

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 Mukti Joddha Sangsads (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 Bangladeshi' was participated, among others, by M Ubedur Rahman, mother of a Liberation War martyr Faizunnes Shafiq, Nazrul Islam Chowdhury, Golam Mohiuddin, Mohammad Wazed, Ibd Aziz Chowdhury, Gopal Chandra Mondal, Joynal Abedin, Sanku Bhushan Majumdar, Samuddin Selim, Monirul Islam, Patol, Ariful Haque Pathan, Nuruzzaman Akter, Saiful Gani Osmani.

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Janmasti festival begins at Ctg

Vested Property Act to be repealed soon: Razzak

CHITTAGONG, Aug 23: Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak today said that the Vested Property Act would be repealed very soon, reports BSS.

Terming 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 Janmasti festival marking the birth anniversary of Sree Krishna at J M Sen Hall as chief guest here.

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

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 Sangsads will be the centre of all national activities," the former president said the political parties do not actually pursue the dictum.

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Team off to China to boost export of raw jute

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

The delegation, led by State Minister for Land Rashed Mosarraf 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 Reazul Karim MP, deputy secretary of Jute Ministry Kazi Nasirul Islam, Jute Exporter Association president Mohammed Giasuddin Ahmed, Jute Association senior vice-chairman Reazul Karim, vice-chairman of BJA Mahfuzul Hoque, and members of BJA Sk Abdul Mannan, Mohammed Fazul Rahman and Humayun Majumder.

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.

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 Azim, 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 communism and fanaticism were the impediment to development and progress of the country.

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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," Sabillullah Maqom, Charge d'Affaires of the Indonesian embassy, told a press conference at Hotel Sheraton, yesterday.

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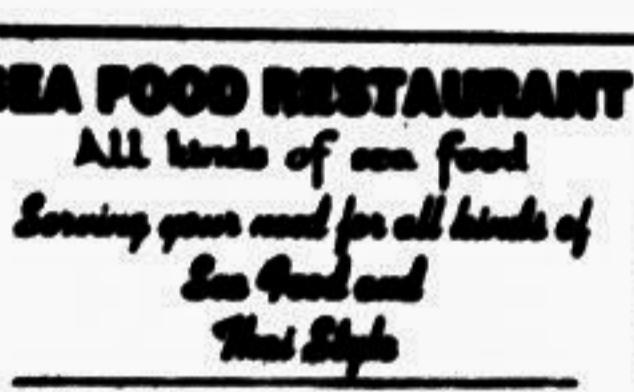
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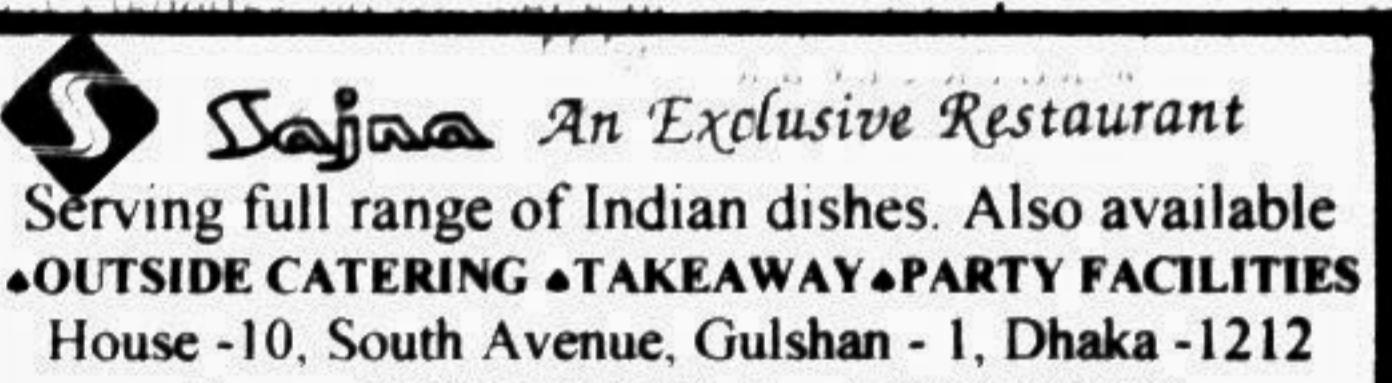
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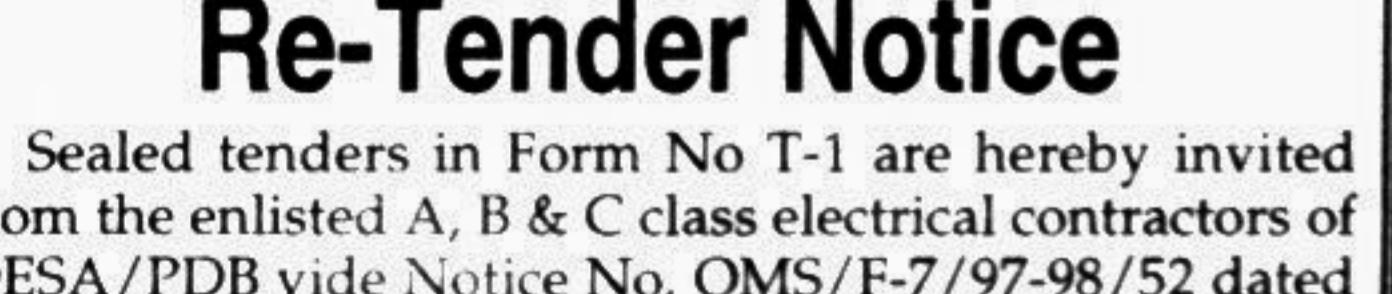
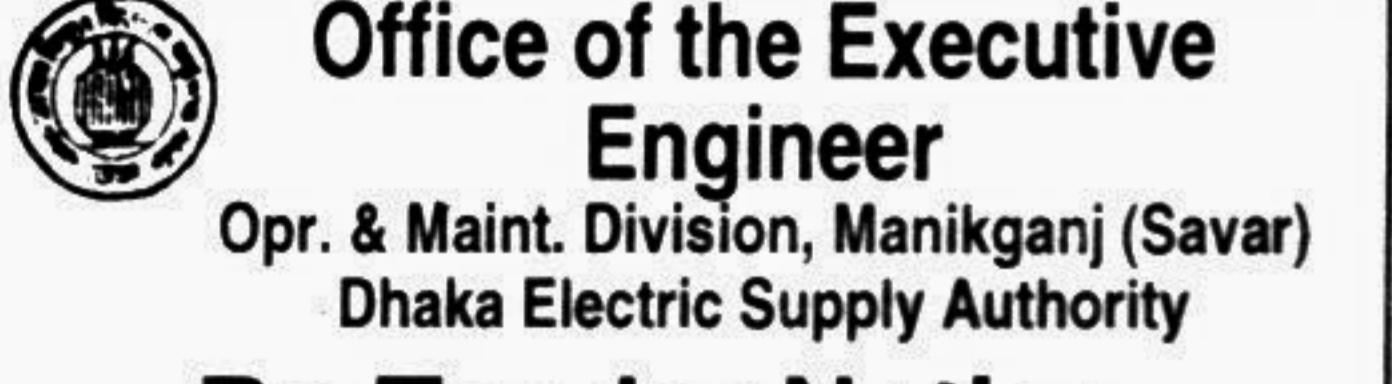
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Re-Tender Notice

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.

Executive Engineer
O&M Division, Manikganj
Savar, Dhaka.

Management conference 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.

Weather

Moderate rain forecast

Light to moderate rain or thundershowsers 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 Sylhet.

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:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage		
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.5	26.0		