

Govt takes various steps for poverty alleviation: PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said that the government had taken various steps for poverty alleviation and created self-employment opportunities across the country to attain rational economic development, reports BSS.

The Prime Minister noted that her government since taking over responsibilities to run the country had taken different steps for improving the lot of the poverty stricken rural people.

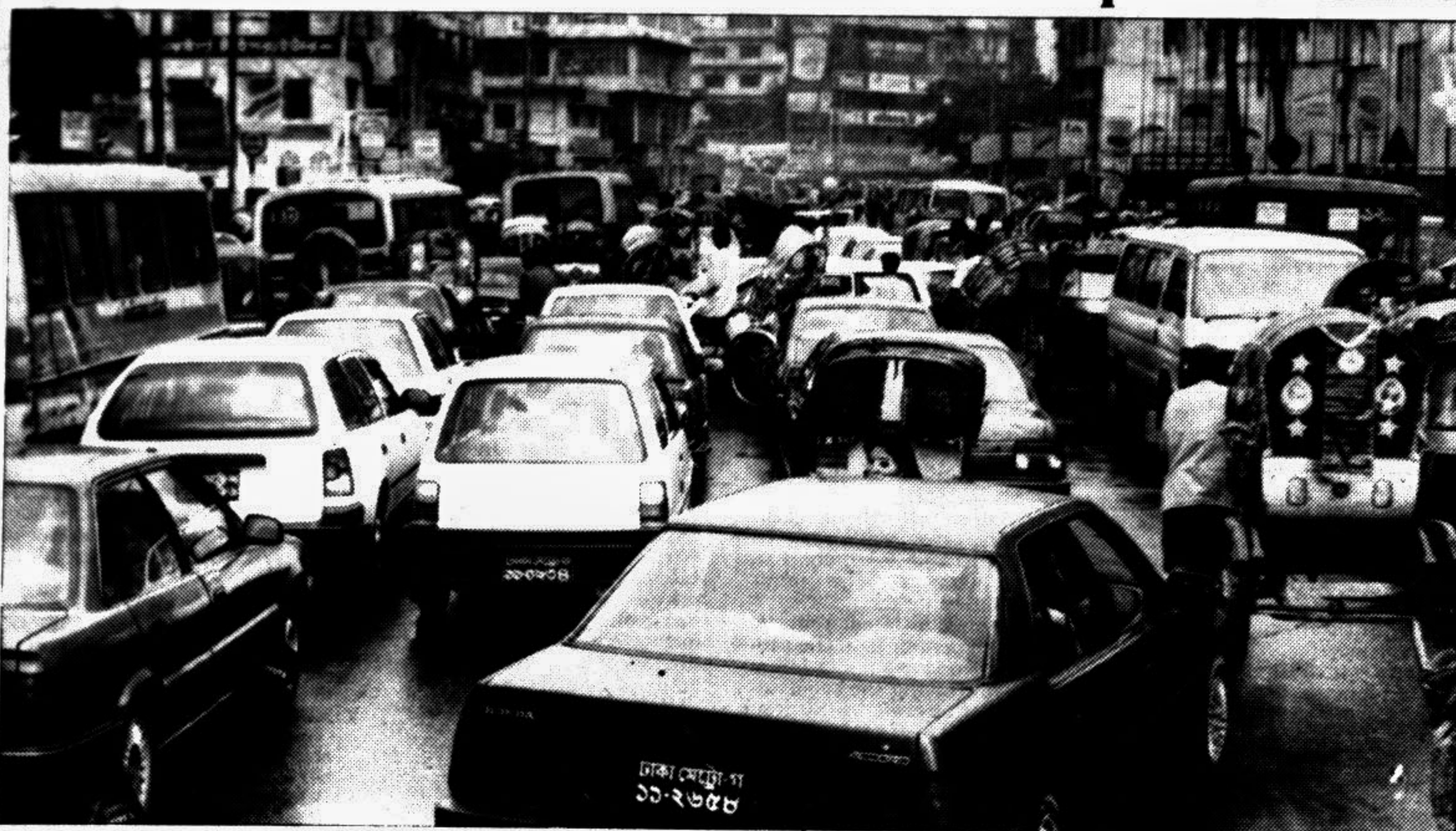
She was talking to a cross section of people from Tungipara of Gopalganj district at her office yesterday.

The prime minister said the people of Tungipara would soon start enjoying benefits of such steps.

The people who talked to the prime minister included unemployed youths, students, teachers, elderly people and distressed women. They narrated different problems and lodged complaints to Sheikh Hasina, who is also member of parliament from their constituency.

They also urged the prime minister to take immediate and effective steps for resolving different problems relating to youth development, employment, poverty alleviation and education.

The prime minister gave them a patient hearing and advised them to utilise the opportunities being extended by the government.



No relief from traffic jam. This picture was taken from Purana Paltan area in the city yesterday.

—Star photo

PIB course ends

A nine-day course on cultural reporting concluded at Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) yesterday, reports UNB.

Information Secretary M Akmal Hossain attended the function as chief guest and distributed certificates among the participants.

AL, BNP urged to initiate process for consensus

Speakers at a roundtable discussion yesterday observed that eradication of corruption and terrorism would be possible with the consolidation of present political process by up-

holding democracy as well as individual rights in the country, reports BSS.

They urged the political parties, especially Bangladesh Awami League and Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), to initiate a process for a consensus among themselves to find ways how to weed out these destructive vices from the country.

The roundtable discussion on "politics and corruption" was organised by Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad (BUP), a non-government research and development organisation, and The Daily Sangbad in the BUP conference room.

Eminent economist and chairman of BUP Dr. Quazi Kholiqzaman Ahmad was in the chair while acting Editor of The Daily Sangbad Bazlur Rahman acted as the moderator. Editor of Bhorer Kagoj Matur Rahman read out the main paper.

Yesterday's discussion was the second and concluding part of the roundtable which was inaugurated on September 17.

Matur Rahman in his introductory speech said that corruption had touched almost everyone directly or indirectly in the society and stressed that individual honesty was the most important factor at this moment to rid of this vice. In this respect, he suggested some measures including decentralisation of power, free flow of information and financing the political parties by the state on the basis of popu-

larity. "I can say these three measures will immensely help the bid to weed out corruption and terrorism from the country," he said.

In his presidential address, Dr. Quazi Kholiqzaman said that corruption had seriously afflicted the economy and the social life with day-to-day terrorism in educational institutions and in the rural areas over the decades.

"We must rise with our heads high if we have to compete with the 21st century," he said, calling for more vigorous social movement against terrorism and corruption.

Dr. Quazi Kholiqzaman also urged the political parties to come forward with their realistic programmes against corruption and terrorism by forgetting their differences in the greater national interest.

In this respect, he quoted South African President Nelson Mandela's speech at the Suhrawardy Uddyan early this year where he had said that African National Congress and National Party had agreed to form their joint government on the idea that no party would win but the people would win.

"We expect, our political parties will conceive this idea and stand on a common platform to declare that there will be no more any corruption or terrorism in the country from now on," he said.



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Sl.No.	Description & Qty	Tender Selling Dt. Upto	Tender Opening Date	Currency/T.No
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3.	Various Size of Rope Nylone Qty — 1195 Coil	20-10-97	21-10-97	F/C (5253)
4.	Rope Sisal Qty — 692 Coil	20-10-97	21-10-97	F/C (5254)

The tender schedule with detailed specification will be available at given rate (Not refundable) on any working day between 0800 hours to 1200 hours. The tender will be opened at 1000 hours on the abovementioned date in presence of the present tenderers.

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Sl. No.	Name of works	Approx. cost	Bid Bond amount
1.	Group-A: Supply of 20,000 Nos. (62,500 Cft) Broad Gauge standard Garjan wooden sleepers for West Zone.	Tk. 421.87 lakhs	Tk. 10,54,687/-
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Tender documents will be available for sale from the office of the Track Supply Officer/West, Bangladesh Railway, Rajshahi; Track Supply Officer/East, Bangladesh Railway, Chittagong; Executive Engineer/Project, Bangladesh Railway, Dhaka and Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi up to 27.10.97 on all working days with deposit of non-refundable sum of Taka 750/- (seven hundred fifty) only per set. Dropping and opening time 12:00 hours and 2:30 hours respectively on 28.10.97 in the offices mentioned above. Railway Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender as a whole or part without assigning any reason whatsoever. Other terms and conditions can be had from the tender document.

Chief Engineer/West
Bangladesh Railway, Rajshahi

Diabetic Association of Bangladesh

Ibrahim Memorial Diabetes Centre
122, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue
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Employment Notice

Applications are invited from the citizen of Bangladesh for the following posts:

Sl No	Name of the post & range of pay	Qualification
1	Consultant (Anaesthesia) Salary Range: 14,100-8x425-17,500/- Authority may consider non-practicing appointment in which event the pay is negotiable	1. (a) MBBS from a recognised Institution or an equivalent academic qualification as recognised by the BMDC and (b) Registration from the BMDC. AND 2. (a) 5 years professional experience in the relevant field in the rank equivalent to Junior Consultant with any of the following postgraduate degree or diploma in the relevant subject from a recognised institution or with such other equivalent academic qualification as recognised by the BMDC; Ph.D/FCPS/MD or MS/FFA Or (b) 7 years professional experience in the relevant subject in the rank equivalent to Consultant with the following postgraduate degree or diploma in the relevant subject from a recognised institution, or with such other equivalent academic qualification as recognised by the BMDC: DA
2	Junior Consultant (Anaesthesia) Salary Range: 9,500-14x350-14,400/- Authority may consider non-practicing appointment in which event the pay is negotiable	1. (a) MBBS from a recognised institution or an equivalent academic qualification as recognised by the BMDC, and (b) Registration from the BMDC. AND 2. (a) 4 years professional experience in the relevant subject in a reputed institution of which 1 year must be after any of the postgraduate qualification as specified below: * Ph.D/FCPS/MD or MS/FFA Or (b) 5 years professional experience in the relevant subject in a reputed institution of which 2 years shall be after the postgraduate qualification: DA
3	Asst Registrar (ENT) Non-practicing & Residential Salary Range: 9,100-16,000/-	1. (a) MBBS from a recognised institution or an equivalent academic qualification as recognised by the BMDC and (b) Registration from the BMDC. Experience in the relevant field is required.
4	Medical Officer (Medicine, Paediatrics, ENT) Salary Range: 6,200-18x250-10,700/-	1. (a) MBBS from a recognised institution or an equivalent academic qualification as recognised by the BMDC and (b) Registration from the BMDC. Preference will be given to those who are experienced in the relevant field.

Applications are required to be submitted in prescribed form obtainable from the Cash Accounts Section, Room No-208 (on all working days from 0900-1300 hrs), BIRDEM, 122, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1000. The price for application form is Tk 40. Name of the applied post has to be clearly written on the envelope. For Sl No 4 a candidate can apply for only one post. The applications should reach on or before 2-10-1997 by post. Only short listed candidates (where applicable) may be called for an interview. Incomplete applications will be rejected. Appointment will be made on contract basis.

Director General



Prof Yunus selected for 'Help For Self-Help Prize 1997'

Prof Muhammad Yunus, the founder and the Managing Director of Grameen Bank has been selected for the "Help for self-help Prize-1997" by Stromme Foundation in Norway, says a press release.

The prize is awarded by Stromme Foundation every year to a person who is acknowledged for promoting "help for self-help" ideology in the field of development assistance.

The 1997 prize, including a certificate, a piece of art work and fifty thousand Norwegian Kroner will be awarded to Professor Yunus tomorrow in Oslo, Norway by Mr. Tove Strand Gerhardsen, Director of NORAD in a grand ceremony.

Prof Muhammad Yunus was selected for the award by Stromme Foundation in recognition of his contribution to better livelihood situation of millions of people, women in particular, through the Grameen Bank concept. He had developed a new system of lending money to the poorest who are considered not creditworthy by the traditional banking system.

The "Help for self-help Prize" was established by Stromme Foundation in 1994. Stromme Foundation, a Norwegian development organisation established in 1976, provides humanitarian development assistance in developing nations in the South. It is supporting about 100 projects in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Since establishment of the Prize it was awarded to well-known Norwegians for their valuable contributions towards improving living conditions of people in the South. Professor Yunus is the first non-Norwegian to be awarded this prize.

Gohar Ayub's message to FM

Pakistan Foreign Minister Gohar Ayub Khan, in a message to his Bangladeshi counterpart Abdus Samad Azad, has prayed for the speedy recovery of Begum Nurunnahar Samad, reports UNB.

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