

Int'l Sociological confce begins Nov 18

The first International Sociological Conference will start in the city from November 18, reports BSS.

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed is expected to inaugurate the two-day conference as chief guest at Osmani Memorial Auditorium.

The biennial national conference of Bangladesh Sociological Association will also take place at the same venue.

President of Bangladesh Sociological Association Prof K A M Saaduddin will preside over the inaugural session. It will be attended, among others, the Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof A K Azad Chowdhury and Canadian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Nicholas Ethridge.

Eminent sociologists from Canada, United Kingdom and Australia along with other six countries will attend the meet.

Seminar

A four-day international conference on Advances in Reproductive Medicine will begin in India tomorrow, says a press release.

A two-member team led by Dr. MA Bashed of the Bangladesh Fertility Society left the city to attend it.

Carol Bellamy calls on Hasina

Visiting Executive Director of UNICEF Carol Bellamy has indicated that its assistance would be further enhanced to support child welfare activities in Bangladesh, reports UNB.

She called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday and expressed satisfaction over the implementation of the UNICEF programme in the country.

Bellamy said the UNICEF activities will be continued in Bangladesh for the welfare of children.

She was happy to note that the government under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had taken positive steps to protect the interest of children.

The UNICEF Executive Director appreciated the government measures to introduce more stringent laws against child abuse and violation of woman. She said the leadership in this regard is going to be followed by some other Asian countries.

Meets Kibria

Visiting Executive Director of UNICEF Carol Bellamy yesterday called on Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria at his office, reports BSS.



Visiting UNICEF Executive Director Carol Bellamy called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday. — PID photo

Zillur tells JS

Arsenic found in 3060 tubewells out of 16651

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman yesterday informed the Jatiya Sangsad that arsenic was found in 3060 tubewells out of a total 16651 tubewells tested across the country by the Department of Public Health Engineering, reports BSS.

The minister was replying to a question from Awami League member Kazi Sekander Ali.

He said a study project was carried out with the support of UNICEF to investigate and examine the causes of arsenic in underground water.

What's on today . . .

Mela: A fundraising mela organised by Bangladesh Federation of University Women will be held. Time: 10:00 am to 6 pm. Venue: Eskaton Ladies' Club.

Inauguration ceremony: The inauguration ceremony of Health Education programme of Bangladesh private Medical Practitioners' Association will be held. Venue: BPMPA conference room, 215/A, Bara Maghbar.

Meeting: The first meeting of the central executive committee of the Chandina Juba Kalyan Samity will be held. Time: 4 pm. Venue: 2/2 Purana Paltan.

Memorial meeting: A memorial meeting on eminent litterateur, journalist Renesh Dasgupta will be held. Time: 5:00 pm. Venue: Udicchi Square, 14/2 Tophkana Road.

Rally: On the occasion of World Diabetes Day a rally jointly organised by Officers' Club of Diabetic Samity and Lions Club of Dhaka Presidency will be held. Time: 8:30 am. Venue: From BIRDEM at Shahabagh to National Press Club.

Workshop: A day long workshop on ISO 9000 sponsored by Rapport Bangladesh Ltd will be inaugurated. Time: 9:00 am. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel.

Weather

Thundershower likely

Temporary light rain or thundershower is likely at one or two places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Barisal and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office says weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere across the country.

Night temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged throughout the country.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in Percentage
Dhaka	27.7	20.4
Chittagong	31.4	23.2
Rajshahi	25.8	19.9

Film festival begins Nov 17

A week-long film festival begins in the city on November 17 to mark the 50th anniversary of the Cannes Film Festival.

A total of 42 European films and nine Bangladesh films will be shown, most of which are recent prize winners.

Speaking at a press conference yesterday, Ms France Lasser, the Director of the Alliance Francaise, said the Ministry of Information, the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, the Short Film Forum, the Federation of Film Societies and the Film Directors' Association were the Bangladesh partners in the project.

Among the European partners in the venture are the Alliance Francaise, the British Council, the Goethe Institute, the Royal Danish Embassy, the French Embassy, the Embassy of Germany, the Embassy of Italy, the Embassy of Sweden, the Embassy of Switzerland, the British High Commission, and the Delegation of the European Commission.

The festival venues are the Bangladesh National Museum, Public Library Auditorium, and Children's Auditorium. Admission cards are available at the Alliance Francaise, British Council, Goethe Institute and the French School. And the price of the tickets is Tk 10 per person.

Held at the Alliance Francaise, the press conference was also addressed by Loes Linsen of the Netherlands Embassy, Ania Bettimaeu of the German Embassy, Rossana Massiri of the Italian Embassy, Shampa Kaiser of the British Council, Lennart Karlson of the Swedish Embassy, Mohammed Hannan and Faruk Hossain of BFDA, Manzar Hossain, an independent film and video maker, and Syed Hasan Imam and Golam Rabbani of the Federation of Film Societies.

One mugged in city

A gang of muggers snatched gold ornaments and cash worth about Tk 60 thousand from a rickshaw passenger near Abahani playground in city's Dhanmondi area yesterday.

Police said a gang of three youths intercepted the rickshaw in which Mahabubul Haque, a resident of Jhikatola, was travelling on the road beside the south-east corner of Abahani playground at about 10 am.

They took away a gold chain, ring, wrist watch and Tk 21 thousand in cash at gunpoint.

However, none was arrested till last night in connection with the incident. A case was lodged with Dhanmondi thana in this regard.

Govt trying to influence UP polls: BNP

BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan Wednesday said the government seems ready to launch any sort of "desperate and savage attack to stifle the opposition's voice," reports UNB.

This has been proved by the government which dared to resort to killing through attack on the Tuesday's meeting of the opposition in Chittagong, he told a function at the party's central office in the morning.

At the function, over 100 leaders and workers of different political parties, led by Swarupkathi thana Jatiya Party leader Zahiduddin Ahmed formally joined the BNP.

Bhuiyan said this government came to power by stealing votes, had resorted to vote dacoity in the by-elections and is now desperately trying to influence the union parishad elections.

Journalist leaders call on Sayeed

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed yesterday assured a delegation of journalist union leaders of the government's committed policy to ensure freedom of the press and welfare of the journalists and newspaper employees through proper implementation of the wage board award, a BFUJ press release said, reports BSS.

Referring to his statement in the Jatiya Sangsad on Monday, the state minister said that under a revised government advertisement policy, implementation of the wage board award in newspaper industry was a precondition for getting government advertisements.

He informed the delegation that the concerned department of the ministry had already sent circulars to newspaper managements about the implementation of the wage board award.

SCHOLASTICA VACANCIES FOR 1998 SESSION

Applications are invited for teaching positions in English, Geography & Physics Lab. Demonstrator for elementary and senior classes with effect from January 1998. Candidates with a strong English medium background and some experience are requested to apply in person to the Principal, Scholastica, House # 200NE(D)3, Gulshan Avenue North, Gulshan-2, Dhaka on or before 21st November '97 (Telephone: 888905, 888906). C-832

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Tender Notice for Ambulance

Memo No BOU/Admn-37(91)/11/97/2029 Dated: 12-11-1997

Tender No 11 (Procurement)/97-98

- Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the manufacturers, bonafide importers, local agents/distributors of principal in eligible source countries of Asian Development Bank for the following supplies for the BOU financed by the Asian Development Bank under ADB Credit No 1173 BAN(SF). The terms and conditions of the contract for which this invitation is issued will be subject to the Loan Agreement for the Project, including ADB's "Guide Lines for Procurement" and GOB rules.
- The Vice-Chancellor, Bangladesh Open University Project invites sealed bids from the bonafide local Agents/Supplier/Distributor for the supply of AMBULANCE for BOU.
- A complete set of the Bidding Documents may be purchased by any interested eligible Bidder on submission of a written application and upon payment of fee of Tk 800.00 (Eight hundred) only per set (non-refundable) from the office of the Director (Finance & Accounts), BOU, Board Bazar, Gazipur on or before 4.30 PM on 4-12-1997.
- All bids must be accompanied by an earnest money of not less than 2% (two per cent) of total bid price in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of Bangladesh Open University must be delivered to the tender boxes kept in the office of the (1) Registrar, BOU Campus, Board Bazar, Gazipur or (2) Registrar, Bangladesh Open University, Regional Resource Centre, adjacent to TT College Campus (near Govt Laboratory High School), Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1205 on or before 12.00 Noon on 8-12-1997.
- Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 12.30 PM on same date at the above noted offices.
- BOU authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Deputy Director (Procurement)
 For Vice-Chancellor/Project Director
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Tender Notice
 DU/E/T-4-6/1997-1998

UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA: Sealed tenders in Dhaka University form "Tender for works" are hereby invited from the enlisted contractors (Elec) of Dhaka University for the undermentioned works and will be received by the undersigned up to 12:00 Noon on the date mentioned against each work and opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the contractors who may remain present. Contractors will have to deposit as earnest money a sum of Taka as stated below in Demand Draft or Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh. Specification and other particulars may be had from the office of the undersigned on all working days except on the date fixed for submitting the tender after depositing the cost of tender forms and schedule as stated below against each work to the Janata Bank, TSC Branch (Non-refundable) after showing the necessary enlistment paper endorsed by the undersigned. Contractors should write the name of the works and their firm's name on the envelope clearly.

S1 No	Name of works	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Price of tender form	Time allowed	Opening date
1.	Re-installation of street light at Mall Area in front of Admn Bldg.	Tk 99,682/-	Tk 2000/-	Tk 100/-	30 days	Nov 1997
2.	Electric installation in the Examination Hall (2nd floor) at Curzon Hall).	Tk 82,547/-	Tk 1650/-	Tk 45/-	21 days	Nov 1997
3.	Electric installation in the Dean's office & some teachers' room of the Faculty of Law.	Tk 42,980/-	Tk 860/-	Tk 30/-	21 days	Nov 1997

Md Mozibullah
 Executive Engineer (Elec)
 In-charge
 University of Dhaka

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Power Development Board
Re-Tender Notice

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Sealed tenders in T-2 Form of this Board with catalogue are invited from bonafide local supplier firms/agents/ dealers for supply of 1 (one) set micro computer and its related peripheral from ready stock for use in the office of the Chief Engineer, Transmission, Bangladesh Power Development Board. Detailed schedule of tender and technical specification can be collected at Tk 250/- (two hundred fifty) only through Pay Order (non-refundable) from any nationalised bank in favour of the Deputy Director (Accounts), ZAO (P&CO), PDB, Dhaka from the office of the undersigned and Janata Bank, A Gani Road Branch, Biddut Bhaban, I, Abdul Gani Road subject to prior permission of the undersigned up to 23-11-97. No tender will be sold on the date of opening tender.

Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the office chamber of the undersigned up to 12-00 Noon of 24-11-97 and will be opened on the same day at 12-30 PM before the tenderers (if any) present. 5% (five per cent) of the quoted price as earnest money should be submitted with the tender through Pay Order from any nationalised bank in favour of the Deputy Director (Accounts), ZAO (P&CO), PDB, Dhaka. Otherwise, tender will be treated as cancelled outright. Attested photocopy of certificate as local agencyship/supplier/ distributor should be submitted with the tender by the tendering firm.

The undersigned is not bound to accept the rate of the lowest tender and reserves full right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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