

**What's on today...**

**Art exhibition:** A solo art exhibition by Ranjit Das will begin. Venue: Gallery of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26 Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi. Time: 5 pm. Till Nov 30, from 3 pm to 8 pm daily.

**Discussion on arsenic:** A discussion session on 'Arsenic problem: Bangladesh perspective' will be held. Venue: Voluntary Health Services Society (VHSS), 272-274, Baitul Aman Housing Society, Rd: 1, Adabar, Shyamoli. Time: 10 am.

**IDEB anniversary:** A discussion meeting and cultural function has been arranged to mark the 27th founding anniversary of Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh. Venue: IDEB premises, Kakral. Time: 2 pm.

**Award ceremony:** An award-presentation ceremony of Integrated Food for Development Project (FY 1995-96) under the Local Government Engineering Department, will be held. Venue: LGED headquarters (level-2), Agargaon. Time: 9:30 am.

**Discussion:** Lokayata Pathkendra has organised a discussion on 'Religion-based politics and misuse of religion in politics'. Venue: Lecture Theatre, Centre for Higher Studies in Humanities, Dhaka University. Time: 4 pm.

**Training course:** A 3-day training course of women trainers of MITREC Bangladesh will begin. Venue: PSU/CIDA conference room. Time: 9 am.

**Times-Bangla Trust**

**Govt urges newsmen not to be misled by 'Propaganda'**

The government has called upon the journalists of former Times-Bangla Trust not to be misled by the 'motivated propaganda' being carried out capitalising on the sufferings of its journalists, employees and press workers, reports UNB.

An official handout yesterday said the government has taken all-out measures to pay the dues of the journalists, employees and press workers of the Trust as per the 5th Wage Board Award under specific policy.

It said a total of 165 journalists, employees and press workers of the Times-Bangla Trust have so far received their dues under the 'voluntary retirement programme'.

**Pre-polls violence**

**FEMA concerned**

Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) has expressed concern at the election violence taking place on the eve of the Union Parishad elections.

FEMA chairperson Fakhr-uddin Ahmed and general secretary Peraz M Hassan said in a statement on Friday said Election Commission's directives should be strictly adhered by all government officers and the government should take stringent action for recovery of illegal arms and arresting the identified terrorists. The candidates and the political parties should cooperate with the law enforcing agencies and not give shelter to the identified terrorists and trouble-makers, it added.

In an earlier press release, FEMA had condemned the creation of obstruction at the time of filing nomination paper by the prospective candidates, realisation of illegal subscription and armed attack on candidates in different areas.

Filing of nomination papers by certain candidates were obstructed in Brahmanbaria, Narayanganj, Faridpur, Rangpur and Jhenaidah, it said.



BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan (L) visiting journalist Nirmal Sen who began a 'fast unto death' at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday, demanding payment of dues of the journalists and employees of now defunct Times-Bangla Trust publications. — Star photo

**Nirmal Sen begins 'fast unto death'**

**By Staff Correspondent**

Nirmal Sen, a veteran journalist of the now defunct Dainik Bangla, began a 'fast unto death' at the Jatiya Press Club premises yesterday pressing demands for payment of salaries and dues to the journalists and employees of the Times-Bangla Trust publications.

In a statement prior to his fast at 11 am, Sen said that he had no alternative but to resort to the fast programme since the government had made it clear that it would not shift from its stand of forcing the journalists and employees of the Publication to go into retirement. In the name of discussions, the government was buying time only as a tactic to deprive the journalists and employees of their just dues," he added.

The Dainik Bangla and The Bangladesh Times, along with weekly Bichitra and Ananda Bichitra were closed in October and journalists and employees were forced out of their offices by police earlier this month.

The government said it had closed down the publications to privatise them through the Privatisation Board.

During the day, Sen was visited by journalists, friends and well-wishers, including politicians.

The visitors included BNP secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, convener of city BNP Sadek Hossain Khoka, Rashed Khan Menon and Haider Akber Khan Rono of Workers Party, Nure Alam Ziku, Kazi Aref Ahmed and Hasanul Huq Inu of JSD.

**Pension cut FBUTA threatens tougher action**

The Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers' Association (FBUTA) yesterday expressed concern and warned of greater movement if their demands go unheeded, reports UNB.

The FBUTA had given a memorandum to the Education Minister on Aug 12 urging implementation of their various demands, including not to deduct 20 per cent from their pension.

At a meeting at the Dhaka University Club yesterday, the federation leaders said they would be compelled to announce a tougher action programme if the move to cut their pension was not stopped within 15 days.

FBUTA President Mostafa Chowdhury presided over the meeting, said a press release.

**DB rounds up 5 alleged criminals**

**By Staff Correspondent**

The Detective Branch (DB) of police arrested five alleged criminals and seized ammunition from the Old city's Kotwali area Saturday night.

Police said acting on a tip-off, a DB team arrested Nazir Hossain, Asaf alias Altaf, Saber Mia, Samsul Islam and Nawab Mia from the roof of a house at Halbotnagar Lane.

On the basis of the arrested person's statement the team recovered 23 cartridges. Nazir and Altaf were accused in several murder cases filed with different thanas in the city, police said.

**Qulkhwani**

**By Staff Correspondent**

Qulkhwani of Syed Natumuddin Mahmud will be held today after Maghreb prayers at 14, Shahjalal Avenue, Sector 4, Uttara in the city.

Syed Natumuddin was a former president of Rotary Club Dhaka West and a general manager of Louis Dreyfus Co Ltd.

**Obituary**

Major (Retd) M A Sattar, who was Director (Welfare) of Sena Kalyan Sangstha till recently, died on Nov 20 at the Combined Military Hospital in the city. He was 57, says a press release.

Sattar has left behind his wife, three sons, one daughter and a host of relatives.

**BGMEA condole deaths of garments workers**

Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) yesterday expressed deep shock at the death of two garment workers following a fear of fire in a factory here on Friday, reports UNB.

"On behalf of the garment owners, BGMEA president Mostafa Golam Quddus in a statement prayed for the departed souls and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members.



Prof Khurshid Alam, DG, NAEM, distributing certificates among the first batch diploma-holders of ILIM at the NAEM auditorium on Saturday. The function was presided over by S M Shamsuzzaman, Director, ILIM, while Prof Dr Nasiruddin Ahmed (L) and Suraya Begum, Associate Professor of Dhaka University, were the special guests. — Star photo

**Gazipur PWD Division Tender Notice**

- Tender No : 34/97-98.
  - Name of work : Special repairs to sanitary & water supply arrangement of officer quarter No. 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 17 at College Road in the Dist of Gazipur during the year 1997-98.
  - Estimated cost : Tk. 2,24,459/-
  - Earnest money : Tk. 4,490/-
  - Time allowed for completion of work : 30 (thirty) days from the date of issue of work order.
  - Price of tender : 425/- (Four hundred twenty five) only per set.
  - Place of selling & receiving tenders : Office of the undersigned including all Executive Engineers' Offices under Savar PWD Circle, Dhaka.
  - Last date of selling tenders : During office hours up to 3/12/97.
  - Date of receiving and opening of tenders : Up to 12:00 Noon on 4/12/97 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM.
  - Eligibility of : Category applicable as per financial contractors/ firms to complete in the tenders limit of approved enlisted Contractor of PWD.
- The undersigned reserves the right to reject or accept any or all of the tenders without assigning any reasons.
- Executive Engineer**  
Gazipur PWD Division, Gazipur  
Phone: 2468
- DFP-25738-16/11  
G-2870

**RHD Notice Inviting Tender**

- Tender Notice : 170/Mkg. of 1997-98.
  - Name of work : Tender for repairing the existing damaged road surface at 12th KM (P) and 13th KM of Hemyetpur-Shinga-Manikganj Road under Manikganj Road Division during the year 1997-98.
  - Estimated cost : Tk. 3,57,487/-
  - Earnest money : Tk 7,150/- in favour of EE (RHD), Manikganj Road Division in BD/TC/Protirakhya Sanchaypatra and Bonus Sanchayparta etc.
  - Time allowed : 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of issue of work order.
  - Eligibility of : 'A' to 'E' Class General category of contractors RHD contractors.
  - Name of offices of availability of tender documents : Office of the EE (RHD) Manikganj/ Dhaka Divn, Dhaka/ Narsingdi/ Narayanganj/ Munshiganj/Gazipur/ Planning Divn, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka and SDE (RHD), Manikganj/Nayerhat under Manikganj Road Divn.
  - Name of offices to receive tender bids : Superintending Engineer (RHD), Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka/ Planning Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka/EE (RHD) Manikganj Road Division and SDE (RHD), Manikganj/ Nayerhat under Manikganj Road Division.
  - Last date of selling of tender bids : Up to 3-12-97 during office hours.
  - Last date of receipt of tender bids : At 12:30 PM on 4-12-97.
  - Date and time of opening of the tender bids : 1:00 PM on 8-12-97 in the office of the EE (RHD), Manikganj Road Division.
  - Date and time of : At 1:00 PM on 9-12-97. lottery
  - Chargeable head : 266-Feeder.
  - Authority of estimate approved : SE (RHD), DRC, Dhaka.
- Executive Engineer (RHD)**  
Manikganj Road Division  
Manikganj.
- DFP-25819-16/11  
G-2869



Employees of Aditi Apparels Ltd at Mirpur staging a sit-in demanding their arrear salaries yesterday in front of the owner's house at Moghbazar in the city. — Star photo

**EVERGREEN**

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES**

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	TRIESTE	STEAMERS FERVOUR 9707N	HAIPHONG

CONSIGNEES ARE REQUESTED TO CLEAR THEIR CARGOES IMMEDIATELY ON DISCHARGE. CARGOES UNCLEARED WITHIN 45 DAYS FROM THE ARRIVAL DATE OF THE VESSEL WILL BE DISPOSED WITHOUT ANY REFERENCE TO THE CONSIGNEES, AS PER CUSTOM RULES.

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**জাহাঙ্গীরনগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়**  
সাভার, ঢাকা  
**জরুরি বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

গত ১৮-১০-৯৭ইং তারিখে জাহাঙ্গীরনগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের আ ফ ম কামাল উদ্দিন হলে দুই ধাপে ছাত্রের মধ্যে সংঘটিত সন্ত্রাসী ঘটনার সময় অকুস্থলে উপস্থিত এবং ঘটনার সুপে সঠিক ধাকার অভিযোগ উপস্থিত হওয়ার পরিস্থিতিতে নিম্নোক্ত ছাত্রসমূহকে তত্ত্ব কমিটির সামনে উপস্থিত হয়ে লিখিত ও মৌখিক বক্তব্য প্রদানের জন্য ইতিপূর্বে নির্দেশ দেয়া সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি হতে বর্ধিত হয়েছে।

ছাত্রের নাম ও পিতার নাম	শিক্ষারবর্ষ	বিভাগ	হল
১। মোঃ সামান্দ তৌহিদ (কৌকর) পিতা-মোঃ আসরাফ হোসেন	স্নাতকোত্তর	গণিত	শহীদ সালাম বরকত হল
২। নাহিদ হাসান পিতা-মহিউদ্দিন আহমেদ	স্নাতকোত্তর (অনিয়মিত পরীক্ষার্থী)	ভূগোল	শহীদ সালাম বরকত হল
৩। গাজী মোঃ খালিদ হাসান (বিপ্লব) পিতা-গাজী মোঃ আব্দুল খালেক	১৯৯৩-৯৪	সরকার ও রাজনীতি	শহীদ সালাম বরকত হল
৪। মনির হোসেন পিতা-নূর মোহাম্মদ	১৯৯২-৯৩	গণিত বিভাগ	মওলানা ভাসানী হল
৫। নূর মোহাম্মদ রুহুল কুদ্দুছ পিতা-আজিজ উল্লাহ	১৯৯৪-৯৫	ইতিহাস বিভাগ	শহীদ সালাম বরকত হল
৬। নূর হোসেন (সেকত) পিতা-মোঃ রজব আলী	১৯৯৪-৯৫	সরঃ ও রাজনীতি	শহীদ সালাম বরকত হল
৭। মোঃ আরিফ হোসেন (আরিফ) পিতা-মোঃ রবিউল হোসেন	১৯৯২-৯৩	সরঃ ও রাজনীতি	মওলানা ভাসানী হল
৮। আলমগীর কবীর পিতা-মোঃ আবদুর রউফ	১৯৯৪-৯৫	সরঃ ও রাজনীতি	আ ফ ম কামাল উদ্দিন হল
৯। শাকিল হোসেন (মুন্না) পিতা-এস কে তাজ মোহাম্মদ	১৯৯৪-৯৫	ভূগোল বিভাগ	আ ফ ম কামাল উদ্দিন হল
১০। মনিরুজ্জামান (শিমুল) প্রযুক্তি-মোঃ তাহেরুজ্জামান	১৯৯৩-৯৪	ইংরেজি বিভাগ	আল-বেকনী হল (ওরড)
১১। মোঃ রায়হানুল হক (সম্বর) পিতা-মোঃ নূরুল হক	১৯৯৪-৯৫	সরঃ ও রাজনীতি	মওলানা ভাসানী হল

আগামী ২৯শে নভেম্বর '৯৭ তারিখ সকাল ১০টার কাউন্সিল কক্ষে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে তত্ত্ব কমিটির সভার উপস্থিত থেকে উপস্থিত ছাত্রদের উক্ত ঘটনার সত্যতা সম্পর্কে উপস্থিত হতে বা সোচ্চারিত থাকতে বা বক্তব্য প্রদানের নির্দেশ দেয়া হলো। ২৯-১১-৯৭ইং তারিখে উপস্থিত হতে বর্ধিত হলে বিধি ব্যবস্থা হিসাবে উক্ত ঘটনার উপস্থিতদের সঠিকভাবে তত্ত্ব কমিটির সামনে উপস্থিত হয়ে লিখিত ও মৌখিক বক্তব্য প্রদানের নির্দেশ দেয়া সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি হতে বর্ধিত হয়েছে।

আগামী ০৩-১২-৯৭ইং তারিখের মধ্যে জাহাঙ্গীরনগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের স্নাতক ও সনদ্য-সচিব, তত্ত্ব কমিটির দিক থেকে নির্দেশ দেয়া হলো। উপস্থিত ছাত্রদের কার্য থেকে নির্দিষ্ট সময়ের মধ্যে কোন বক্তব্য পাওয়া না গেলে তাদের বিরুদ্ধে উপস্থিত অভিযোগ সম্পর্কে তাদের বক্তব্য বেই ধরে নিয়ে ব্যবস্থা ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।

**আফসার আহমদ**  
সদস্য-সচিব, তত্ত্ব কমিটি  
ও  
প্রবর, জাহাঙ্গীরনগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

GD-357

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Office of the Executive Engineer, Medical College PWD Division, Segunbagicha, Dhaka  
**Notice Inviting Tenders**  
No. 8/97-98

- Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2908 are hereby invited from the enlisted Contractors/Firms of PWD and bonafide Suppliers/Local Agents for the undermentioned work/supply and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, Dhaka PWD Division No. III/IV/Eden Bldg Division, Dhaka in the respective offices up to 12:00 Noon on 4.12.97 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the tenderers who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work/supply superscribed on it. No tender form will be sold to any intending purchaser who does not have VAT and TI registration.
- Name of work : Supplying and installing computers of any one of the brands IBM/HP/COM/PAQ/AT&T/AST/DELL/EPSON/ACER/DEC (Country of origin preferably USA/UK/JAPAN/AUSTRALIA) office of the Executive Engineer, Medical College PWD Division, Dhaka.
- Earnest money : 2% (two per cent) of the total quoted amount.
- Time allowed for completion of the work from the date of issue of work order : 30 (thirty) days.
- The tender form No. 2908 together with schedule of items, specification, terms & conditions etc. can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned as well as office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division No. III/IV/Eden Bldg Division, Dhaka during the office hours on all working days on payment of the usual charges of Tk 400/- (Tk four hundred) (non-refundable) per set of schedule of items and sum of Tk 10/- (Tk ten) (Non-refundable) per copy of Bangladesh Form No. 2908. No tender documents will be sold after 3.12.97.

**Executive Engineer**  
Medical College PWD Divn  
Segunbagicha, Dhaka

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G-2867

**Bangladesh Standards & Testing Institution**  
116/A, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208  
**Notice regarding full implementation of Metric System in Paint Business**

It is hereby notified for information of all traders & manufacturers related with paint business that, in spite of caution of taking stern action against violators of law for not using Metric System in paint business, many firms are still packing & marketing paint in systems declared illegal such as gallon, pound, ounce, pint etc. Many of them have been marketing paint through confusing & fraudulent labeling on paint cans by converting gallon into litre instead of standard packing. Some dishonest traders are marketing 1 gallon canned paint declaring as 4 litres instead of 3.6 litres, 1/4 gallon as 1 litre instead of 900 millilitre & 1 pint as 500 millilitre instead of 450 millilitre through dishonest labelling & cheating the general customers. Some firms after marketing paint through metric system standard packing for quite sometime, have again switched to trading in gallon/ounce packing. All traders/manufacturers concerned are requested to market paint through the undermentioned standard packing instead of using old system or converting old system into Metric System:

Quantity of product in standard packing	
A) Varnish, varnish stain, enamels & paint (excluding paste paint/solid paint)	50ml, 100ml, 200ml, 250ml, 400ml, 500ml, 1lit, 2lit, 3lit, 4lit, 5lit & 5lit multiples.
B) Solid paint/paste paint	500gr, 1kg, 1.5kg, 2kg, 3kg, 5kg, 7kg, 10kg & 5kg multiples.

Strict legal action will be taken through operation of squad, police raid, mobile court against those who may not use Metric System in full in all fields of paint business and resort to use of illegal system.

Therefore, we earnestly solicit cooperation of all concerned in taking rightful measure for full implementation of metric system in paint business.

**AFM Shamsul Abedin**  
Director (Metrology)  
Phone: 9880007

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