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from reputed contractors for pre-qualification for the following groups of works under the "Project for the Modernisation, Extension and Development of the existing Wholesale Fish Market and Fish Landing Terminal at Cox's Bazar and Pathorghata Centre" of Bangladesh Fisheries Development Corporation.

- i) Residential Building,
- ii) Rest House,
- iii) Ice Plant Building,
- iv) Freezing Plant Building,
- v) Auction Hall & Aratghor Building,
- vi) Fishing Input Delivery Window,
- vii) RCC Parking Yard and Dockyard,
- viii) Packing Shed,
- ix) RCC Road,
- x) Steel Jetty,
- xi) Drainage and Water Sanitation,
- xii) Renovation of Office Building, Officers' Quarter & Boundary wall.

First class contractors having relevant experience and enlistment with Govt/Semi Govt/Autonomous Organisations are eligible to apply for pre-qualification. Pre-qualification documents may be purchased at a cost of Tk 500.00 (Taka five hundred) only per set (non-refundable) during office hours on all working days from the following offices up to 5.8.97.

1. Controller of Accounts, Bangladesh Fisheries Dev. Corporation, 24-25, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka 1000.
2. Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka/Chittagong/Barisal Division.
3. Manager, Wholesale Fish Market & Fish Landing Project, Bangladesh Fisheries Development Corporation, Airport Road, Cox's Bazar.
4. Manager, Wholesale Fish Market & Fish Landing Project, Bangladesh Fisheries Development Corporation, Band Road, Barisal.

Completed pre-qualification documents must be submitted to the abovementioned offices up to 12:00 hours on 10.8.97 and will be opened at 12:15 hours on the same day in presence of tenderers (if any).

The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the offer/applications without assigning any reason whatsoever.

**Matiur Rahman Sarker**  
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Dhaka

## Metropolitan

### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Selected 350 Private Colleges Development Project  
Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education  
Bangladesh, Dhaka

Memo No. SHE/350/PC/Admin/596

### Re-Appointment Notice

Applications are invited from bonafide Bangladesh nationals for appointment to the undermentioned post of Project Implementation Unit at Dhaka of "Selected 350 Private Colleges Development Project" under Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education in the pay scale mentioned against the post with other allowances admissible as per Govt rules on purely temporary basis for the project tenure.

The said post will remain valid till the project tenure on purely temporary basis. The authority will not bear any responsibility for the appointed employee after conclusion of the project tenure.

All applications stating the following details should reach the Project Director, "Selected 350 Private Colleges Development Project," Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education, Shiksha Bhaban (6th floor), Dhaka.

A. Name  
B. Father's name  
C. Date of birth  
D. Permanent address  
E. Present & contact address  
F. Nationality  
G. Religion  
H. Educational qualification  
I. Character certificate (from two first class gazetted officers)  
J. Nationality certificate (from UP Chairman/Municipal Commissioner)  
K. Two copies passport size recent photographs attested by first class gazetted officer  
L. Experience certificate (if any)

3. Applications will be received by post or directly at the office of the undersigned, Room No. 610, Shiksha Bhaban (6th floor), 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka up to 7 (seven) days after publication in the newspaper.

4. In case of tribal candidates, attested true copy of certificate from proper authority should be attached.

5. Candidates in service should apply through proper channel.

6. After scrutiny of application received, the valid candidates will be contacted by post.

Rowshan Ara Begum  
Project Director

Selected 350 Private Colleges, Development Project  
Room No. 610, Shiksha Bhaban (6th floor)

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## Pre-marital sex prevalent among male adolescents, study shows

A study observed high rate of pre-marital sex among the male adolescents in the country while married men reported high level of both pre and extra-marital sex, reports UNB.

Very few women, married or unmarried, admitted pre-marital sexual experience. Regarding extra-marital sex, they liked to refer to the experience of their friends and relatives.

For men, the most common type of partner for extra-marital sexual relationship is a commercial sex worker, irrespective of social and economic status, revealed the study.

The study was a collaborative effort between the Bangladesh chapter of Population Council, a New York-based research organisation on worldwide reproductive health, and Research Evaluation Association for Development (READ).

However, there is a geographical difference, with pre-marital sex being at higher intensity in urban and extra-marital sex in rural areas.

During intensive interviewing for the study, 27 per cent of unmarried adolescent males

admitted experience of intercourse, while the percentage of married men who admitted pre-marital sex was 51.

A substantial minority of married adolescent women in both urban and rural areas had prior relationship or contact with their future husbands. It was 2 to 6 per cent with other men.

The pre-marital relationship or contact with future husbands included 28 per cent in housing estates and 25 per cent in slums in urban areas, while 16 per cent for rural well-off and 10 per cent rural poor.

The contact was overwhelmingly described as only "mental intimacy" or social and romantic interactions (94 per cent). Of them, only three per cent admitted any kind of physical intimacy.

One in six men (18 per cent) married for five or more years acknowledged extra-marital sex.

Of those who had sex with partners outside of marriage, 71 per cent mentioned commercial sex workers, 40 per cent girl friends and 15 per cent other types of partners.

Nirmul committee meeting today

Ekattorer Ghakat Dalal Nirmul Committee will hold a meeting today to pay homage to four of its workers who died in Chittagong to resist a rally of Jamaat leader Golam Azam on July 26 in 1994, reports UNB.

Prof Kabir Chowdhury, president of the advisory council of Nirmul Committee, will be the main speaker at the remembrance meeting to be presided over by its convener Shamim Akhter.

Syamoli Nasrin Chowdhury, Prof Muntasir Maman, Dr Anwar Syed Haq, Kazi Mukul, Shirin Banu Mitu and Sadekur Rahman Parag will also address the meeting which will be held at Taher Auditorium

Sayeed visits site of erosion of Padma at Louhajang

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed yesterday visited the site of erosion of the Padma river at Louhajang, reports BSS.

The local officials informed the state minister that the Water Development Board and the local administration took preventive measures to stop erosion at the Louhajang thana town at the cost of Taka 8.5 lakh and saved the thana town from further erosion.

A number of government establishments including the thana hospital had been damaged by the erosion during the last three years.

The study found that the women marry at very young ages compared with their husbands, and if they do not do so by their late teens, they are much more likely to have sex with a man.

Twenty-four per cent unmarried women (age 19 plus) admitted pre-marital sexual experience. It included 47 per cent in urban areas and five per cent in villages.

However, the percentage is higher (61 per cent) for unmarried males in the same (19 plus) age group. It includes 88 per cent in urban and 44 per cent in rural areas.

Regarding married women for the group, 29 per cent admitted pre-marital sex — the percentage being 40 in the urban areas. In the case of married men, 69 per cent had pre-marital sex (93 per cent in urban and 58 per cent in rural areas).

The "Study of Adolescents Dynamics of Perception, Attitude, Knowledge and Use of Reproductive Health Care" was carried out by Dr Syed Jahangir Haider, Shamsun Nahar Saleh, Nahid Kamal and Alan Gray.

DMP recover 2 rifles, revolver

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) have recovered two rifles and one revolver from two separate places in the city, a press release of DMP said yesterday, reports BSS.

The local officials informed the state minister that the Water Development Board and the local administration took preventive measures to stop erosion at the Louhajang thana town at the cost of Taka 8.5 lakh and saved the thana town from further erosion.

The police recovered two rifles from a ditch as per the confession of Anwar Hossain.

In a separate raid, Ramna police recovered a revolver from a house at Madhubagan in Maghbazar area Thursday.

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