

Metropolitan



Visitors at a solo photo exhibition by Mir Ahmed Miru, titled 'Samantaral' which opened at the Shilpakala Academy gallery on Thursday.

Garments workers' rally held in city

Garments workers held a rally in front of Jatiya Press Club yesterday protesting press Club yesterday protesting.

The rally, organised by Dhaka Poshak Shilpa Worker Union (DPSW), demanded an end to all sorts of harassment, including frequent fire-incidents, at garments industries.

It also called for effective measures for the implementation of the existing labour laws of the country to protect workers' rights.

Chaired by DPSW President Shirajul Monir the meeting was addressed, among others, by National Garment Workers Federation president Majibur Rahman and its general secretary Amerul Huq Amin, said a press release.

Publication ceremony

The publication ceremony of a book titled "Bangabandhu: Baktigato Chikitsoker Dristi" will be held at the BARC auditorium in the city at 10 am today.

The book has been written by National Professor Dr Nurul Islam, who was the private physician of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Environment and Forest Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury will attend the function as chief guest, while State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed will be the special guest.

Prof Kabir Chowdhury, Prof Mostafa Nurul Islam and other guest speakers will take part in the discussion on the book, said a press release.

Extension of Bid Closing Date of DESA Procurement Contract # 57297/26-Supply only of 11 KV Conductor and Cables

The Bid closing date of the above contract is hereby extended up to 16th September, 1997 due to unavoidable circumstances.

All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

Memo No. PS-2/Pro-2/911 Dt 6.8.97

Director
Procurement & Store Management
Dhaka Electric Supply Authority
(DESA)

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications, Planning Wing Employment Notice

Dated : 03/8/1997

Applications are invited from Bangladeshi nationals to fill up the following positions purely on temporary basis for a period up to June 1998 from the date of appointment under Technical Assistance Project titled "Consultancy Services to Establish a Regulatory Organization for Telecommunication Services" in the Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications:

Sl. No.	Name of Post & Consolidated Remuneration per month	No. of Posts	Age as on 1-7-97	Qualification & Experience
01.	Divisional Engineer Tk. 20,000/-	1	40-45 yrs	A Bachelor Degree in Electrical/Electronics/ Telecommunications Engineering from a recognised University or equivalent with at least 10 years experience in dealing with telecommunication systems. Preference will be given to candidate having experience in advanced telecommunication services.
02.	Assistant Engineer Tk. 15,000/-	2	35-40 yrs	A Bachelor Degree in Electrical/Electronics/ Telecommunications Engineering from a recognised University or equivalent with at least 7 years experience in dealing with telecommunication systems. Preference will be given to candidate having training and experience in advanced telecommunication services.
03.	Liaison/Admn. Officer Tk. 15,000/-	1	30 yrs	A Master Degree having minimum second class from any recognised University with at least 7 years experience as an officer in the field of administration and liaison work. Preference will be given to persons with experience in dealing with Immigration & Custom Department.
04.	Accounts Officer Tk. 15,000/-	1	30 yrs	A Master Degree having minimum second class in Accounting/Finance from any recognised University with at least 7 years working experience in accounting. Preference will be given to the candidates having degree in Cost Accountancy.
05.	Stenographer Tk. 8,000/-	1	30 yrs	A Bachelor Degree having minimum second class from any recognised University with good knowledge in English typing and word processing with a speed of 45 words per minute and short-hand speed of 80 words per minute.
06.	Office Assistant Tk. 5,000/-	1	30 yrs	A Bachelor Degree having minimum second class from any recognised University with good knowledge in English with at least 5 years experience in office and liaison work.
07.	Accounts Assistant Tk. 5,000/-	1	30 yrs	A Bachelor Degree having minimum second class in Commerce with good knowledge of Accounting from any recognised University with at least 5 years experience in dealing with accounts.
08.	Steno-Typist Tk. 5,000/-	1	30 yrs	A Bachelor Degree having minimum second class from any recognised University with good knowledge in English Typing and word processing with a speed of 15 words per minute and a short hand speed of 80 words per minute.
09.	Driver Tk. 4,000/-	3	30 yrs	SSC pass having valid professional Driving Licence with minimum driving experience of 3 years.
10.	Messenger/MLSS /Night Guard., Tk. 3,000/-	3	30 yrs	SSC pass with sound physique and energetic habit.

Conditions:

- The candidate should apply in a plain white paper with full Bio-Data (describing the candidate's name, father's name, present address, permanent address, date of birth, age as on 1-7-97, religion, nationality, educational qualifications, experience) and three passport size photographs attested by a class-1 gazetted officer.
- The applicant should enclose photocopies of all academic certificates attested by a class-1 gazetted officer along with experience certificate, citizenship certificate (either from UP Chairman/Pourashava Chairman/Ward Commissioner) and character certificate from a class-1 gazetted officer.
- Application should reach Chief Planning, Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka-1000 (Room No. 411/A, Building No. 7, 4th Floor) latest by 25 August, 1997.
- Application should be sent by post.
- Each applicant needs to mention the name of the post he/she is applying for on the top of the envelope.
- Departmental candidates may apply through proper channel.
- Incomplete applications will be disqualified.
- All posts are subject to the duration of the project.
- The posts are purely temporary.
- Last date for receiving application is 25 August, 1997.
- The decision of the authority regarding selection of candidates for appointment will be final.

Chief, Planning
Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications
Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka

JU authorities urge students not to pay money without receipt

By JU Correspondent

Jahangirnagar University (JU) authorities have called upon the students, having admission into the university under the session 1996-97, not to pay money to any person or office without taking a receipt, officials said.

A high-level meeting of the JU administration, held at the Vice Chancellor's office Thursday, made the call after considering the allegations of receiving unauthorised and extra fees in various offices from the admission seekers.

Talking to this correspondent, JU pro-VC Prof Alauddin Ahmed said that no hard facts had been found in this regard, but the administration has taken it seriously as 'it is a matter of image of the university.'

"Secret inquires will be made into the matter and some administrative steps, including transfer of some officials and employees, will be taken to prevent such practices", Prof Alauddin added.

Admission into the first year honours classes of the university under the session 1996-97 started from Aug 3 and will continue till Aug 12.

Moreover, admission from the waiting list will take place from Aug 7 to 23.

Steps taken to create more jobs for nurses : Yusuf

Health and Family Welfare Minister Salahuddin Yusuf yesterday said the government has taken a number of important steps for the welfare of nurses, reports UNB.

Besides the ongoing process of recruiting some 4,000 nurses, steps have been taken to create more jobs for nurses, he said.

The minister was addressing a conference of Bangladesh Diploma Nurses' Association (BDNA) at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium in the city yesterday.

He assured the nurses of all possible help on behalf of the government to meet their legitimate demands, said a PID handout.

Presided over by BDNA president Shamsun Noor Begum, the meeting was also addressed by its secretary Faisal Ahmed Chowdhury, Nursing Adviser of WHO in Dhaka Lucy Harlow and BMA's acting secretary general Dr Badruzzaman Bhuiyan.



Kendriyo Khelaghar Asar brought out a rally against communalism and fundamentalism in the city yesterday.

— Star photo •

Tk 64cr Khulna city flood protection project to be completed by June '98

KHULNA, Aug 8: The five-year 'midtown coordinated flood protection project' is scheduled to be completed by June next. Officials here expect the city's vexing problems will largely be solved upon completion of the project, reports UNB.

Local Government Engineering Department and Khulna City Corporation are jointly implementing the Tk 64 crore project undertaken in 1991-92 fiscal, with the financial assistance of the Asian Development Bank.

The development works include 72-km primary drain construction, 38-km drain repairing, construction of 54-km tertiary drain and 700 bridges and culverts, and development of latrines and schools.

Meanwhile, work on 35-km primary drain construction has begun while that on 34-km drain is in progress. Construction work of a 25.5-km tertiary drain is also progressing fast while construction of most of the culverts are nearing completion.

Under the project, loan amounting to Tk 3 lakh was disbursed among 3,899 families so that they can undertake income generating programmes.

Other drain development works are construction of 30 latrines, installation of 33 deep tubewells, construction of a 3-km footpath, two bio-gas-cum-community latrines, and 13 dustbins and four satellite schools.

Accused freed on bail allegedly threatening complainants

By Staff Correspondent

A convict in a murder case, having been released on bail, is now allegedly threatening the family members of the man he had killed in 1992.

Sharifullah was given life term by the Additional District and Sessions Judge, Dhaka on April 18, 1996, for his involvement in the killing of Md Masum at Mirpur in the city in August, 1992 over a land dispute. Later, he was released on bail on June 5 following an appeal in the High Court.

Sharifullah is now allegedly threatening the family members of Masum. Following threats, Masum's family lodged a general diary with Mirpur thana recently. In the G D, Masum's mother Ambia Khatoon said that Sharifullah was threatening them saying, "get ready to die."

Masum's family has also sought help from a human rights organisation, the Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust, family sources said.

Masum was fatally injured in an attack by Sharifullah near the Technical Crossing at Mirpur. He died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Masum's brother had filed a case with Mirpur thana in connection with the murder.

Sharifullah went into hiding and police arrested him nine months after the murder. He was also released on bail two months after the arrest in 1993. But his bail was cancelled and was sent to jail after Masum's family had lodged a GD at that time.

Upon completion of the project, the prevailing problems in the city's drainage and slums will largely be solved.

"After the completion of the project the environmental pollution in the port city will definitely come down," said Amzad Hossain, executive engineer of the project.

Although the water-logging problem in the city has improved with the construction of some drains, the problem is unlikely to go for good unless the drainage system is improved everywhere in the city, according to the city dwellers.

The executive engineer, however, said the main objective of the midtown project is to remove water-logging problem and improve city life.

Dhaka, Moscow to sign cultural exchange programme

Bangladesh and Russian Federation are expected to sign a three-year cultural exchange programme next month, reports UNB.

This was indicated by Russian Ambassador to Bangladesh Eugeniy P Ivanov when he called on State Minister for Youth and Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader at his office in Dhaka on Thursday.

They discussed matters relating to the cultural exchange programme which will be signed under the Cultural Agreement of 1972 between the two countries.

Secretary in charge of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs Syed Yusuf Hossain was present.

The acting High Commissioner was speaking as the chief guest at the first graduation ceremony of Perdana College of Malaysia.

The college was set up in Dhaka under joint auspices of Ethos Enterprise (Bangladesh) and Perdana College of Malaysia to offer higher education in computer science and information technology through a twinning programme among Sedaya College in Malaysia and Canada, the University of Winnipeg, Acadia University and the University of Manitoba.

The ceremony was also addressed by Principal of the college and Managing director of Ethos Enterprise Koay Chee Hoe.

The month-long programme includes formation of a human chain, seminars, discussions, gong sangeets, rallies and distribution of leaflets with a view to propagating the importance of mass education among the people.

Deputy Minister for Primary and Mass Education Jinnatun Nessa Talukdar, Vice Chancellor of Rajshahi University, Prof Abdul Khaleque, Rajshahi City Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu and senior officials led the padajatras.

The participants carried placards and festoons inscribed with slogans like, "remove illiteracy from the society," "Education for all" and "Without education, national progress is not possible."

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Deputy Commissioner of Rajshahi Kazi Farid Ahmed made fervent appeal to all to extend their support and cooperation for the success of the programme.

Kais Ahmed awarded

Eminent writer Kais Ahmed has been awarded the Saadat Ali Akand Literary Prize, 1997 (posthumous) at a function at the Bangla Academy in the city Thursday, reports BSS.

The award was received by the late writer's son Anik Ahmed from Bangla Academy Chairman Shamsur Rahman, an academy press release said.

Weather

Light rain forecast

Life in the city was disrupted due to incessant rain for about an hour yesterday afternoon, reports UNB.

The low-lying areas including Shantinagar, Maghbazar, Modhubagh, Kakrail, Rajarbagh and Mirpur went under water due to downpour that also created traffic congestion.

The Met Office recorded 26 mm shower in the capital in only one hour in the afternoon against 4 mm during the last 24 hours till 6 am yesterday.

Sylhet experienced the highest 31 mm rain in the last 36 hours till 6 pm yesterday. Faridpur had 27 mm during the period.

Weathermen forecast light to moderate rain or thunder-shower accompanied by temporary gusty wind at a few places over Chittagong, Dhaka, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Khulna and Rajshahi divisions in next 12 hours till 6 pm today.

The day temperature may remain nearly unchanged during the period across the country.

In its outlook for subsequent two days, the Met Office forecast increase in rainfall activity. Giving extended outlook for another five days, it predicted decrease in rain at the end of the period.

The country's highest temperature 36.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Mongla and the lowest 24.0 degrees at Kutubdia.

The sun sets today at 6:37 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:32 am.

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