

CARITAS means LOVE

The Organisation: Caritas is a Bangladesh-based, local, national, non-profit, development organisation, established by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Bangladesh (CBCB) to carry out activities of human welfare and development. Caritas was founded in 1967 as the eastern branch of Caritas Pakistan. It was superseded by CORR (Christian Organisation for Relief and Rehabilitation), which became a national organisation on January 13, 1971. The name Caritas was re-introduced in 1976.

Philosophy: 'Caritas' a Latin word, literally means 'charity' or 'universal love', which includes all aspects of humanity. Main features of the Caritas Philosophy are -- to alleviate human sufferings and distress and promote human development in all of its forms; to work for the victims in disasters, whether natural or man-made. Caritas affirmed its belief in the primacy of the human person, put emphasis on integral human development as the real answer to the problems caused by injustices. Caritas bears witness to the Gospel: operates on the basis of this cardinal principle; invests heavily in people; spreads the spirit of social justice and charity; biased in favour of the poor, particularly the rural poor. Caritas bears witness to a spirituality in development i.e., development is for the whole person -- through harmonious blending of the spiritual, moral, cultural, social, political well-being of the person integrated in the society in equal dignity as man and woman.

Aims: Caritas believes that people are the main resource of Bangladesh; by education, training, organisation and development of this resource Car-

itas hopes to be a partner with them in nation-building.

Offices & Working Areas: Caritas has its Head Office in Dhaka and seven Regional Offices in Barisal, Chittagong, Dhaka, Dinajpur, Khulna, Mymensingh and Rajshahi. In all these Regions Caritas is operational in two sectors: Development and Social Welfare, under a central management. Caritas restricts itself to 78 Thanas (sub-district) for integrated development work. During emergencies, such as natural disasters, Caritas is operational in any part of the country, administratively possible.

Working Approach: Caritas works for all people, irrespective of race, caste or creed. However, it has a particular orientation to the poor -- the marginal groups and landless -- who comprise majority of the population. Caritas believes firmly in primacy of the human person. By serving people, Caritas serves God.

MAJOR PROJECTS/ PROGRAMMES/ Welfare Projects

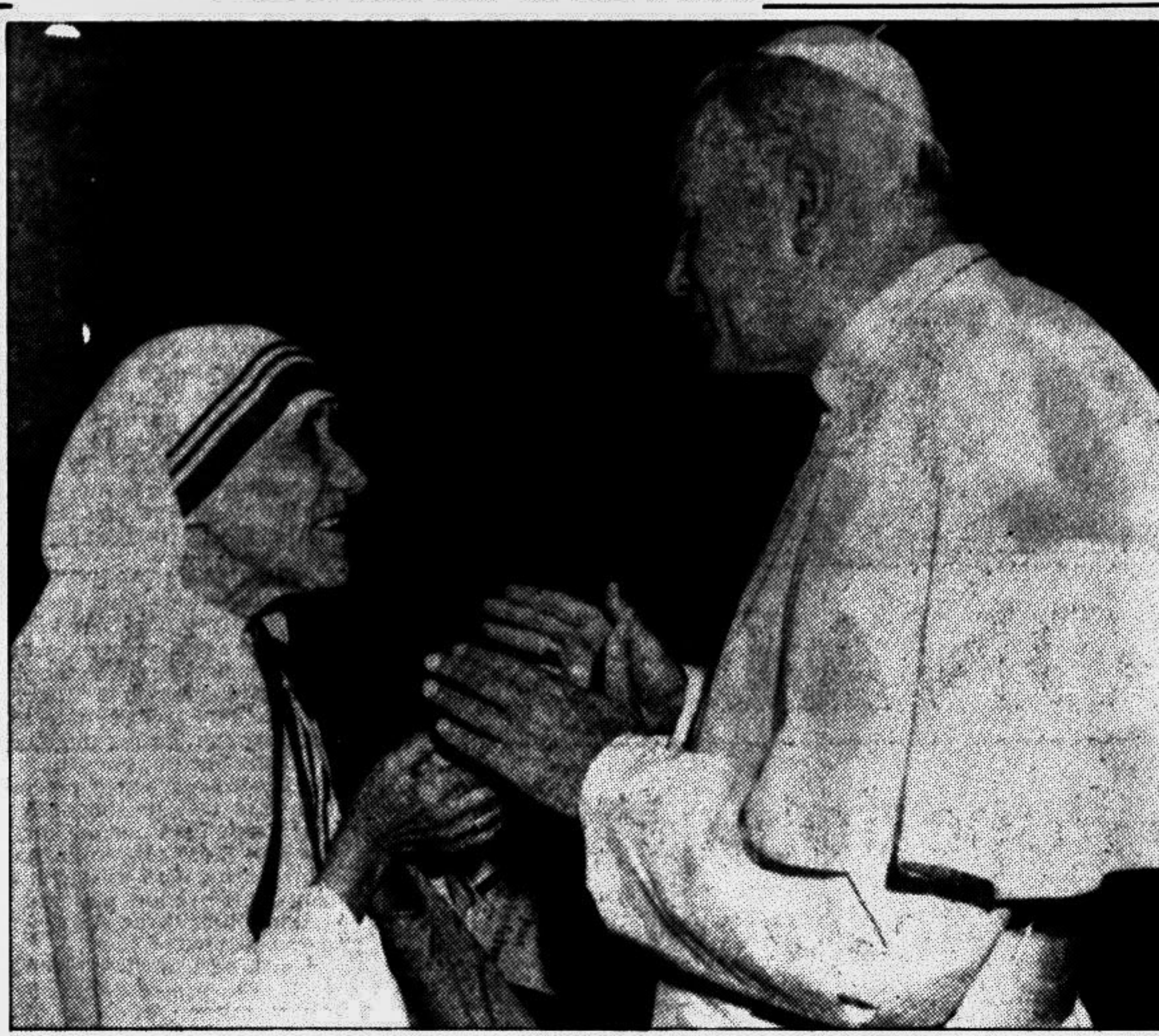
Disaster Preparedness: Caritas has a long history of disaster interventions on massive scales. From the greater cyclone of 1970 to the catastrophic floods of 1988, devastating cyclone of April 1991 and destructive cyclone of May 1997, Caritas has been able to the maximum extent of the ability for the succor of the stricken

people, as a loving community. The aim of the programme is to help the victims of floods, drought, tornado, cyclone, storm-surges, earthquake, widespread attack of pests/insects, epidemics, major conflagration (fire), river erosion, refugees etc. as and when those occur. The scope is anywhere in the country, within the capability of the organisation. The measures taken are -- immediate relief, rehabilitation measures with low cost shelters, crop recovery, providing professional tools, cash for works etc.

Construction of Cyclone Shelter and School Building: Construction of Cyclone Shelters and School Buildings save precious lives of millions of people living in the coastal belt and off-shore islands of Bangladesh from the cruel hands of natural disasters. Caritas has so far built 166 Cyclone Shelters and 56 School Buildings, and ensured use of these structures for multi-purpose activities all round the year as schools, weekly clinics, for training of social workers and development activities.

Infrastructure: Rural Works Programme at the time of maximum unemployment: re-excavating fish ponds, canals, clearing out wasteland for productive purposes; construction of village roads, culverts, embankments and bridges for improved communication; community centres, school field raising for social and cultural purposes. A minimum of 20% of the project cost is borne by the community, either by providing cash or physical labour.

Orphanages: Support to Orphanages in the form of capital grants, grants for building infrastructure and for initiating income generating schemes



towards achieving self-sufficiency. Rehabilitation of orphan girls by marriage and orphan children into families to give them a chance to grow up in a family atmosphere.

Assistance to the Sick: Provides service to rural poor patients in the form of securing admission in city hospitals, providing food, shelter and first aid/medicine through two centres at Rajshahi and Mymensingh.

Visually Handicapped: Support to Bangladesh National Society for the Blind (BNSB) for eight hospitals, mobile eye camps, school sight testing, ophthalmic training and nutrition research centre.

Under-Five & Maternity Clinic: Focus both on curative health care, such as treatment and care of babies and mothers, nutrition, inoculation and vaccination.

Leprosy Centre: Treatment and rehabilitation of the leprosy patients and conducting Outreach programmes.

Drinking Water and Sanitation: Development of drinking water through sinking tubewells and digging ring wells. Low cost sanitation programmes: clay made and concrete pit latrines are installed on a community basis to cover a contiguous area.

Rehabilitation of Drug Addicts (BARACA): A residential centre for treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts. The addicts who seek such help are provided with therapeutic and psychotropic treatment for their recovery. The centre motivates the addicts in their struggle against the use of drugs.

Literacy and Health Care Programme (NDC-Dhaka): To build up school-going habits among the destitutes and the slum children of Dhaka and to give them primary level education. To provide medical and preventive health care services.

Assistance to Charitable Dispensaries: Provide medicine and basic medical equipment to 48 charitable dispensaries and clinics; provide vaccine for immunization of children.

Malaria Programme: Provide curative services to the affected people after investigation by qualified doctors of Caritas Mobile Teams in the malaria-prone remote areas. Offer awareness and preventive services and distribution of treated mosquito nets.

Development Projects
DEEDS (Development Extension Service): It began in 1979 and started operating in 24 Thana with the ob-

jectives of empowerment of the rural landless marginal families (partner group) through a continuous process of non-formal educational approach. The partner group people are helped to be resourceful so that they are capable of appropriating resources for themselves.

In all 24 working Thanas a network of APEX has been formed. Till June '97 5,846 groups have been organised with 107,499 members (female 60,231) and their group-capital amounts to Tk. 53.6 million.

Phasing out from old areas replication of the same development education-process began in another 27 adjacent Thana since July '91. In these area 5,474 groups (female 2,914) are already formed with 103,425 members as on June, 1997.

Integrated Women Development Programme (IWDP): To further empower the once powerless womenfolk through formal and non-formal education with a view to help them develop with human dignity. So far 1,612 groups have been formed with 30,541 members and group savings amounts to Tk. 8.5 million.

Integrated Human Development Project (IHDP): Aims to promote socio-economic development and attitudinal change of the poor and the marginalised tribal community irrespective of the Barind Tract areas; by imparting literacy and numeracy, help to form small homogenous groups and organise training on various professional skills.

Integrated Community Development Project (ICDP): To motivate and organise the ethnic communities of greater Mymensingh areas for socio-economic development by way of human development training, income generation and awareness on health education.

Training, Evaluation, Resource and Counseling (TERC): Provides project-oriented training and evaluation services to the Caritas Regions and sister organisations. Publication of newsletters, reports and booklets in Bangla and English is another function.

Caritas Development Institution (CDI): Provides both short and medium term training courses to social workers and leaders on social analysis and development issues. In-depth study and evaluation of projects are also conducted. Research is an integrated component with an applied character.

Formal Education Programme (FEP): The programme

has taken up multiple initiatives to bring about a time-binding reform and change in the arena of education. In order to enrich the professional skill both short and long term training is being imparted to the teachers of those institutions which pertain to this project. Opportunities have also been created for pupils to take part in extracurricular activities. Moreover, this project is engaged in repair, extension and construction of some particular school buildings. With a mission school as the nucleus, a dozen or more schools are involved in year round interaction on specific issues.

MAWTS (Mirpur Agriculture Workshop and Training School): A workshop for repair and manufacture of agricultural machinery and a training school which offer 3 years courses for both field and shop mechanics. Appropriate technologies developed include "Rower Pump", "Seed Drills", "Improved Ploughs", "Harrows" etc. Many new ideas are being tried & tested. It operates on a "learning while earning" principle.

Trade Schools (Regional & Mobile): Provide an opportunity to ensure the young poor boys and girls a professional skill for life through a six-month vocational or trades training, such as in carpentry, mechanical, electrical, plumbing work, etc. under the Mobile Trade project and one year course under the 7 Regional Trade Schools.

Underprivileged Children Preparatory Education Project (UCPEP): Develops school-going habit among the school children of rural communities who are deprived of education for want of consciousness of guardians, grinding poverty and lack of school nearby. Universal Primary education is a basic human right, which Government alone cannot provide.

JCCIP (Joint Caritas CRS-Irrigation Programme): The principal function of JCCIP is the Mini Irrigation Programme (MIP). In fact it was initiated in 1983 to popularize the use of "Rower" and "Tara" hand tubewells and 3" low-lift pumps among the poor farmers. In mechanical irrigation input costs (machine & fuel) eat up profits.

Community Health and Natural Family Planning Programme (CH-NFP): The project has 3 main functions -- viz. a) awareness for mother and child care, b) fertility awareness education (FAE), and c) encouraging practice of ovulation method & family planning. Couples are taught the ovula-

tion method of NFP through individual instruction, group seminars and workshops. While achieving planned parenthood it cultivates greater harmony in family-life.

Teg O Sheba Abhejan (TOSA): (Lenten Campaign) -- Lent is the period of self-purification and for creating a greater awareness of the need to share what we have, not just from our surplus but from our needs as well. TOSA is an annual campaign organised to create awareness among the people, irrespective of caste and creed, for sharing with others. The funds collected through the campaign are used for supporting various welfare and development projects.

Non-Formal Education and Employment Creation

Caritas through the empowering process helps the poor to become resourceful and enables them to bring qualitative changes through human resource development. Caritas gives emphasis on non-formal education (80%) and support services (20%) to have a generative impact of all development endeavours. The Papal Encyclical "Sollicitudo Rei Socialis" (on social concern) inspired Caritas to organise series of education programmes to strengthen its efforts in income generation and employment creation schemes as under:

* Group members use their own savings of Tk. 119.79 millions of income generation and creation of self-employment purposes.

* a revolving fund of Caritas of Tk. 146.49 million is used in the same purpose by way of matching loans support for individual and collective projects of group members as the last resort only.

* the Sericulture programme to encourage the rural landless poor to improve in various phases of sericulture activities, starting from cultivation of mulberry trees up to cloth and creating of employment (so far 3,656 women have been employed) for themselves.

* CORR -- The Jute Works now employs 8,500 poor village women in its own co-operative and exports US \$ 1.83 million worth of goods per year for her own members, as well as 35,000 members of other agencies.

* Social Forestry Project -- besides contributing the ecological balance, it also derive economic benefit for the rural people by homestead

plantation and creation of nurseries by Caritas organised groups for their employment and income generation.

* Fish Farming (Fisheries Development Programme) -- Aqua culture in 8,648 ponds and tanks; as many as 3,631 groups are involved as a collective income generation scheme and to produce a total of 6,173 metric tons of fish.

IMPACT of Caritas Programmes

The following statistics indicates the impact of Caritas programme activities: under the development programmes so far 15,143 groups (female-8,531) were formed with 0.27 million members (female 0.158 million), savings accumulated at Taka 119.79 million and a total of 117,597 income generation projects were undertaken; 2.45 million couple were given fertility awareness education (Ovulation Method); 1.777 million saplings were distributed for plantation; 354,078 number of participants were attended in 12,646 training courses under DEEDS; 12,856 youths received skill (technical) development trainings; 20,011 Tubewells/Tara pumps/ring wells were distributed; 60,796 Pit latrines were installed; 77,693 meters of silk fabrics were produced; 2.95 million man-days employment opportunities were created under RWP and 2.35 million man-days under test relief works; 8.27 million patients were treated under BNSB and 0.76 million patients were operated; 777 number of roads were constructed; 3,356 number of bridges/culverts (pucca/RCC/wooden/iron) were built.

Conclusion

Caritas has ONE programme comprising 43 different projects: the central goal is to create communion and community among all peoples in all our working areas, as well as through the 216 NGOs whom we support in their own working areas.

This is a task that needs continuous investment in human resources, for generation after generation. But, in the words of Populorum Progressio "it takes people from less human conditions to more human conditions in life".

Caritas has toiled in an organised and sustained manner. This year Caritas celebrates its Silver Jubilee with only one resolve: to serve God's dearest and poorest, with more dedication, skill and devotion.

Pope John Paul's Peace Message

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own intrinsic demands: the first of which is respect for truth. Another essential requisite for forgiveness and reconciliation is justice, which finds its ultimate foundation in the law of God and his love and mercy for humanity.

In view of numerous situations today calling for reconciliation, on which the process of peace greatly depends, the Pope makes an appeal to everyone to devote themselves in an active and practical way to the work of reconciliation. "Reconciliation comes from God who is always ready to forgive those who turn to him and turn their back on their sins... Divine love is the foundation of the reconcilia-

tion to which all of us are called".

Pope John Paul II's 1997 Peace Message concludes with a call to everyone to 'become an instrument of peace and reconciliation'. The Pope asks religious leaders not to let hatred enter their hearts but to proclaim peace. He asks parents to be for their children 'a reflection of God's love and forgiveness', and to make 'every effort to create a united and harmonious family'. Educators are called to teach young people 'the true values of life', and to lead them 'to live the virtues of tolerance, understanding and respect'.

Young people 'must learn to live with one another in peace,

without barriers which prevent them from sharing the treasures of other cultures and traditions'. Men and women in public life must 'take special care of the weakest sectors of society', and to face 'even the most difficult situations with the weapons of peace and reconciliation'. The Pope asks those who work in the field of social communications, print and electronic, 'never to be promoters of messages marked by hatred or falsehood'.

Lastly, the Pope exhorts all men and women of good will in the time that remains before the year 2000, to take the risk of 'offering forgiveness' and to experience the joy of 'receiving peace'.

Our warmest felicitations on the auspicious occasion of the National Day of The Holy See (Vatican)

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What's on today....

Sammilita Shangkritik Jote: A special representative meeting of the preparatory committee of Jatiya Ganasangheet Utsav of the Jote will be held. Time: 5 pm. Venue: TSC Gamesroom.

Publication ceremony: Publication ceremony of a book titled 'Fajna' published by Shikha O Shangkritik Charcho Kendra will be held. Time: 4.30 pm. Venue: National Museum Children's auditorium.

Rotary Club of Dhaka South: Weekly meeting of the club will be held. Time: 5:30 pm. Venue: Hotel Purbani.

Rotary Club of Dhaka North West: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Time: 5:30 pm. Venue: Dhaka Club Ltd.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Time: 5:30 pm. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel.

Music concert at Japanese mission Nov 9

The Embassy of Japan will organize a music concert at 6:30 pm on November 9 at the Bangladesh National Museum. Sponsored by the Japan Foundation, the concert will be presented by "TABLATURA", a musical instrument ensemble from Japan, says a press release.

Five members of "TABLATURA" will play their original compositions on the lute, fiddle, recorder, and several other classical instruments. For their performance here, the group will bring a guest vocalist. Ms. Mutsumi Hatano.

Bangladeshi dancers are also expected to appear in the concert and perform with the Japanese musicians.

JCD protests killing of Bachchu

The Awami League government has been trying to stick to power through unleashing terrorism against the opposition. JCD general secretary Habib-un-Nabi Sohel stated this at a rally on the Dhaka University campus yesterday protesting the killing of Aminul Islam Bachchu, reports UNB.

Service extended

The government has extended the service of Khondaker Abdul Haq Mia, additional secretary of Jatiya Sangsad Secretariat, for one year on contract, reports UNB.

The appointment will be effective from November 19, 1997, said a PID handout yesterday.

New organisation floated

By Staff Correspondent

A new organisation styled as Khaleda Zia's Ideals and Democracy Research Association (KIDRA) was floated recently with an aim to create opportunity for education, research and practising democracy, says a press release.

A 13-member national executive committee of KIDRA was formed with Prof Shaheda Obaidul M A Hashem Raju and Obayed Kabir Swapan as its president, general secretary and organising secretary respectively.

SSMCH urged to improve services during holidays

The Health and Family Welfare Minister, Salahuddin Yusuf, has directed the SSMCH authorities to improve its services and take special care of the patients during the holidays, reports UNB.

The minister gave the directive while paying a surprise visit to Sir Salimullah Medical College and Mitford Hospital (SSMCH) in the city yesterday.

Nirmul blasts BNP's role

Ekatturer Ghatok Dalai

Nirmul Committee has alleged that BNP in collaboration with the fundamentalist forces is leading the country towards a civil war, reports UNB.

Addressing a rally in the city yesterday Nirmul leader Shahriar Kabir said pro-liberation forces are now relaxed on the issue of movement against the killers and collaborators of 1971.



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01.	Supply of 2 (Two) nos. Desk top 100% IBM Compatible Computer	Tk. 500.00 (Five hundred) only (per set)	2.5% of the quoted value.
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03.	Place of selling, receiving & opening of schedule: a) BGSL, Head Office, Chapapur, Comilla. b) BGSL, Minhaz Complex, 12, Jamal Khan Road, Chittagong. c) BGSL, Liaison Office, House No 3, Road No 2/A, Banani, Dhaka-1213.		
04.	Time limit of selling tender documents	21-10-97 to 30-10-97	
05.	Date & time of receiving tenders	02-11-97 up to 12.00 Noon.	
06.	Date & time of opening tenders	02-11-97 at 12.10 PM.	

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Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority

141-143, Motijheel, Dhaka

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders in prescribed form are invited from Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority's Engineering Division enlisted first class contractors for the undermentioned works. Tenders should be submitted in the tender box kept at the office of the Superintending Engineer, Dhaka Circle (7th Floor), BIWTA Building, 141-143, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka, Executive Engineer, BIWTA, Aricha by 12:00 Noon of 29-10-97 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the tenderers (if any) present. Schedule of tender and related papers will be available during office hours daily (except the date of opening tender). Amount of earnest money mentioned against the work should be submitted with the tender through Bank Draft/Pay-Order from any scheduled bank in favour of "BIWTA". Schedule should be collected on submitting the amount (non-refundable) mentioned the works as price of schedule at the Authority's Accounts Office, Dhaka/Aricha.

Sl No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Price of schedule	Time limit for work
1.	Construction of internal road of the parking yard at Paturia under Shibulaya Thana of Manikganj District.	7,19,000/=	18,000/=	400/=	45 (forty-five) days
2.	Construction of office room at Paturia Ferry Terminal Area under Shibulaya Thana of Manikganj District.	4,50,000/=	11,300/=	400/=	-Do-
3.	Construction of semi-pucca restaurant at Paturia Ferry Terminal under Shibulaya Thana of Manikganj District.	5,30,000/=	13,300/=	400/=	-Do-
4.	Construction of boundary fencing at Paturia Ferry Terminal Area under Shibulaya Thana of Manikganj District.	5,10,000/=	12,800/=	400/=	30 (thirty) days
5.	Construction of surface drain for water extraction of the Ferry Terminal Area at Paturia under Shibulaya Thana of Manikganj District.	4,62,500/=	11,600/=	400/=	45 (forty-five) days
6.	Construction of semi-pucca tin-shed retiring room for drivers at Paturia Ferry Terminal Area under Shibulaya Thana of Manikganj District.	4,10,000/=	10,300/=	400/=	45 (forty-five) days

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