

Zillur to attend
confce in Jakarta

Awami League general secretary and LGED and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman will leave Dhaka today for Jakarta to attend the regional conference on 'poverty alleviation and rural development', reports BSS.

The two-day UNDP-sponsored conference will begin tomorrow in the Indonesian capital Jakarta. Indonesian President Soeharto will inaugurate the conference.

JU weekend
Friday, Saturday

The office time of Jahangirnagar University has been refixed with Friday and Saturday as weekend holiday, reports UNB.

According to the new schedule, offices of the university will now function from 7 am to 2:30 pm during the period of September 7-October 31, said a JU press release.

BJMC Advertisement
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Tender Notice

Eastern Jute Mills Ltd, Atra, Khulna, Bangladesh invites sealed tender under 20th Japane Debt Relief Grant (1st Tranche) for import of (1) Hydraulic Press Pump (P-3 & P-4) and Spares, (2) Ball and Roller Bearing, (3) Rubber Aprons for 4" P.A/D Spinning (4) Sewing Machine Parts, (5) Spares Parts for Hibbert Dressing, Spinning and different size of Chains and links on C&F (C) Dhaka Airport and Benapole Border.

Tender will be received up to 11-30 AM on 7-10-97 and will be opened in presence of tenderers (if any) at 12-30 PM on the same day. Tender documents with detailed specification terms and conditions will be available on the working days, except on the date of opening from the office of the General Manager (Finance), BJMC, Adamjee Court, Motijheel, Dhaka, The Dy. General Manager (A&F), BJMC, Chittagong Zone, Sattar Chamber, 99, Agrabad, Chittagong, The Dy. General Manager (A&F), BJMC, Khulna Zone, Hafizuddin Road, Khalishpur, Khulna, and The Manager (A&F), Eastern Jute Mills Ltd., Atra, Khulna against payment of Tk. 200/= per set for Group No. 1 and Tk. 100.00 per set for Group No. 2 & 3 and Tk. 40.00 per set for Group No. 4 & 5 (non-refundable). The Tender shall be accompanied an earnest money @1% on quoted price, but not less than Taka 1000.00 (One thousand) only must be deposited along with each tender in favour of Eastern Jute Mills Ltd., Khulna. The Mill Management reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Government of the People's
Republic of BangladeshOffice of the Executive Engineer
Barisal Public Works Division, BarisalTender Notice
No. 8/1997-98

Tenders in BD Form No-2911 under sealed cover are hereby invited from Public Works Directorate enlisted special first class/first class/Public Works, Khulna Zone, Khulna enlisted 2nd class building contractors/contractors firms for Group No. 1 (one) & Group No. 2 (two) and Public Works Directorate enlisted special first class/first class/Public Works, Khulna Zone, Khulna enlisted 2nd class/Public Works Circle, Barisal enlisted 3rd class building contractors/contractors firms for Group No-3 (three) of the undermentioned work. Tender can be submitted at all the offices mentioned at Sl. No. 5 up to 12:00 Noon of 16.9.97. Tenders will be opened at 12:15 PM on the date of submitting tender in presence of the interested tenderers and envelope should be superscribed with name of work/name & address of the contractor/contractor firm and address to whom the tender will be submitted.

- Name of work : Group No-1: Construction of Barisal Divisional Headquarters. Sub-Head: Boundary wall construction work (south & east).
Group No-2: -do- -do- Sub-Head: Boundary wall construction work (north side).
Group No-3: -do- -do- Sub-Head: Boundary wall construction work (west side).
- Estimated cost : Group No-1: Taka-16,72,945/= Group No-2: Taka-12,89,585/= Group No-3: Taka-6,79,180/=
- Earnest money : Group No-1: Taka-33,460/- Group No-2: Taka-25,795/- Group No-3: Taka-13,585/=
- Time limit for completion of work : Group No-1: 150 (one hundred fifty) days.
Group No-2: 150 (one hundred fifty) days.
Group No-3: 150 (one hundred fifty) days.
- Name of offices : All Divisions under Public Works to sell & receive tender Circle, Barisal/Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Barisal.
- Last date of : 15.9.97 (up to office hours).
- Date of receiving : 16.9.97 (up to 12:00 Noon).
- Ready tender schedule with Bangladesh Form No. 2911 and additional terms & conditions can be seen and purchased at usual price Tk-750/- (seven hundred fifty) each for Group No-1 and at usual price Tk-400/- (four hundred) each for Group No-3 and Taka-25/- (twenty-five) only for BD Form No-2911 both non-refundable, from the said offices. The tender schedule can be purchased by the contractor/Managing Director of contractor firm himself or his/their authorised representative with his signature attested by the contractor/Managing Director of contractor firm on production of original enlistment register. Separate tender should be submitted for each group.
- Contractor/contractor firm should apply for purchasing tender schedule from the Public Works Divisions mentioned at serial No-5 except Barisal Public Works Division/Office of the Division, Commissioner, Barisal, at least 3 (three) days prior to sale of tender.
- Attested copy of Value Added Tax registration certificate of the respective special first class/1st class/2nd class/3rd class contractors/contractors firms should be attached with the tender.
- Any attestation should be by 1st class gazetted officer.
- If more than one tenderer is found as the lowest in the tender then to select 1 (one) contractor, lottery will be held at the office chamber of the undersigned on 25.9.1997 at 11:00 AM. All concerned or his/their authorised representatives are requested to be present at the said lottery.

Engr. Golam Mohammad
Executive Engineer
Barisal Public Works Division, Barisal
Phone No. 52143

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G-2116Multi-media art
projection of
Kalidas opens

By Staff Correspondent

A Philips multi-media art projection titled 'Soul of an artist and his land' by Kalidas Karmakar was inaugurated at the Shilpakala Academy gallery in the city yesterday evening.

Commerce and Industry Minister Tofael Ahmed inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest. The function was also addressed by the Director General of the Shilpakala Academy Azad Rahman. The artist, Kalidas Karmakar, delivered the welcome address.

The main theme of the artist's work is Liberation War. A series of exhibitions titled 'Liberation War 71 - Homage to Blue' will be held during the projection between September 5 to 15.

During the exhibition pictures ranging from the flood of 1970 to the Liberation War 1971 will be projected in 16 TV sets. Tofael Ahmed opened the projection arranged by Transcom Electronics Ltd by pressing a button of remote control.

Tofael Ahmed in his inaugural speech said, Kalidas Karmakar is our pride as he has glorified the image of the country through paintings. He said that once art and culture were confined to the aristocratic people, but now with the change of nature of society it has reached to the domain at common people.

Kalidas Karmakar in his painting portrayed the history of the country, the true history of the Liberation War, Tofael said.

Tofael said that the present government had given art and culture top priority and for cultural development the government had already decided to set up a cultural complex.

Azad Rahman said, our only goal is to make the young generation know the true history of the Liberation War. The painting of Kalidas Karmakar truly reflect the history of Liberation War, he said.

Kalidas Karmakar said that he tried to portray the struggle of the people for liberation in his painting. Every artists has a commitment to the society, and I have tried to be confined to my commitments, he said.

If my paintings can motivate the young generation, that is my success, Kalidas said.



Visitors at a painting exhibition by Kalidas Karmakar at the Shilpakala Academy gallery in the city yesterday.

City dwellers face acute
shortage of water

City dwellers are suffering from an acute crisis of water as its supply is about 40 per cent short of the total requirement of the ever growing population of the capital, reports UNB.

WASA, an autonomous body, responsible for operating the sewerage system and supply of water in the metropolis, is now supplying 860 million litres of water. The total need is 1350 million litres.

According to a United Nations report in June, Dhaka is among the 50 largest cities in the world. Its population in 1996 stood at nine million, making it the 22nd largest urban conglomeration.

The report projected that Dhaka will continue to grow and, by the year 2015 will become the fifth largest city in the world. At the time, its population will stand at 19.5 million.

Everyday, WASA receives hundreds of complaints regarding 'no supply of water, shortage of water, low flow of water and contaminated water' - from different parts of the crowded city. The whole city is in the grip of water shortage. When contacted, a senior official said WASA hardly could do anything with its limited resources and network to meet the increasing requirements of the millions.

Narrating a grim scenario of water supply situation in the city, the WASA official said the ground water level has been going down by one metre every year due to over extraction. Of the current supply, 98 per cent comes from ground water.

The existing system for procuring ground water has become obsolete with the passage of time, he said. 'Now we are to switch over to surface water from the groundwater to overcome the crisis.'

The WASA official informed that a project is underway to procure 100 million gallons of water from the Buriganga and 200 million gallons from the Sitalakhyia a day. The World Bank and France are financing the Tk 750 crore project.

According to experts, the old underground water pipes, particularly in the old city, were neither checked, nor repaired for a long time. These lead to contamination of water, causing harm to public health.

'FAP-20 area in
Tangail: problems
can be solved by
local people'

By Staff Correspondent

A group of students from the Netherlands in a recent study found that the water related problems in the FAP-20 area in Tangail could be solved by involving the local people.

The young researchers emphasised the need for people's participation to get local solutions.

Four members of the study team presented their draft findings in a seminar, titled 'Integrated Water Management with People's Participation in Bangladesh,' in the city on Thursday.

The team of eight students from the Faculty of Civil Engineering, Delft University of Technology, studied the water related issues under a linkage programme with Unnayan Shahajog Team (UST), a local NGO.

During the six-month programme, the team studied in detail problems in the FAP-20 area. These included water shortage in general, water shortage in the dry period and the problems with land acquisition. The team also tried to find appropriate means of water management with people's participation.

Their findings suggested a 'bottom up' approach so that the views of the local people could be considered in finding solutions to the problems which affect them directly.

Studying several aspects of the hydrological balance, the team found that the amount of available water in the Tangail area diminishes every year.

However, the data analysis showed that the main causes of the problem were decreasing river input and increasing water use.

KMP records 973
criminal cases
in 8 months

KHULNA, Aug 5: Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP) recorded 973 criminal cases in the city during the last eight months ending August 31 last, reports BSS.

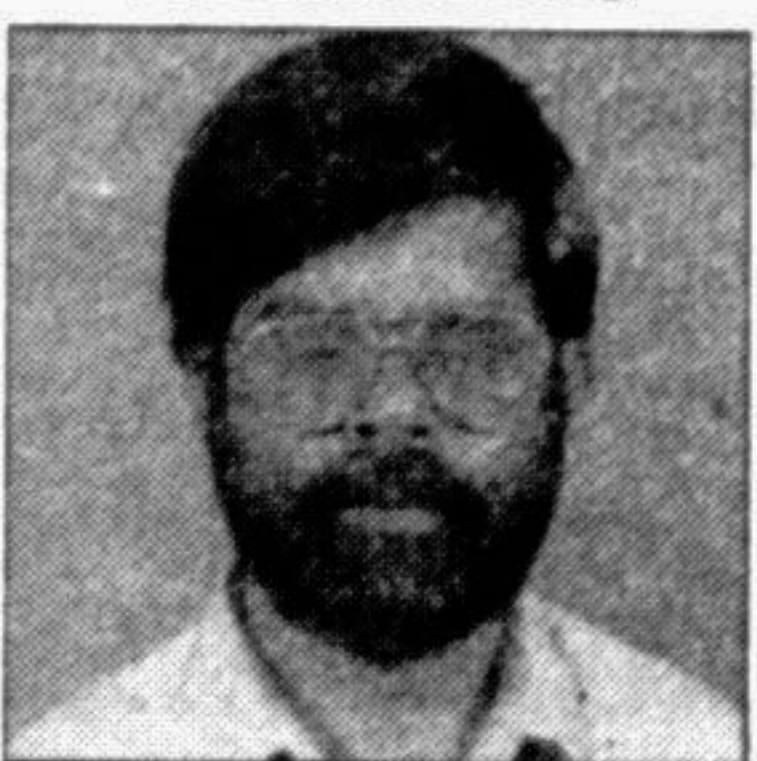


A child showing respect to Diana by placing wreath in front of the portrait of Princess of Wales at British High Commission yesterday.

In'l Literacy Day
in Khulna

KHULNA, Sept 5: District Administration has organised various programmes to observe the Elderly Education Week and the International Literacy Day, reports UNB.

The programmes include rally, five-day mass education fair, seminar, discussion and cultural programme.

Freedom fighter
appeals for help

By Staff Correspondent

Mohammad Yusuf Ali, a war wounded freedom fighter, has appealed to the authorities to consider his prayer to provide him with a sophisticated artificial leg from Japan as he is facing increasing problems to use crutches to walk.

He visited The Daily Star office and described his plight since his conditioned deteriorated and a medical board recommended for urgent measures.

But his appeals to the highest authorities, including the Prime Minister were in vain. He applied for grants to obtain the artificial leg to the PM on March 15. He applied again on April 27.

The PS to PM forwarded it to Mukti Jodha Kalyan Trust for necessary action on May 5 to take measures as per rules. But the trust had reiterated its inability to provide any help. Neither it provided him a certificate in English identifying him as a war-wounded freedom fighter.

JCD demands
resignation
of DU proctor

By DU Correspondent

Jatityabadi Chhatra Dal, the student wing of opposition BNP Thursday demanded resignation of the proctor of the Dhaka University Dr Nur-Ul-Nabi.

JCD also demanded immediate arrest of the terrorists belonging to Chhatra League from the DU campus.

JCD made the demands at a rally held on the Dhaka University campus. Earlier they brought out a procession on the campus.

The rally was addressed, among others, by Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anney, Monzur Elahi, Mosarraf Hossain, Shahabuddin Laitu, Helen Zerin Khan, Monir Hossain and Nasir Uddin Asim.

Two killed in
city road
accident

By Staff Correspondent

Two persons were killed and another was injured in a road accident near Sheikh Russel Square under Dhanmondi thana in the city Thursday morning.

The dead were identified as Anwar Hossain Sardar, 32, and Nazrul Islam, 25.

Dhanmondi police said the accident occurred when a Gabtali bound truck hit the rickshaw from behind at about 7 am.

One of the rickshaw passengers, Anwar, a resident of Rayerbazar, died on the spot. The injured rickshaw puller Nazrul and passenger Kabir were immediately rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where Nazrul succumbed to injuries at about 5 pm.

Weather
Moderate rain forecast

Moderately heavy rain fall is likely at places over Chittagong, Barisal and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

The Met Office also forecast light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind at many places over Chittagong, Barisal, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Khulna and Rajshahi divisions.

The day temperature may remain nearly unchanged across the country.

In its outlook for subsequent two days weathermen predicted little change and decrease in rainfall activity in the following five days.

Meantime, Sylhet experienced the highest 39 mm rain during the last 24 hours till 6 am yesterday. Chittagong and Cox's Bazar had 12 mm each during the period.

Country's highest temperature 32.6 degree Celsius was recorded at Dinajpur and the lowest 25.0 degrees at Dhaka, Comilla and Cox's Bazar.

The sun sets today at 6:12 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:42 am.

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

	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	29.8	25.0	98	88
Chittagong	31.5	25.3	80	89
Rajshahi	32.1	27.4	88	98
Khulna	30.5	26.5	93	83
Barisal	28.2	25.4	92	92
Sylhet	28.0	25.2	95	90
Cox's Bazar	30.8	25.0	85	95

What's on today....

Slide, video show: On the occasion of International Literacy Day and Adult Education Week '97, a 2-day show of slide video, film of literacy inputs will begin. Venue: National Museum. Time: 3 to 8 pm.

Musical soiree: Tagore songs will be presented by Iffat Ara Dewan, Mahiuzzaman Chowdhury Mayna and Milla Ali. Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, 754 Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:30 pm.

Discussion: Bangla Academy will hold a discussion to mark the death anniversary of Ustad Alaaddin Kha. Towhidur Rahman, Dr Mridul Kanti Chakravarty and Shameema Parveen will take part in the discussion on *Sur Sadhak* Ustad Alaaddin Kha. Venue: Seminar room of the academy. Time: 5 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Central: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Surma, Dhaka Club Ltd. Time: 1:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Capital: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Officers' Club, Bailey Road. Time: 5:30 pm.

Mourning procession: Bangladesh Jatiya Dal will hold a mourning procession and rally to mourn the tragic death of Princess of Wales Diana in a car accident. The mourning procession will begin from House No 38/1, Road No. 2, Dhanmondi and will hold a rally at the park situated by Road No. 4, Dhanmondi. Time: 11 am.

Exhibition: A 10-day solo painting exhibition of Artist Kalidas Karmakar will be inaugurated. The show will remain open from 3 pm to 8 pm daily till September 15. Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy gallery. Time: 5:30 pm.

Workshop: A 3-day workshop on 'Groundwater and Environment', jointly organised by the Bangladesh Geological Society and Alumni Association of German Universities in Bangladesh (AAGUB), will begin. Chief guest: Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak. Venue: Academy of Planning and Development auditorium, Nilkhet. Time: 10 am.

Course on TOT: The inaugural ceremony of 6-day course in 'Training of Trainers (TOT)', organised by the Bangladesh Bank and Islamic Research & Training Institute of Islamic Development Bank, will be held. Chief guest: Finance Minister SAMS Kibria. Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 9 am.

Memorial meet: A discussion in memory of noted litterateur Sikandar Abu Zafar, organised by Bishwa Sahitya Kendra, will be held. Venue: Isfender Zahed Hassan auditorium of Bishwa Sahitya Kendra. Time: 5 pm.

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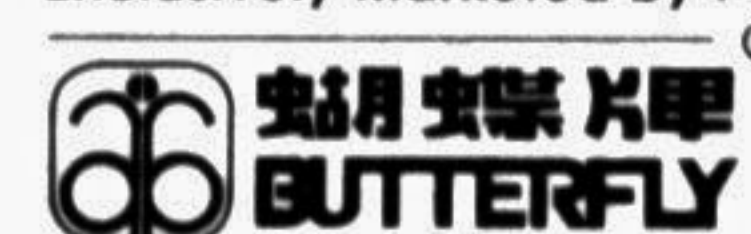
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