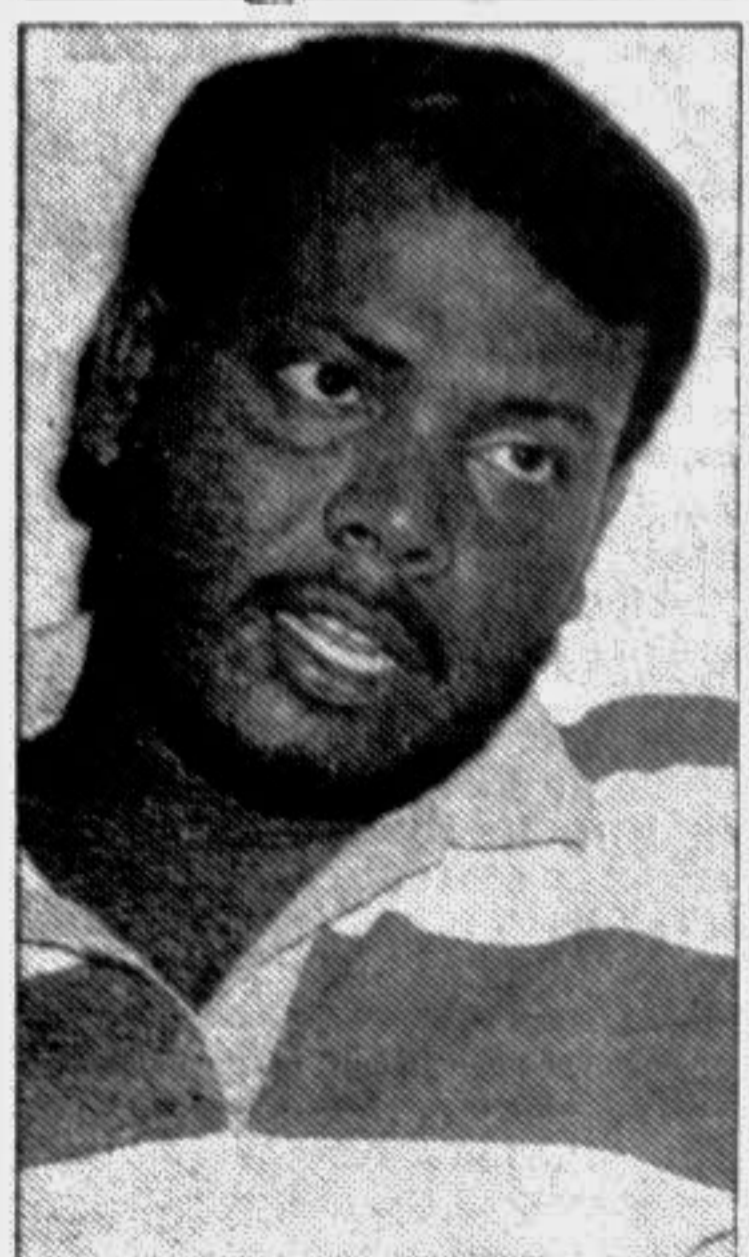


Column One  
SPORTS TALK



**Mohammad Masudur Rahman Baidya**  
(Orthopaedically handicapped Indian swimmer)  
I am feeling really great and I am extremely happy about what I have achieved. Considering the background I come from, it was impossible for me to even think of crossing the English Channel. Firstly, I am handicapped and second I did not possess the money. I needed to undertake the trip. Now that I have crossed the Channel, I feel the success that I have tasted was a reward for my hard work and sincerity.  
His feeling after the feat.

**Boost sports WHIZZ KID**

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

**Competition-78**

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm, Sept 19, '97

- 1 In which year did Pakistan and India suspend Test tours between them?
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| 1988 | 1989 | 1987 |
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- 2 Who won the Italian Super Cup football title?
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| Vicenza | Bologna | Juventus |
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- 3 Who is the England cricket captain?
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| Stewart | Hussain | Atherton |
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- 4 Who lifted the inter-division women's volleyball trophy?
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| Pabna | Khulna | Comilla |
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- 5 Which team clinched the Second Division chess league title?
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**EN-VITS**  
ENERGY-RELEASING VITAMINS

**Antonio anticipates the time**

ROME, Sept 16 (Reuters): Just two games into the Serie A season, Antonio Angelillo fears that his all-time Italian league scoring record may not last the 40 years he hoped for.

Angelillo scored 33 goals for Inter Milan in the 1958-59 season but he said on Monday that two free-scoring weekends at the start of the Italian season had him worried.

Argentine Gabriel Batistuta has scored five goals for Fiorentina while Brazil's Ronaldo is starting to fire up at Inter.

"I'd like to hold on to the record for at least another year to make it 40 years but this time the threat is concrete," Angelillo said. "Batistuta has made a great start, Ronaldo is getting into his stride, it'll be a great championship."

Batistuta scored a hat-trick in a thrilling 3-2 victory at Udinese on the opening day and claimed two more at Bari on Sunday.

Ronaldo's debut Serie A goal came on Sunday in a 4-2 victory over Bologna, where Roberto Baggio scored Bologna's two goals to take his total to three from two outings.

In all, 62 goals were scored on the first two weekends of the new campaign, 20 more than on the corresponding weekends last year.

The average game has yielded 3.44 goals against an average for the entire 1996-97 season of 2.63.

Although goal averages have generally fallen since World War Two, Inter's one-time leading marksman said it was just as difficult to score in the 1950s as in the 1990s.

"Thirty-three goals scored 40 years ago are no less valuable than 33 goals scored today," said Angelillo.

"Today, football is more difficult but even in my day attackers never had an easy life. There were man-to-man markers then as now and sweepers who never gave you space."

**Sahara Cup Third ODI today**

Sports Reporter

Spirited Indian cricketers will be looking forward to clinch a decisive lead in the five-game Sahara Cup series when they meet arch-rivals Pakistan in the crucial third match at the Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club ground today.

The new-look Indian team, led by Sachin Tendulkar, hold a 2-0 advantage against Pakistan whose batting looked surprisingly brittle so far, scoring 188 and 116 runs respectively in two matches.

Only veteran Salim Malik appeared to be comfortable against the young new-ball bowlers of India and on the dizzy pitch of Toronto.

Pakistan moreover will be without their experienced batsman Inzamam-ul-Haq who was suspended for two matches following his confrontation with a spectator who reportedly hurled abusive words through a megaphone.

**Biman U-14 soccer**

Sports Reporter

The first round of the Biman under-14 national football championship will begin in eight zonal venues across the country from October 1.

A total of 64 districts split into eight zones — Jessore, Barisal, Comilla, Mymensingh, Manikganj, Narayanganj, Joypurhat and Nilphamari will participate in the first round. According to a Bangladesh Football Federation press release yesterday, five districts out of 64 — Netrokona, Meherpur, Lalmonirhat, Chittagong and Bhola have not yet confirmed their participation in the first round.

**Volleyball course**

Sports Reporter

The five-day long volleyball training course, organised by the Bangladesh Volleyball Federation (BVF) to promote the sports at the school level, concluded at the volleyball court adjacent to Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

A total of 24 physical instructors from different schools around the capital participated in the camp. BVF vice-president Rafiqul Islam handed over the certificates to the participants of the course. National coaches Golam Rasul and Farida Begum were also present on the occasion.

**IUB chess**

Sports Reporter

Rafiqul Islam, Roni Bayezid, Enam Abdullah, Nayaz, Debashish Biswas, Zilani, Khaled Hasan Johny, Kamrul and Mahmood, were leading the IUB chess tournament table at the end of the third round yesterday.

Roni beat Zakir, Numayr defeated Taher, Debashish edged past Adnan Zilani tamed Murad, Kamrul checkmated Bapji while Bayezid won his board against Ifekhar.

All eight players remained at the crowded top spot with full three points.

Besides, 17 players were following the leaders with two points each.

**Narail, Jessore lift TT titles**

Sports Reporter

Narail and Jessore lifted the boys' and girls' team titles of the Green Delta Insurance national schools table tennis championships at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium yesterday.

On the second day of the four-day meet, Narail emerged boys' team champions thrashing Dhaka by three sets to nil while after a five set battle in the girls' team final, Jessore edged past Narail by three sets to two.

Besides, 32 boys singles and 16 girls singles matches were also decided on Tuesday.

**Surjo Tarun net practice Sept 20**

Sports Reporter

The net practice of Surjo Tarun Club cricket team will begin from Saturday at the Club ground in Dhanmondi.

Players have been asked to report to the club tomorrow at 10 am.

**Three rookies in Spanish squad**

MADRID, Sept 16: Uncapped Atletico Madrid defenders Carlos Aguilera and Santi Denia were named on Monday in an 18-man Spain squad to face Slovakia in an important World Cup qualifier on September 24, reports Reuters.

Spanish national coach Javier Clemente has rewarded the two players with their first international call-ups after their outstanding displays for Atletico in this season's first three matches.

They fill the gaps left by Barcelona's Josep Guardiola, who is injured, and Abelardo Fernandez, who has suffered a dramatic loss of form.

Spain, with two matches to come, top European Group Six with 20 points from eight games, ahead of Yugoslavia (20 from nine) and Slovakia (16 from eight).

Clemente has kept faith with Barcelona trio Guillermo Amor, Albert Ferrer and Juan Pizzi even though all three have been unable to command regular first-team places with the Catalan Club.

**World Youth Cup BCB picks thirty**

Sports Reporter



Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday named 30 players for the under-20 team camp which will participate in the World Youth Cup qualifying rounds scheduled to start in Hong Kong from November 30.

Around 400 cricketers took part in the preliminary trials last month from which 45 were initially selected for the net and after a two-week training these thirty have been selected for the camp which begins at the Dhaka Stadium next Saturday.

The following 30 cricketers have been asked to report at the BCB office at the stadium next Friday at 3 pm: Hannan Sarkar, Shaker Chowdhury, Ehsanul Haque, Mahfuz Kabir, Rashidul Haque, Ridwan Hasan, Morshed Alam, Mushfiqur Rahman, Rafiqul Islam, Khondkar Mohammad Rajin, Junaid Rahman, Javed Ishtiaq, Tamim Bashir, Saiful Islam, Sabbir Khan, Ahsanullah Hasan, Towhid Hossain, Masud Raihan, Tanveer Khan, Monirul Islam, Sajal Chowdhury, Rezaul

Haque, Ashiqur Rahman, Nazrul Haque, Tariqul Hasan, Bikash Ranjan Das, Kazi Monirul Islam, Golam Mortuza Sarkar (junior), Golam Mortuza Sarkar (senior) and Ashrafur Islam.

Bangladesh alongwith seven other associate members of the ICC in the Asian region — Maldives, Malaysia, Nepal, Singapore, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and hosts Hong Kong, will vie for the two continental berths at the 15-team final round of the World Youth Cup billed for a January 11, 1997, start in South Africa. In the two-group robin league format, Bangladesh have been placed alongwith Maldives, Malaysia and Nepal while the other group comprises the other four teams.

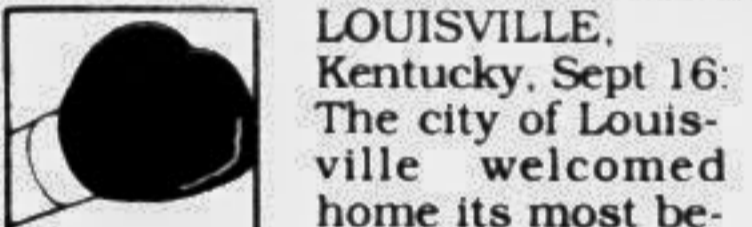
Apart from the Test playing nations, Namibia and Kenya from African region and Ireland and Scotland from Euro-American region, will feature in the final round.

According to the decision of the ICC, the associate members will be able to send their under-20 squad for the meet while the Test playing nations will have to field their under-19 teams.



Action from yesterday's Cute First Division handball league encounter between Victoria Sporting Club and Dhaka Mariner Young's Club at the court near to Dhaka Stadium. Victoria won 21-16. —Star photo

**'Greatest' comes back to Louisville**



LOUISVILLE, Kentucky, Sept 16: The city of Louisville welcomed home its most beloved son Monday to kick off an international tournament that bears his name, reports AP.



MUHAMMAD ALI

Slowly, Muhammad Ali rose, smiled and rang the ring-side bell three times to signal the opening of the inaugural Muhammad Ali Cup International Amateur Boxing Challenge at the Commonwealth Convention Centre.

Members of the 21 countries represented in the event marched into the arena bearing the flags of their home nations.

The event is expected to raise more than one million dollars for a planned Ali museum and education centre in Louisville and several USA Boxing Youth programmes. It also will help determine members of the US team that will compete at the World Championships in Budapest, Hungary, in October.

"We are proud to be here on this unique occasion — a boxing competition in the name of the greatest of the great boxers the world has ever produced," said Anwar Chowdhury of Pakistan, the president of the International Amateur Boxing Association. "It is my wish and desire that this tournament should become an annual feature."

"For a long time, we have been thinking about having such a tournament. Unfortunately, it never became a reality. But the magic name of Muhammad Ali was responsible for making it possible to have this tournament in this beautiful city."

Nearly 100 boxers from more than 20 nations are to compete in the tournament, including the US team's top-ranked boxers in 11 of 12 weight classes. The exception is lightweight, where the top-ranked boxer did not participate in the training camp.

Preliminary bouts are scheduled through Wednesday with the semifinals on Thursday and the championship bouts Friday. The week will be capped by a star-studded tribute to amateur boxing, featuring the first appearance of Mike Tyson and Evander Holyfield together since their June fight in which Tyson was disqualified for twice biting Holyfield on the ear.

The tribute will feature a mini concert by singer Natalie Cole; a reading of Ali's words by actor James Earl Jones; jokes by comedian and actor Jeff Foxworthy; and some light-hearted rounds of boxing, featuring the likes of Holyfield and Tyson taking on local celebrities, such as Kentucky basketball coach Tubby Smith and Louisville basketball coach Dennis Crum.

There also will be three mini rounds of sparring with Ali and other boxing greats, with the cost of climbing into the ring starting at a donation of 50,000 dollars.

Deputy Commissioner of Sherpur Naofel Mia distributes prizes among the winners of inter-school sports competition at the Shahid Darag Ali Park recently. A total of 480 students from five thanas of the district took part in the meet. —Star photo by Ratan Chowdhury

**Mahanagari Cup final round begins today**

Sports Reporter

After a disastrous regional campaign in the SAFF Championship in Kathmandu where Bangladesh finished fifth among the six South Asian nations, the local soccer arena will be busy from today as the final round of the Shamsuddin Spinning Mahanagari Cup begins at the Mirpur Stadium this afternoon.

Muktijoddha Sangsad, who had their seven star booters in the 14-men SAFF squad, will take on Youngmen's Club Fakirpool in the first match scheduled for the opening day at 3:30 pm. The other fixture involves Mohammedan Sporting Club and Federation Cup runners-up Arambagh Krira Sangha at 5:30 pm.

A total of eight teams — four qualifiers and four semifinalists of the 1995 DMFA Cup — split into two groups, will feature in the robin league. Muktijoddha and Mohammedan, the two semifinalists of the 1995 DMFA Cup have been placed in Group One along with two qualifiers Arambagh and Youngmen's Club while the other group comprises the remaining DMFA Cup semifinalists Abahani and Brothers Union Club with two qualifiers Farashganj Sporting Club and Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society.

Top two teams from each group will qualify for the semifinals billed for September 26 and 27 while the final is scheduled on September 29.

**FIXTURE**

- Sept 17:** Muktijoddha vs Fakirpool 3:30 pm  
Mohammedans vs Arambagh 5:30 pm  
**Sept 18:** Brothers vs Rahmatganj 3 pm  
Abahani vs Farashganj 5 pm  
**Sept 19:** Muktijoddha vs Mohammedans vs Fakirpool 5 pm  
**Sept 20:** Brothers vs Farashganj 3 pm  
Abahani vs Rahmatganj 5 pm  
**Sept 21:** Fakirpool vs Arambagh 3 pm  
Mohammedans vs Muktijoddha 5 pm  
**Sept 22:** Rahmatganj vs Farashganj 3 pm  
Abahani vs Brothers 5 pm

**Cute handball**

Sports Reporter

Victoria Sporting Club ended their Cute First Division handball league campaign on a winning note with a 21-16 victory over Dhaka Mariner Young's Club in the lone match played at the handball court near Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

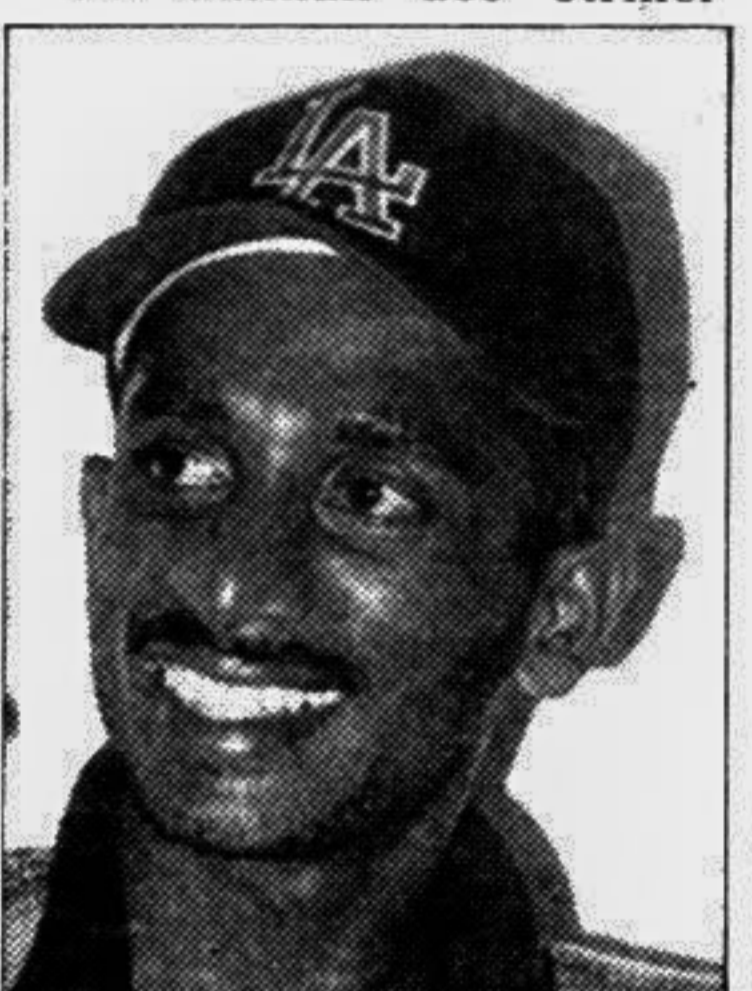
The winners led the first half 13-9.

Badal scored highest seven goals for the winners followed by Iqbal, Shahadat, Omar Ali and Mamun with three each. It was the third win for Victoria in six matches which raised their tally to nine points. Mariners, who suffered their fourth defeat in five outings, remained on one point.

**Perera in town**

Sports Reporter

Sri Lankan ace striker



Roshan Perera arrived in the city on Monday to play for Federation Cup champions Abahani Krira Chakra in the final round of the Shamsuddin Spinning Mahanagari Cup which begins today at the Mirpur Stadium.

Perera, who scored four goals in the just-concluded SAFF Championship including a hat-trick against hosts Nepal, will return to his Calcutta-based club Mohun Bagan after the tournament.

**Chavez-Gonzalez bout Oct 25**

NEW YORK, Sept 16: Mexican boxing stars Julio Cesar Chavez and Miguel Angel Gonzalez are to showdown in Mexico City on October 25 for the vacant World Boxing Council (WBC) superlightweight title, promoter Don King revealed here Monday, reports AP.

The legendary Chavez, who reigned as the WBC superlightweight champion from 1989-1996 successfully defended the title 18 times before losing to Oscar de la Hoya after suffering a cut over his left eye.

Gonzalez faced De La Hoya for the title in January but lost a 12-round decision.

Chavez, who has an incredible record of 100 wins against two losses and one draw and who has stopped 83 opponents by knockout, will be challenging for a world title for the first time since he regained his WBC crown from Frankie Randall on May 7, 1994.

Although some observers expected the 35-year-old Chavez to retire after his 100th career victory over Larry La Course earlier this year — the unanimous ten-round decision prompted the former champion to continue his career.



Brazilian Sports Minister Pele introduces a bill in the country's Congress on Sept 15 that is likely to radically restructure the game with new rules on transfers, club bylaws and referees. FIFA president Joao Havelange has threatened sanctions if it is passed. —AP/UNB photo

**Sydney's cause of concern**

SYDNEY, Sept 16 (AP): Three years before the start of Sydney's 2000 Olympics, gold is already on offer in the main stadium. And wealthy Australian sports fans are not paying much attention.

With Monday marking three years until the opening ceremony, organisers are concerned over the slow sales of "gold memberships" for the stadium. These packages guarantee a seat for every day of the Olympics and for events at the stadium for the next 30 years.

According to an internal memo, only one-third of 34,400 packages, at 7,500 dollars apiece, have been sold. The lack of interest from corporate Australia has jeopardized up to 120 million dollars of funding toward the 450 million dollar venue. The 110,000-seat stadium is the centerpiece of the Olympics, and the bulk of the money to build the stadium is to come from the special memberships.

Atlanta, site of the 1996 Summer Games, had a similar problem when sales of commemorative bricks fell far below projections.

Sydney organisers are confident they can overcome the difficulties that beset the last Olympics, and they suspect the International Olympic Committee is keeping a wary eye on developments after Atlanta's hard-sell commercialism.

Australian Olympic Committee chief John Coates expects Sydney to be better than Atlanta for the competitors.

"The important thing is that the athletes."

"I think we can do better than Atlanta in terms of athlete transport, and it is a very high priority to make sure that is the case."

All 10,200 athletes are to be housed in the same village for the first time at the Summer Games. Fifteen venues are near the village. Coates said. Only two, for beach volleyball and rowing, are more than a half-hour away.

Australian IOC member Phil Coles says there is an advantage in having Sydney's preparations closely monitored: Trouble can be spotted sooner.

"You've got to ignore Atlanta's problems," Coles said. "We've got to do it our own way."

The IOC this month called the latest update by the Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games "remarkable."

"We cannot afford to be complacent," said Michael Knight. "But it's encouraging that the IOC's encouragement is on the right track."

He refused to comment on the stadium report.

SOCOG is on target with all its construction, saying the major venues will be completed by the end of 1999 and the athletes village in January 2000.

The local organisers expect

the Olympics to be a financial success. Earlier this year SOCOG released a revised budget predicting a surplus of 33.3 million dollars almost double the surplus forecast in its bid for the Games.

At first, SOCOG's leadership

was unstable, with Knight and SOCOG chief executive Sandy Holloway each the third person in his job. There no longer seems to be trouble on that front.

Greenpeace caused some embarrassment to the organisers.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Project Implementation Management Unit Non-Formal Education Project-1 House No. 380 (Old)/2 (New), Road No. 27 (Old)/16 (New) Dhanmondi, Dhaka Invitation of Bids (International Shopping) Re-Tender Notice**

Memo No: PIMU/Proc/IS/436/97/604 Dated: 11/09/97

- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a Loan No. 1390 BAN(SF) from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in various currencies towards the cost of Non-Formal Education Project-1. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the procurement of followings. (1) Server-01, (2) Personal Computer-49, (3) Printer-46, (4) UPS/Stabilizer-57, (5) Software 1 set, (6) Modem etc-39.
- Project Director, Non-Formal Education Project-1, now invites sealed bids in duplicate from eligible bidders of ADB member countries for the supply and installation of the above referenced equipment for the purpose of the project.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information on bid from and inspect the bidding documents at the offices of the Project Director, Project Implementation Management Unit, House No. 380 (Old)/2 (New), Road No. 27 (Old)/16 (New), Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1209 on all working days during normal office hours up to 28-09-97.
- A complete set of bidding document may be purchased by any interested eligible bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk 750/- or US\$ 20 only from the office mentioned above. Those who purchased the same earlier are requested to collect the revised one.
- All bids must be accompanied by a Bid security of 2% (two per cent) of the total Bid price in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/Bank Guarantee in favour of the Project Director, Non-Formal Education Project-1 and must be submitted to the above office on or before 2:00 hours (local time) on 29/09/97 and will be publicly opened at 2:10 hours on the same day.
- The Project Director, Non-Formal Education Project-1 will not be responsible for any cost or expenses incurred by the bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bid, including cost and expenses related to visit to the site of installation of the equipment.
- The authority reserves the right to accept any tender, or to accept any part of the tender, or to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof and in such case no compensation will be entertained.

DFFP-20749-14/9 Mohini Mohan Chakrabarty Project Director G-2201

**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

**ACROSS**

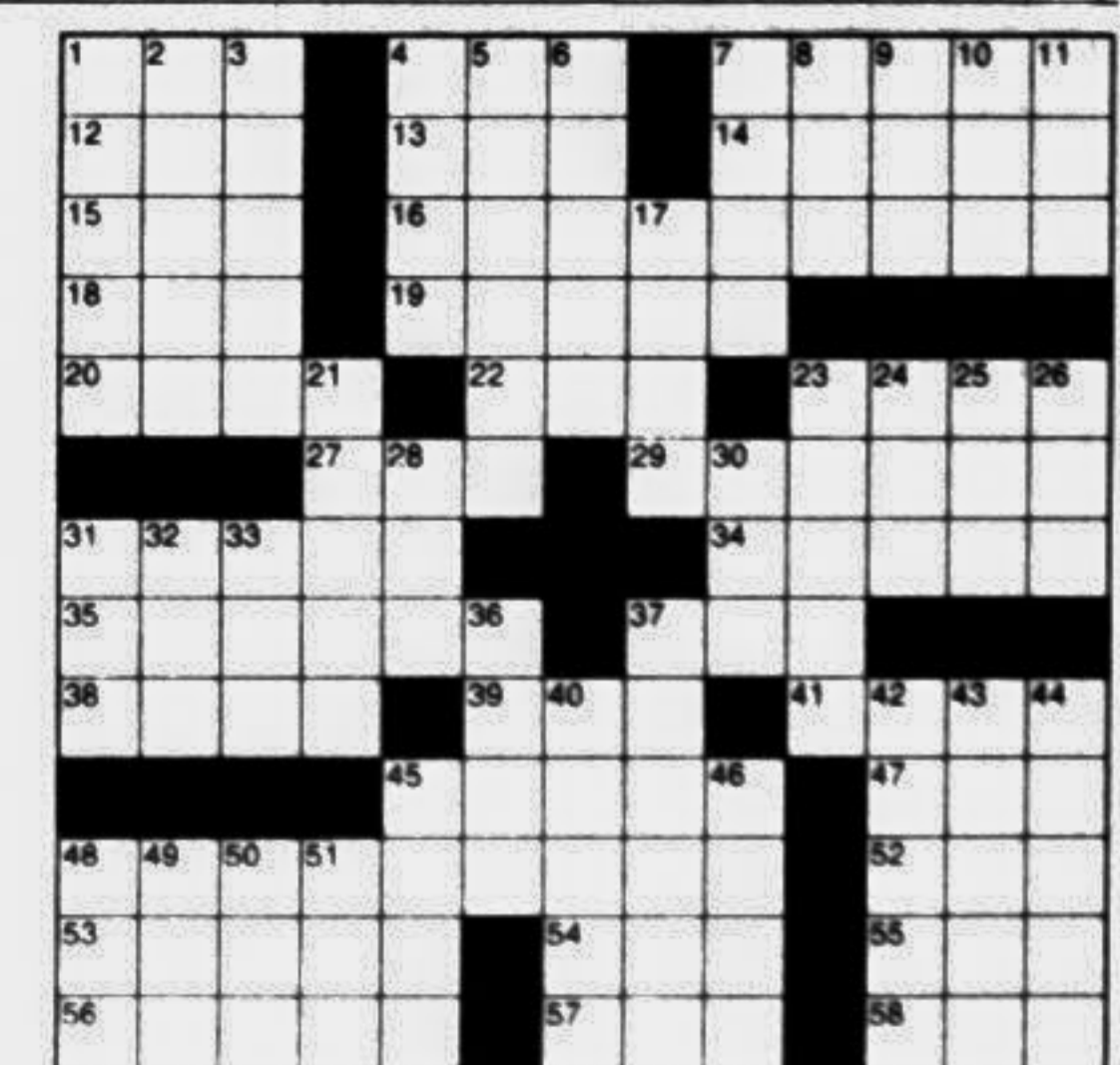
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28 Put to work  
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32 Coffee maker  
33 "Poppy-cock"  
36 Portnoy's creator  
37 Looks intently  
40 Plant life  
42 City on the Mohawk  
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44 Occur-rence  
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49 Hamish's show-stopper  
50 — Alamos  
51 Pair

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

**Monday's answer**



**CRYPTOQUIP**

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X N P F S I T S I L B W I S N E L X S P P  
D N I L L P U D U P L L F I S T C Q L  
Yesterday's Cryptogram: I'D GUESS VERY CORNY  
ADVICE GOES IN ONE EAR AND OUT THE OTHER.

Today's Cryptogram clue: I equals N

The Cryptogram is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.