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**Call to implement 5th Wage Board Award immediately**

A meeting of the executive committee of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) in Bogra yesterday called upon the managements of different newspapers and news agencies of the country to implement the Fifth Wage Board Award with retrospective effect immediately. reports BSS.



Bangladesh Breastfeeding Foundation brought out a rally on the occasion of World Breastfeeding Week in the city yesterday. — Star photo

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UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA: Applications in prescribed form obtainable from the Office of the Secretary, Institute of Modern Languages, are invited from the Bangladeshi nationals for one permanent post of Lecturer in the scale of Tk 2850-125-3725-EB-130-5155/-

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Eight copies of application for Lecturer together with attested copies of certificates, testimonials and marksheets along with a Bank Draft of the value of Tk 30/- only (non-refundable) payable to the Director, Institute of Modern Languages, should reach him/her on or before 24 August, 1997. Candidates already in service must apply through proper channel.

GD-67 **Director**

**Shahabuddin condoles death of Prof Tarafder**

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed expressed deep shock at the death of Dhaka University professor Montazur Rahman Tarafder, reports UNB

In a condolence message yesterday, President Shahabuddin recalled the contribution of late Tarafder in the field of education and said he was a historian and researcher of international repute.

The country has lost a dedicated educationist at the death of Tarafder, the President said.

President Shahabuddin conveyed his heart-felt sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul.

**Volkswagen rally Aug 16**

Volkswagen Club of Bangladesh, an association of Volkswagen lovers, has organised the "first Volkswagen rally" in the city on August 16, reports BSS

The rally will start at 3 pm from Manik Mia Avenue and will end at Rabindra Sharni of Uttara.

Interested persons and owners of Volkswagen vehicles have been requested to phone Jubair-9331683 or Murtaza-9116899 or send e-mail to (Libra Bangla Net) attn.vw club.

**World Breastfeeding Week 'Govt sincere in promoting breastfeeding'**

Health Minister Salahuddin Yusuf yesterday said the government is sincere in promoting breastfeeding in the country, reports BSS.

He said the government has established baby-friendly hospitals, introduced nutrition programmes for poor women, motivated employers to set up creches in workplaces and imposed restrictions on the marketing of breastfeeding substitutes.

Many women in the country do not provide colostrum immediately after the birth of their babies and some young women never permit their kids to such because of a popular misperception of losing physical beauty," the health minister said.

The minister was addressing the inaugural function of World Breastfeeding Week organised jointly by the Bangladesh Breastfeeding Foundation (BBF) and the Institute of Public Health Nutrition (IPHN) in Osmani Memorial Auditorium.

The function was also addressed by State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Prof M. Amanullah, health secretary Muhammad Ali, director general (DG) of health services Prof A K M Nurul Anwar, DG family planning directorate Sirajul Islam, BFP chairperson Prof M Q K Talukder and director of the IPHN Dr. Sudarsan Karmaker and representatives of World Health Organisation (WHO) and UNICEF.

Yusuf said, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina attaches high priority to the programmes meant for the welfare of the women and children in the country.

Prof M Amanullah said mother's milk makes a child intelligent and immune from several diseases. Breastfeeding ensures a child's sound physical and psychological growth.

Dr M Q K Talukder said the government along with the civil society should generate strong public support against hectic commercial drives of multinational companies which mislead the innocent mothers of the newborn babies with lucrative advertisements and sell cheap cereals and baby foods at a very high price.

The chairperson of the BBF said breastfeeding is an art and our womenfolk need special orientation and training on breastfeeding to tackle the hungry babies.

**HERE and THERE**

**Population Association**  
Bangladesh Population Association has elected its new executive committee for a two-year term (1997-99), reports BSS.

The 36-member executive committee excepting the only one post of joint secretary was elected unopposed on Wednesday at Mohona Community Centre. None contested for the post of president.

The office-bearers include vice president — M Azizul Karim, Dr Syed Jahangir Haider, Dr K M Ashraful Azim, M A Taher, Tofayel Ahmed, General Secretary — Dr A K M Nurul Nabi, treasurer — Abu Yusuf Chowdhury, joint secretaries — Mohammed Shamsul Alam, Md Mosahar Shaik and M Sohrab Ali and publicity secretary — A J M Shaiful Alam.

**AAIT**  
Association for Advancement of Information Technology (AAIT), Dhaka, organised a basic computer training programme for women scientists, researchers and technologists, sponsored by the Commonwealth Science Council (CSC), Commonwealth Secretariat London, at the University of Asia Pacific in the city recently, says a press release.

Dr Abdullah Al Mutt Sharfuddin was the chief guest at the closing ceremony and presented certificates to the participants.

**Seminar told More hospitals, trained midwives will save lives during deliveries in villages**

By Staff Correspondent

More hospitals and trained midwives will save lives during deliveries in rural areas. This was stated by a geographer in a seminar.

Bimal Kanti Paul, Associate Professor of Geography at Kansas State University, delivered his findings in a draft entitled "Use of Medical Centres and Trained Birth Attendants (TBAs) for Childbirth in Tangail, Bangladesh," at a seminar organised by the Centre for Development Research in Bangladesh in the city recently.

The specialist in health care geography surveyed 2,326 births in villages of Deolabari and Ghatal unions between July '95 and June '97. In addition to information on birth places and attendants, Paul also examined the affects of land ownership and education.

Though the poor and illiterate seemed to prefer untrained or traditional delivery methods while the wealthy and educated used hospitals, Paul said complications were the strongest influence on the decision to use TBAs or hospitals. Over 60 per cent of hospital deliveries had complications.

But untrained attendants still dominated, delivering 89 per cent of babies. Of these, about seven per cent died, compared to about five per cent in hospitals. Though he didn't have the statistics with him, Paul said over 90 per cent of these deaths resulted from unsanitary conditions and mistakes by the untrained attendants rather than complications.

"Thus, the existing high level of infant and maternal mortality in Bangladesh can be significantly reduced if childbirth occurs in medical centres or under the supervision of trained birth attendants," he concluded.

Many praised the study, but the audience also complained some of the categories and statistics were vague and needed clarification in the final draft.

The development agency employee, who requested anonymity, said the Professor didn't understand the field of obstetrics, used judgmental and generic categories, like 'superstitions', and disagreed with his conclusion that more TBAs could save lives.

The most important statistic in the survey, she said, was the 63 per cent who felt hospitals and trained midwives were unnecessary. She said it symbolised the many Bangladeshis who didn't understand the importance of proper health care during pregnancy and often waited too long to go to the hospital.

"Until people understand that pregnancy can turn into an emergency situation any moment, nothing will change," she said.

She also disputed Paul's suggestion households only decided to go to hospitals because of complications, and only 3.69 per cent considered economic factors. Some women have insisted they should have died during childbirth, she said, so her husband could remarry for another dowry instead of paying her hospital fees and ending up landless, in debt, with no child.

While Paul admitted he wasn't an obstetrician, he said his study examined distribution, diffusion, and placement of health care facilities and their relationship to villagers, not the technical aspects of childbirth.

**Weather**

**Day temperature may rise**

Moderate rain or thundershowers with temporary gusty wind may occur at most places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at many places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions with moderately heavy to heavy falls at places over Chittagong and Barisal in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office also forecast day temperature may slightly rise over the country during the period.

Country's highest temperature 33.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Dinajpur and the lowest 23.0 degree Celsius at Sandwip.

The sun sets today at 6.41 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.29 am.

**Eating Out**

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No 51.03.05(Part-17) **Tender Invitation Notice** Dated: 21-7-97

Sealed tenders in prescribed schedule are hereby invited from bonafide suppliers/manufacturers for purchase of the undermentioned goods for the organisation.

Serial No	Description of work	Price of schedule
1.	Printing and stationery goods	Tk 500/= non-refundable
2.	Repair and maintenance goods (Electric, Sanitary and Hardware)	Tk 250/= non-refundable

Tender schedule containing terms and conditions will be available at the Accounts Section of the Organisation, 3rd floor, Petrocentre, 3, Kawranbazar, Dhaka from 03-08-97 to 11-08-97 during office hours. Tender in sealed cover stating Tender No and description of goods should be dropped in the tender box kept at Purchase Department, Petrocentre (2nd floor), 3, Kawranbazar, Dhaka by 12-00 Noon of 12-8-97, which will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM before the tenderers (if any) present.

The authority reserves the right to accept/reject any or all tenders or decrease/increase quantity of goods without assigning any reason.

DFP-17044-24/7  
G-1906 **General Manager (Purchase)**

**Eastern Refinery Limited**  
(A Subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation)  
North Patenga, Post Box No 35  
Chittagong-4000, Bangladesh

Dated: 27th July, 1997

**International Tender Notice**

Sealed tenders are invited from the bonafide manufacturers/suppliers/agents for supply of the following materials on C&F Chittagong basis as per specifications, terms and conditions mentioned in the schedules of relevant tender documents:

Tender No	Description of materials	Cost of tender schedule per set	Last date for purchasing of tender schedule	Opening date of technical offer	Opening date of commercial offer
ER/PUR/IT-50/97	AIR COMPRESSOR	TK 200/-	08-09-97	09-09-97	22-09-97
ER/PUR/IT-51/97	OIL COLORING DYE	TK 200/-	09-09-97	10-09-97	24-09-97
ER/PUR/IT-52/97 (RE-TENDER)	GAUGE PRESSURE & DIFFERENTIAL PRESSURE TRANSMITTER, ORIFICE & ORIFICE FLANGES	TK 200/-	14-09-97	15-09-97	30-09-97
ER/PUR/IT-53/97	X-RAY SPECTROSCOPIC ANALYZER (WITH NECESSARY ACCESSORIES)	TK 200/-	15-09-97	16-09-97	29-09-97

Tender documents may be obtained from (i) Accounts Officer (Cash) of Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chittagong or (ii) Manager, Liaison Office, Eastern Refinery Limited, 338, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka on payment of the cost of Tender Schedule in Taka or equivalent currency (Non-refundable).

The tenders must be dropped in the tender box kept in the Purchase Department, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chittagong, Bangladesh as per date & time mentioned in the tender documents.

Eastern Refinery Limited Authority reserves the right not to accept the lowest or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason therefor.

DFP-17270-29/7  
G-1909 **Syed Ahmed Sr Purchase Officer**

**Tala Samity**  
A meeting of Tala Samity in Dhaka was held at Purana Paltan with Dr Mohammad Sohrabuddin in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting approved its constitution unanimously.

It was addressed, among others, by chief patron of the samity engineer Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, former member of parliament Sheikh Ansar Ali, Rafiqul Islam Khan, advocate Ruhul Amin, engineer Sheikh Al Amin, Adaoyada Das and member secretary of the samity Ekramul Haque.

**Death anniversary of Justice Mahmud Husain today**

The 15th death anniversary of former Chief Justice Syed AB Mahmud Husain will be observed today, says a press release.

To mark the day Chief Justice Syed AB Mahmud Husain will hold a discussion meeting and *doa mahfil* at Central Law College, Building 6, Bijoynagar, at 4:30 pm.

**Death anniversary of Nooruddin Al Masood today**

The first death anniversary of Nooruddin Ahmed Al Masood, secretary to the government, will be observed today, says a press release.

On the occasion, a *milad mahfil* will be held today at his No. 2 Tenement House (opposite to Holy Family Hospital), Ram-na, after Asr prayer.

**BCIC International Tender Notice**

বিস্বািসি'র পণ্য শিলায়নে জাতীয় অধগতির প্রতীক

Sealed tenders are hereby invited by the Managing Director, North Bengal Paper Mills Ltd, Paksey, Pabna for supply of 1000 ADMT WOOD FREE BLEACHED CHEMICAL PULP (SHEET) under any suitable Foreign Fund on C&F (C) Mongla/Chittagong/Benapole basis in two envelope system against Tender Enquiry No NBPM/Pur/F/293 (RT-II) dated 26-07-97. Tender documents will be available on all working days except the date of opening against payment of Tk 750.00 (Taka seven hundred fifty) only (Non-refundable) up to 08-09-97 from (1) BCIC Head Office, BCIC Bhaban, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka (2) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong (3) Khulna Newsprint Mills Ltd, Town Khalishpur, Khulna and (4) North Bengal Paper Mills Ltd, Paksey, Pabna. Tender together with 1% (one per cent) Earnest Money of the quoted value to be dropped in the Tender Box kept in Purchase Deptt. of NBPM Ltd, Paksey, Pabna on or before 09-09-97 at 11.00 AM (latest) & the Tender Box will be opened immediately thereafter in presence of tenderer, if any.

BCIC-667-28/7/97  
DFP-17306-29/7  
G-1908

**SK MD REZAUL KARIM**  
Addl Chief Manager (Purchase)  
for Managing Director

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Office of the Civil Surgeon, Naogaon  
Memo No. CS/Naogaon/Tender/1997-98/15T1 Dated 13-7-97

**Tender Notice**

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from bonafide traders/suppliers/contractors to the office of the undersigned for supply of electrical, electronic, chemical and other miscellaneous goods at Naogaon District Civil Surgeon's office, Sadar Hospital and different health establishments during 1997-98 financial year. Tender containing terms and conditions will be sold from the office of the undersigned subject to application in own pad of tenderers/firms and cash payment of Tk 750/= (seven hundred fifty) only (non-refundable) from the date of publication of this notice in newspaper up to 6-8-97 (except holiday) during office hours. Tenders will be received in sealed tender box kept at the office of the undersigned from 10-00 am to 12-00 noon of 10-8-97. If intended, one day send tender by post also, but it should reach the office of the undersigned by 12-00 noon of 10-8-97. The tender box will be opened by the Tender Committee on 10-8-97 at 1-00 pm before the tenderers (if any) present. No tender schedule will be sold/received after the prescribed date and time.

It may be mentioned here that MSR enlisted contractors may also participate in this tender, but enlisted contractors will not be issued any tender notice in this regard. The Newspaper notice shall be treated as the final notice.

Work order will be issued subject to receipt of the final approval of the tender notice by the higher authority and find allotment and payment of bill will be made after receipt of the administrative cost grant of the bill. Otherwise the bill is not payable. The undersigned will not be responsible if it is not possible to issue work order due to non receipt of administrative approval of tender and find allotment from the higher authority.

The authority, under any circumstance, may change the date of selling and depositing tender schedule through notification. The Tender Committee reserves the right to receive any tender in part or whole or reject all tenders without assigning any reason. Herewith interested tenderers are requested to contact the office of the undersigned within the stipulated time for detailed information.

DFP-16838-22/7  
G-1907 **Dr Md Abdullah Hashmi**  
Civil Surgeon, Naogaon

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Institute of Post Graduate Medicine & Research  
Shahab, Dhaka

No-IPGMR/Admn/97/4969 Dated: 27-07-97

**Tender Notice**

Sealed tenders are invited from interested contractors/traders/suppliers/manufacturers by 12-30 PM of 14-08-97 for purchase of electric lights and electrical accessories for the Institute of Post Graduate Medicine & Research, Dhaka during 1997-98 financial year. Tender schedule may be collected through Treasury Challan of Tk 750/- (seven hundred fifty) only from the Accounts Section and SLP during office hours up to 13-08-97. It is to be noted that, the original copy of the Treasury Challan should be submitted at the time of purchasing tender schedule. No tender schedule will be sold on the date of submitting tender. Detailed terms & conditions/informations of tender will be available with the tender schedule.

The tender committee reserves the right to reject or accept any or all tenders. The tender committee is not bound to accept the lowest tender.

DFP-17251-28/7  
G-1911 **Joint Director**  
Institute of Post Graduate Medicine & Research  
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