



THE FIGHTER WHO NEVER GIVES UP: Moqbul Hossain lost his right leg in an accident. But he continues pedalling his cycle-rickshaw van with the help of a crutch. He makes Tk 100-150 a day, with which he supports his five-member family, including his parents. They live at a slum in Ananda Bazar, Nimtoli. "I never felt that I had lost my leg. Otherwise, I would have been begging on the streets," he told The Daily Star as he negotiated the Dayaganj Bridge in the city yesterday afternoon.

— Star Photo by Amran Hossain.

Month-long rat-killing drive begins today

A month-long rat-killing drive at national level begins today to save crops from the attacks of rodents, reports UNB.

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Syeed will inaugurate the Rat Killing Drive '97 at the auditorium of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) at 10:30 in the morning, officials said.

An exhibition of rat-killing equipment and medicine will also be arranged on the occasion. Besides, Plant Protection Department will bring out supplements and telop will be aired on radio and television.

The district-level rat-killing drive will be held tomorrow. The programme includes rallies of farmers and officials.

A four-day thana-level programme is expected to be inaugurated by MPs on September 17 (Wednesday). Farmer-officials rallies will also be arranged at thana level.

Awards will be given to those who will kill the highest numbers of rats in three categories.

Seventeen-inch B/W TV will be awarded to farmer, educational institutions and block supervisor while agri-officials will get certificate and DAE crest for killing the highest numbers of rats.

To make the countrywide chase against rats, the authorities stressed imparting training to field workers and farmers. Meanwhile, some 9,000 field workers and peasants are being given training.

In 1994, some 2,841,501 rats were killed thereby saving 2,131.125 metric tons of aman paddy. A total of 886,354 farmers participated in the rat-killing drive.

In 1995, 2,549,245 rats were killed and 19,11,900 metric tons of aman rice saved. A total of 1,249,063 farmers participated in the drive.

Last year, 2,966,940 rats were killed and 2,225,205 metric tons of aman paddy was saved. A total of 1,452,055 farmers took part in the drive. More than 74 per cent students took part in the drive in 1996.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said the government has identified various problems in agricultural production and taken initiatives to resolve those.

"In our country rat is the main biological obstacle to crop production and its preservation, and rodent pits are responsible for huge wastage of irrigation water and deplorable condition of kutchra roads in the rural areas," she said.

In a message on the occasion of Rat Killing Drive '97, she said the country's environment is also threatened by the rat menace.

The Prime Minister said the main objective of the government is to make the country self-reliant in food and the people have started reaping benefits of the government efforts in this regard.

She praised the Agriculture Extension Department for taking steps to launch the rat killing drive like previous years and wished it a success.

Book on War of Liberation published

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Syeed yesterday said those who made speeches against Bangladesh's independence and father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman were definitely the anti-liberation forces, reports BSS.

"We have to forge strong unity amongst us against the elements who are questioning the spirit of Independence and Liberation War," he asserted.

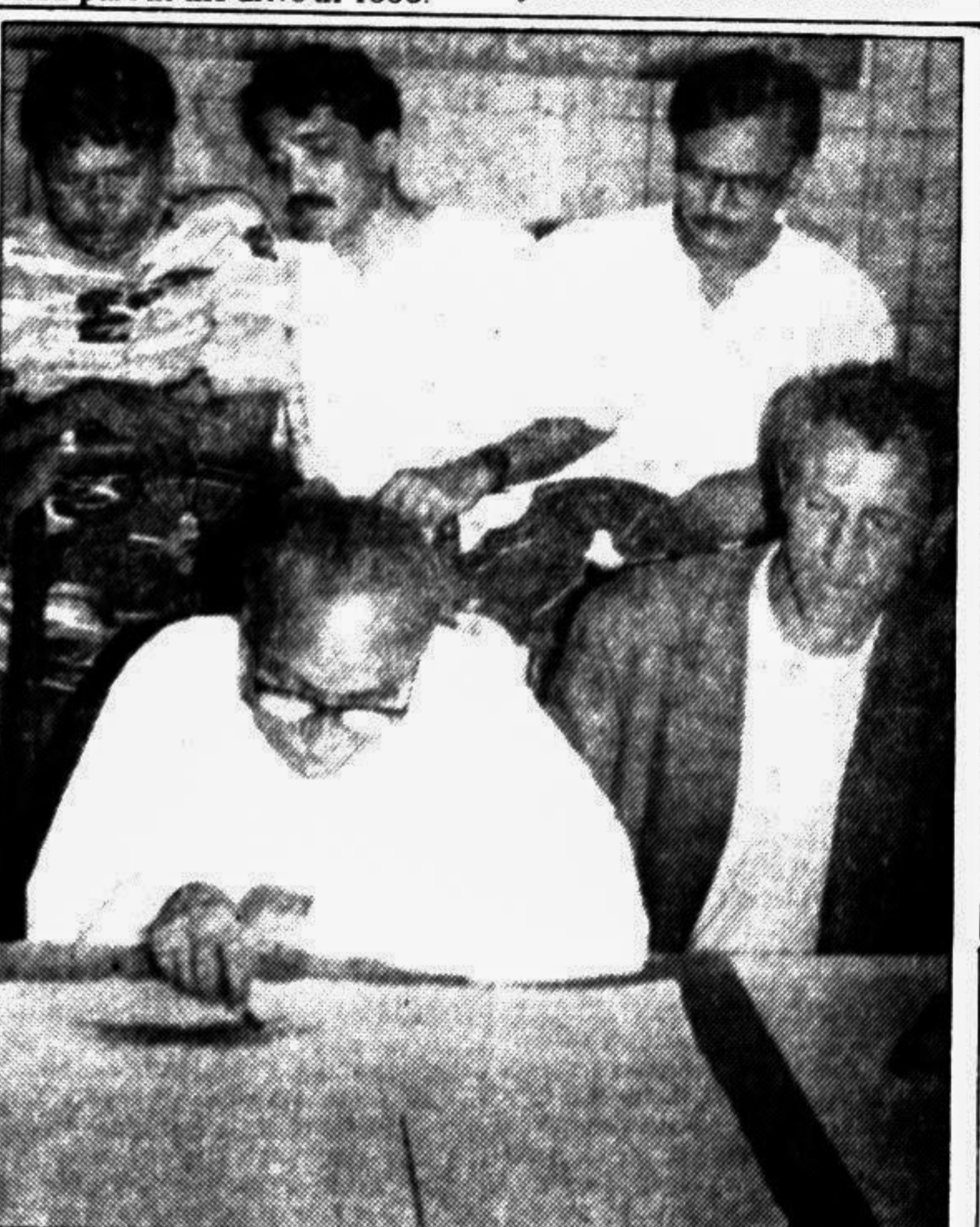
The state minister was addressing the publication ceremony of a book on Liberation War at the Muktiuddha Jadughar auditorium in the city.

'Suchipatra Publication' published the book titled 'A-mader Muktiuddha Katha' written by Imdadul Haque for children.

Prof Abu Syeed said people from all spheres of life should unite as they did in 1971 to resist these anti-liberation forces.

He said those who made insinuation into the independence, not only insulted the sacrifices of 30 lakh people in the War of Liberation, but also exposed themselves once again as anti Bangladesh's elements.

Presided over by Kazi Fazlur Rahman, chairman of Administrative Reform Commission, the function was addressed, among others, by director of Jatiya Grantha Kendra Rashid Haider, author Imdadul Haque and publisher Syed Bari.



Prof Md Kibria inaugurating an 'artists' camp' by drawing a picture at the Shilpakala Academy in the city yesterday. German artist Jorg Bachhofer (seated R) will conduct the camp, jointly organised by the Academy and the German Cultural Centre.

—Star photo

T H Khan elected president of JAF

A 201-member central committee of Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Forum (JAF) was elected yesterday with Justice T H Khan and Advocate Abdul Wadud Khandkar as president and secretary general respectively, a forum press release said, reports BSS.

The committee was elected at an extended meeting of the forum. BNP leader Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder addressed the meeting as the chief guest.

Presided over by Justice T H Khan, the meeting was also addressed by the president of Supreme Court Bar Association, Barrister Nazmul Huda, Barrister Ziaur Rahman Khan, member of Bar Council, Abdur Razzak Khan.

Move to privatise Times, Dainik Bangla condemned

A joint meeting of the Bangladesh Times Unit of DUJ, Press Sramik Union and Employees Union was held in the news room of the daily yesterday with Sirajul Islam, Times Unit Chief of DUJ in the chair, says a press release.

The meeting strongly condemned the government's announcement of privatising the newspapers under Times-Bangla Trust.

The meeting urged the government to restore advertisement quotas for the newspaper and implement the Fifth Wage Board Award immediately.

The meeting also expressed solidarity with hunger strike programme of Dainik Bangla unit scheduled for September 16.

BAU exams rescheduled

MSC examination under different faculties of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) will begin on October 19 instead of September 21 for unavoidable circumstances, reports UNB.

The examinations are: MSC (Vet. Science), 1991, MSC (Agriculture), 1991, MSC (Fisheries), 1991, MSC (Ag. Engg.), 1991, MSC (Ag.), 1991, MSC (Ag. Ad.), 1991, MSC (Ag. Econ.), 1992 and MSC Ag. Econ (General), 1992.

S D Chowdhury hospitalised

Eminent scientist and former vice-chancellor of Agricultural University Dr S D Chowdhury has been admitted at the intensive care unit of the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) following various complications, reports BSS.

Family members have requested relations, well wishers and others to pray for his recovery.

Obituary

Shamsunnahar Abedin, wife of Zainul Abedin, retired deputy secretary, died at a local clinic on Friday night. She was 64, says a press release.

She left behind her husband, two sons, and a daughter.

The namaz-e-janaza of the deceased will be held today at Dhanmondi Idgah Mosque after Zohr prayers and she will be buried at Azimpur Graveyard.

Her quikhwani will be held tomorrow after Asr prayers at her residence at 264, Idgah Road: 15 (old) Dhanmondi in the city.

Quikhwani

Quikhwani of Al Hajj Mustaque Ahmed, a businessman will be held today after Magrib prayers, at 9 Hare Street, Wari, in the city, says a press release.

A milad mahfil, will be held on the occasion.

Al Hajj Mustaque Ahmed died on Saturday evening of heart failure while at his residence. He was 80.

An appeal



By Staff Correspondent

Seven-year-old Sabiha has been suffering from thalassemia, a blood related disorder, for the last six years.

Due to regular blood transfusions in the last six years, concentration of iron in her spleen and liver is gradually increasing.

She requires blood transfusions at least twice or thrice a month, which is not only expensive but also painful.

Doctors have advised her parents to arrange bone marrow transplant for her, which can only be done abroad, involving an amount of Tk 5 to 6 lakh. Her father is the only earning member of the family and is not in a position to bear the cost.

Her father has appealed to benevolent individuals and organisations and to the Prime Minister, to help him bear the cost of Sabiha's treatment.

Those interested in helping are requested to contact her father Golam Rabbani, at Agrani Bank, Regional Office, Mymensingh or send money directly to Account No: 9998, Agrani Bank, Chhoto Bazar Branch, Mymensingh (Phone: 091-55629).



Students of Dhaka International University held a rally demanding recognition of the university in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

—Star photo

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

This is to inform to all concerned that mailing Address of our Company has been changed as under:

Old Address

DADA (SAVAR) LTD.
SFB# 7, Dhaka Export Processing Zone
Ganakbari, Savar, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

New Address

DADA (SAVAR) LTD.
Plot No.61-65
Dhaka Export Processing Zone
Ganakbari, Savar, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

All telephones and fax Nos. will remain as it is.

General Manager
DADA (SAVAR) LTD.



**Bangladesh Railway/
West Zone
Engineering Department**

Corrigendum to Tender Notice

No ENG/Maddyapara/Tools & Plant/1 Dated: 04-9-1997

Corrigendum to Tender Notice No ENG/Maddyapara/Tools & Plant dated 19-8-97 in connection with supply of P Way Tools & Plant is hereby issued:

- (1) The date of selling and dropping of Tender document is fixed on 23-9-97 and 24-9-97 respectively instead of 18-9-97 and 19-9-97.
- (2) All other terms & conditions of the Tender Notice will remain unchanged.

for Chief Engineer/West
Bangladesh Railway
Rajshahi

RPRD No 708 dt-10/9/97

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Directorate of Food Movement, Storage & Silo Division 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka Re-Tender Notice

Memo No. 217 MSS/Silo-554/80 Part-9 Dt: 3-9-97
19-5-1404BS

Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide manufacturers/suppliers for purchase of 12000 (twelve thousand) kgs stitching thread as per specification described in the tender schedule to be used in stitching jute sacks in sewing machines at different silos under the Directorate of Food.

Schedule consisting detailed specification of thread and terms & conditions of tender can be collected at Tk 500.00 (five hundred) per set from the Cashier of the Director, Accounts & Finance Division, Directorate of Food (Khadya Bhaban, 4th floor) & from the office of the Silo Superintendent, Chittagong & Narayanganj everyday during office hours from 10-9-97 to 29-9-97. Sealed tenders addressing the undersigned will be received at the office of the Director General, Food (Room No. 101, first floor, Khadya Bhaban), 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka & office of the Silo Superintendent, Chittagong & Narayanganj simultaneously from start of office time up to 12-30 PM of 30-9-97. Tenders will be opened on the same day at 1 PM at the conference room of the Directorate of Food and Office of the Silo Superintendent, Chittagong & Narayanganj in presence (if any) of the tenderers.

Md Abul Quasem
Director
Movement, Storage & Silo Division

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Chief Engineer

Construction & Maintenance Management Unit (CMMU)

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

House No 94, Road No 4, Block-B

Banani Model Town, Dhaka

INVITATION FOR RE-BIDS

Memo No: MOHFW/CMMU/ICMH-BID/1797

Dated: 10-9-97

- The Chief Engineer, Construction and Maintenance Management Unit (CMMU), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of goods and related services mentioned in the table below for the Institute of Child & Mother Health (ICMH) Project, Matuail, Dhaka.
- Bidding is open to bidders from 1st class contractors/firms enlisted in the govt/semi govt. autonomous organizations who satisfy the qualification criteria set hereafter and as indicated in the bidding documents particularly in the instructions to bidders and the bidding data. Only genuine and reputed suppliers are eligible to bid for the works.
- Qualification Criteria**
The interested bidders will be required to submit with their application for purchasing the bidding documents the following documentary evidence of their eligibility criteria for participation in the bid:
i. copies of original documents defining the constitution or legal status, place of registration and principal place of business; written power of attorney of the signatory of the bid to commit the bidder;
ii. attested photocopy of the bidder's sole agency/distributorship agreement/certificate from the manufacturer/principal;
iii. certificate of satisfactory completion for at least 2 (two) numbers of similar nature of work from the concerned Engineer/Officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer and the client; present work load of the firm with list of on-going works along with the name of the Client;
iv. qualification and experience (with CVs) of key site management & technical personnel proposed to deploy in the works;
v. adequate after sales service facilities. Location and address of workshop for backup services along with a list of trained engineer (s) and other technical persons;
vi. valid photocopy of import registration certificate of Chief Controller of Import and Export;
vii. VAT Registration Certificate and Tax Identification No;
viii. current bank solvency certificate in original stating amount of cash deposit, credit facilities and availability of other financial resources as an evidence of adequacy of working capital for this contract; and
ix. statement of bank transaction for the last 3 (three) years.
- The documents supporting the above qualification criteria must be submitted on or before 18-9-1997 up to 17:00 hrs to the Office of the Consultant M/s Shapati Sangshad Ltd., House No 55, Road No 3A, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1209 for verification of bidders' eligibility to bid.
- Bidding document shall be sold only to the applicants whose qualification criteria submitted with their applications are found satisfactory. Qualified bidders shall be communicated in writing and/or by cable for participation in the bid on 22-9-1997.
- The qualification criteria must also accompany the bid. Examination of the documents of bidder's qualification criteria shall be carried out in depth during the evaluation period. If any of the qualification information provided and document submitted along with the bid is found to be incorrect, false and/or fabricated, during examination and/or evaluation of bids, the bid shall be declared non-responsive and shall be rejected.
- Bidding documents may be purchased up to 1700 hours on 24-9-1997 from the office of the undersigned, Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka, Office of the Executive Engineer, CMMU, City Division at 105-106, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka and Office of the Consultant M/s Shapati Sangshad Ltd for a non-refundable fee as indicated in the table below in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft in the name of Chief Engineer, CMMU. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Office of the Consultant.
- Bids shall be valid for a period of 119 (one hundred nineteen) days after bid opening and must be accompanied by a bid security, as part of the bid, in the form of Pay Order or Bank Draft drawn in favour of the Chief Engineer, CMMU and shall be delivered to the office of the undersigned, Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka and Office of the Executive Engineer, CMMU City Division, 105-106, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka on or before 14:00 hours of 9-10-1997, at which time they will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who wish to attend.
- This bid notice and the eligibility documents submitted with the bid shall constitute part of the bidding documents.

Pkg No	Name of the work	Bid security	Cost of bidding document per set	Period of completion
VIIIA	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Central Air-Conditioning System for Institute Building and Hospital Building	Tk 2.00% of quoted amount	Tk 2,000.00	6 (six) months
VIIIB	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Fire Protection System for Hospital Building	Tk 2.00% of quoted amount	Tk 1,000.00	3 (three) months

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason whatsoever.
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Colonel Md Ahsan Habib
Chief Engineer, CMMU.