

Metropolitan



Joan Holmes, President, The Hunger Project, and Dr Badiul Alam Majumdar, Country Director, called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office recently.



State Minister for Social Welfare Dr Mozammel Hossain inaugurated an exhibition of dried flowers, organised by Dry Flower Association, at the WVA auditorium at Dhanmondi yesterday.

Govt urged to take steps for preserving graves of FFs

Speakers at a discussion meeting in the city recently urged the government to take proper steps for preserving the graves of the freedom fighters.

The meeting, organised by Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Smriti Sangrakshak Sangsad (BMSSS), was held at its Dhanmondi office on Aug 18 in observance of the National Mourning Day.

The discussion meeting titled "The killing of the Father of the Nation and the Responsibility of Bangladesh", was participated, among others, by M Ubedur Rahman, mother of a Liberation War martyr Faizunnesa Shafiq, Nazrul Islam Chowdhury, Golam Mohiuddin, Mohammad Wazed, Ibn Aziz Chowdhury, Gopal Chandra Mondal, Joyanal Abedin, Samsuddin Selim, Monirul Islam, Patol, Ariful Haque Pathan, Nuruzzaman Akter, Saiful Gani Osman.

Janmastami festival begins at Ctg Vested Property Act to be repealed soon: Razzak

CHITTAGONG, Aug 23: Water Resources Minister Abdul Razzak today said that the Vested Property Act would be repealed very soon, reports BSS.

Termining the Act as discriminatory, the minister said the present government, imbued with the spirit of secularism, was committed to repealing all black laws which are contrary to humanity and the Constitution.

Razzak said this while addressing the inaugural function of a four-day Janmastami festival marking the birth anniversary of Sri Krishna at J M Sen Hall as chief guest here.

Held under the auspices of Janmastami celebration committee, the function was presided over by its president

Sujit Kumar Biswas and addressed, among others, by Advisor to the Prime Minister on Parliamentary Affairs Suranjit Sen Gupta MP, Chittagong City Mayor Alhaj A B M Mahiuddin Chowdhury, Panchanan Biswas MP and Dhirendra Nath Saha MP.

Razzak said the basic ideal of the Liberation War was to establish a democratic and secular state and with this end in view, the country's Constitution was framed on the basis of four principles. But, he regretted, immediately after the assassination of Bangabandhu, the four basic principles were scrapped and the then government also promulgated other black laws, including the Indemnity Ordinance.

Govt's unilateral decisions undermine democracy: Ershad

Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad said government's unilateral decisions on two-day weekend and fuel price hike undermined democracy since the measures were taken bypassing parliament, reports UNB.

Without naming the party that has been preaching "Jatiya Sangsad will be the centre of all national activities," the former president said the political parties do not actually pursue the dictum.

Ershad said his party would compel the government to reduce the price of petroleum products, but not by creating an anarchic situation giving hartal programme.

He observed that the increased sale price of fuel would leave an adverse effect on the national economy.

A JP press release said Ershad made the remarks while talking to a group of leaders of Pallabi thana unit of his party who called on him at his Baridhara office yesterday.

Thana unit convenor Hosain Amanot and joint convenor Shamsul Huq led the team.

Team off to China to boost export of raw jute

A nine-member delegation left Dhaka for Beijing yesterday with a view to expanding the export of raw jute to China, reports UNB.

The delegation, led by State Minister for Land Rashed Mosarrar will hold talks with Chinese officials and entrepreneurs to develop the market of raw jute and jute goods, said a PID handout.

China is a major importer of raw jute from Bangladesh and it imported 7 lakh bales of raw jute from Bangladesh last fiscal year. Efforts are underway to export ten lakh bales of raw jute to China.

Other members of the delegation are: former president of Jute Association Prof Rezaul Karim MP, deputy secretary of Jute Ministry Kazi Nasirul Islam, Jute Exporter Association president Mohammed Giasuddin Ahmed, Jute Association senior vice chairman Rezaul Karim, vice chairman of BJA Mahfujul Hoque, and members of BJA Sk Abdul Mannan, Mohammed Fazlul Rahman and Humayun Majumder.

Use of country's own resources, talents urged

Speakers at a seminar in the city yesterday called for utilisation of the country's own resources and talents to build a self-reliant country and face the challenges of the next century, reports BSS.

An independent country cannot sustain on begging. We have to attain self-sufficiency by mobilisation of our resources and talents, a seminar on "The role of public works engineers in the 21st century in Bangladesh" was told.

Organised by Public Works Engineers Association (PWEA), the seminar was held at the BUET auditorium.

President of PWEA and Additional Chief Engineer (Establishment and Coordination) of Public Works Department Mohammad Azizul Huq presided over the inaugural function.

Political Adviser to the Prime Minister Dr SA Malek, Post and Telecommunications and Works and Housing Minister Mohammad Nasim, Dr Anwarul Aziz, Chief Engineer of Public Works Department and Mohammad Siddikullah, among others, addressed the seminar.

Dr SA Malek said that the nation which liberated the country in a nine-month struggle is sure to succeed in facing the challenges of the next century. But, he said, political desire is a must for technology-based development and progress.

"If we don't have political commitment to implement the development plans, it would be difficult to go for any technology-based development and progress," he said.

Dr Malek pointed out that communalism and fanaticism were the impediment to development and progress of the country.

Workshop on acting begins

A 15-day training workshop on acting, sponsored by Confide Advertising, began at the Teacher Student Centre (TSC) of Dhaka University yesterday, reports BSS.

Film director and chief adviser of Confide Advertising Kazi Hayat inaugurated the workshop as the chief guest.

Installation ceremony

Former Chief Justice Badrul Haider Chowdhury on Thursday praised the Rotarians for their services to humanity, says a press release.

He was speaking at the 6th installation ceremony of Rotary Club of Jahangirnagar Dhaka at Hotel Sheraton. He also lauded the Rotary theme of the year - "Show Rotary cares for your community, for your world and for its people."

District governor M Jamaluddin, club president Shafiqur Rahman, immediate past president M Nurul Amin, president-elect Col (ret'd) Sekander Miah, past presidents Ishtiaque Chowdhury, Rezaul Karim and Nurul Huda Jaigirdar, past secretary Mohabbat Ullah, Dr S I Khan, Syed Shahidur Rahman and club secretary M Ashraf Rahim also spoke on the occasion.

The members of the new board of the club are: M Shafiqur Rahman - president, M Nurul Amin - immediate past president, Col (ret'd) Sekander Miah - president-elect 1998-99, Mosharraf Hossain - vice president, Abdur Rob - vice president, Amatul Noor Panna - vice president, M Ashraf Rahim - honorary secretary, Mohammad Dayan - honorary treasurer, Zahidul Arif - club service director, K A Chaklader - vocational service director, A D M Alauddin - community service director, Shahadat Hossain Chowdhury - international service director, Syed Shahidur Rahman - joint secretary, S H M Nurul Huda Jaigirdar - Sgt-at-Arms and Abu Yousuf Abdullah - Joint Sgt-at-Arms.

Management confce of ACI ends

A two-day Management Conference 1997 of ACI Limited concluded on Friday at Centre for Development Management BRAC, Rajendrapur, says a press release.

The conference was inaugurated by ACI Chairman Anisud Dowla. The inaugural session was also addressed by management expert Sharu S Rangnekar from India and M Mosharraf Hossain, Managing Director, Rapport Bangladesh Limited.

Organised by Rapport, the conference was participated by four directors and fifteen senior managers of ACI. Rangnekar acted as the facilitator of the conference.

Qulkhwan

Qulkhwan of former Chairman of Bangladesh Water Development Board and a prominent water expert Mohammad Anjad Hossain Khan, will be held tomorrow at his Dhanmondi residence, Road-15 (old-26), House No 51, after Asr prayers, reports BSS.

Khan died in Calcutta on Thursday and was buried on Friday at Banani graveyard.

Obituary

All Akbar Chowdhury, father of Nurul Huq Mehdi, president of Ganotantrik Karmi Shibir, died of old age complications at his son's Hatirpur residence in the city yesterday. He was 95, reports BSS.

Chowdhury left behind five sons and six daughters.



The Indonesian Embassy in Dhaka organised a press conference in connection with 'Resource Indonesia '97' trade fair at Sheraton Hotel yesterday. — Star photo

'Indonesia eager to boost trade with Bangladesh'

A top Indonesian diplomat in Dhaka expressed his country's willingness to expand economic cooperation by boosting two-way trade between Dhaka and Jakarta, reports UNB.

"Our political relation is very good but our economic relation is very poor. We are going to strengthen economic and trade relations between the two Muslim countries," Sabillah Maqom, Charge d'Affaires of the Indonesian embassy, told a press conference at Hotel Sheraton, yesterday.

A two-member Indonesian trade delegation led by Syahroel, Director of the National Agency for Export Development (NAFED), was present. The team is here in connection with Indonesian export fair dubbed 'Resource Indonesia-97' to be held in Jakarta October 21-26.

Referring to Sheikh Hasina's planned visit to Indonesia on September 4, the Charge d'Affaires said the forthcoming visit of the Bangladesh Prime Minister would contribute a lot to improving the economic relations between the two countries.

He said Indonesian President Soeharto would come to Dhaka in November next year to attend the D-8 summit.

Sabillah said during the Bangladesh Prime Minister's visit, a joint committee might be set up to discuss means of in-

creasing the volume of trade between Bangladesh and Indonesia.

"We like to take pragmatic steps to implement the already signed trade accord between us," the Indonesian diplomat said.

Replying to a question, he said the trade volume between the two countries was recorded about 100 million US dollars last fiscal year.

Of the amount, Indonesia exported to Bangladesh goods worth about 80 million US dollars while Bangladesh's exports amounted to about 20 million US dollars, the balance heavily inclined to Indonesia.

Indonesia mainly buys jute from Bangladesh. And Bangladesh's trade fell sharply as Indonesia switched over to the use of plastic instead of jute goods.

Replying to a question NAFED Director Mouchrim Hakim said lack of communications, information and complicated banking procedure in sanctioning loan to traders were mainly to blame for the low volume of trade between the two countries.

During its stay, the Indonesian trade delegation met with Deputy Shipping Minister Dharendra Devnath Shambu, BOI Chairman Zafrullah Chowdhury and leading business houses in Dhaka.

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Dhaka Electric Supply Authority
Re-Tender Notice

Sealed tenders in Form No T-1 are hereby invited from the enlisted A, B & C class electrical contractors of DESA/PDB vide Notice No. OMS/F-7/97-98/52 dated 5-8-97 at the estimated cost of Tk 3,98,341/- (three lacs ninety eight thousand three hundred and forty one) only. For repair & maintenance of 33 kv line from Kabirpur 132/33 kv sub-station to Manikganj 33 kv sub-station.

The tender documents will be available up to 7-9-97 in the

- 1) Office of the General Manager, Consumer Service (North), 75, Kakrail, Dhaka.
- 2) Superintending Engineer, Consumer Service, Mirpur Circle, Satmasjid Road, Mohammadpur, Dhaka.
- 3) Agrani Bank, Savar Branch, Savar, Dhaka at the cost of Tk 150/- (one hundred and fifty) only each set with written permission of the respective officers & the undersigned.

The tender will be received up to 1-00 PM on 8-9-97 along with 2.5% earnest money of quoted amount in the shape of PO/DD in favour of Additional Director RAO, DESA, Dhaka in the above offices.

The tender will be opened on the same date at 1:30 PM (in presence of the tenderer, if any).

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason.

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Public Works E/M Division-7, Dhaka
Memo No. E/M-7-126/698 Dated: 12-8-97/28-4-1404BS
Tender Invitation Notice
No. 27/1997-98
Item rate basis tenders through Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are invited from Public Works Directorate's electrical/mechanical work enlisted 1st/2nd class contractors having valid ABC/BC class contractory and supervisory licence issued by Bangladesh Electrical Licensing Board, Dhaka and registration certificate from VAT Department, for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the office of the 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 on (17-5-1404 BS) 1-9-97 and opened on the same day at 12-30 hrs in presence (if any) of the tenderers.
Tender form, schedule of items, terms and conditions etc. can be purchased from the office of the 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 on cash payment of Tk 425/= (non-refundable) during office hours up to (16-5-1404 BS) 31-8-97. Contractor himself or his authorised representative may 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.	Replacement of valve PRD air solenoid, controller, load limiting (MLC), controller temperature (TC and restrictor variable) for proper maintenance of air conditioning system at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhavan.	—	At the rate 2 per cent of total quoted amount.	10 (ten) days

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Mongla Port Authority
Office of the Chief Engineer (M&E)
Mongla, Bagerhat
No-MPA/CE (M&E)/130/97
Short Re-Tender Notice
Sealed short tenders in Bangladesh Form No-2911 are re-invited from Mongla Port Authority enlisted valid ABC licence-holder electrical contractors for the undermentioned works:

Sl. No.	Name of work	Allotted cost	Earnest money	Eligible electrical contractors	Price of tender (non-refundable)	Time for work
1.	Electrification of the burnt out shade no-7 at Benapole Land Port	Tk- 351799.11	Tk- 8000/=	A to C class	Tk-250/=	45 (forty-five) days.
2.	Electrification of the burnt out shade no-8 at Benapole Land Port	Tk- 139137.11	Tk- 3000/=	A to D class	Tk-150/=	30 (thirty) days.
3.	Repairing, maintenance testing and commissioning of 33 KV feeder line at the permanent port area	Tk- 550582.73	Tk- 12000/=	A to C class	Tk-400/=	45 (forty-five) days.
4.	Area lighting at hospital building	Tk- 468698.68	Tk- 10000/=	A to C class	Tk-300/=	45 (forty-five) days.
5.	Re-installation of feeder cable of jetty no-7 & 8	Tk- 242555.76	Tk- 5000/=	A to D class	Tk-200/=	30 (thirty) days.
6.	Repairing and maintenance servicing work of 11/4 KV 1000 KVA and 500KV Power Sub-Station of the authority's permanent port, Old Mongla, Khalishpur, Khulna	Tk- 510685.90	Tk- 11000/=	A to C class	Tk-400/=	60 (sixty) days.
7.	Renovation of flood light of jetty Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9	Tk- 148413.00	Tk- 3000/=	A to D class	Tk-150/=	30 (thirty) days.

Tender document may be collected from the Mongla Office of the undersigned, Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil), Division-4, MPA, Khulna, subject to prior permission, during office hours up to 15-9-97/31-5-1404 BS. Tender documents will be received at the abovementioned offices up to 12:00 Noon of 16-9-97/1-6-1404BS and will be opened at the said offices on the same day at 12:30 PM before the tenderers (if any) present. Earnest money should be submitted with the tender document through Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of the Mongla Port Authority, Mongla. Otherwise tender document will be treated as cancelled. Work Order will be issued subject to receipt of budget only. Other terms & conditions will be available with the tender document.
As per decision of this Authority, 0.25% from the value of work executed will be deducted (which is non-refundable) to the Officers & Employees Welfare Fund. Contractor himself can purchase the tender document or his representative, on production of the letter of permission with the representative's signature & photo duly attested by the contractor for the specific work may purchase the tender document. To verify the validity of licence the original licence book should be produced at the time of purchasing tender. Contractors/firms shall have to submit VAT registration certificate prior to purchasing the tender document, otherwise no tender document will be sold to them. VAT will be deducted from the bill of the work executed as per govt. rules.
The Mongla Port Authority will reserve the right to accept or reject any tender or reject all tenders without assigning any reason.
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Chief Engineer (M&E)
Mongla Port Authority
Mongla, Bagerhat



Installation ceremony of the new board of Rotary Club of Jahangirnagar Dhaka was held on Thursday at a city hotel. Former Chief Justice Badrul Haider Chowdhury and District Governor Rtn M Jamaluddin were also present.



The 28th sales and service centre of the Rang Electronics Ltd was inaugurated at Sirajganj by Deputy Commissioner AKM Shamsuddin recently. Leading businessmen, elites of Sirajganj town and the senior officers of Rang Electronics were present at the inaugural.



Management Conference 1997 of ACI Ltd concluded at BRAC in Rajendrapur on Friday.

Weather

Moderate rain forecast

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet and at one or two in Khulna, Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions in next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office said day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period.

Little change in weather in the subsequent two days is likely while rainfall activity may increase in the subsequent five days, forecast weathermen.

The country's highest temperature yesterday was recorded 34 degree Celsius at Sylhet and the lowest 23.8 degrees at Sakthira.

The sun sets today at 6:24 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:37 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.5	26.0	76	85
Chittagong	32.8	26.7	78	73
Rajshahi	32.9	25.1	83	98
Khulna	29.0	24.2	98	88
Barisal	30.5	24.8	78	92
Sylhet	34.0	26.4	98	72
Cox's Bazar	33.5	26.5	72	78