

UP elections peaceful till now: FEMA

By Staff Correspondent

The Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA), a Dhaka-based polls monitoring group, says that the union parishad elections held between December 1 and 4 were peaceful in general.

An 'interim report' released by the FEMA yesterday said: "Barring some exceptions, polling was generally peaceful. But polling was marred by violence, intimidation and capturing of booths in some unions."

The FEMA said great enthusiasm about elections were seen among the voters, particularly the women. However, no woman came out to vote in polling stations at Pangasia union of Patuakhali district. The report did not mention any reason for the incident.

The FEMA, however, complained that the 'secret compartment' inside the polling booths of many areas failed to provide secrecy. "In Munshiganj, some polling stations were set up virtually under the open sky." They also complained that the 'secret compartments' in some areas were so dark that lanterns had to be used even during the day.

The FEMA report also said that irregularities and fraudu-

lence were committed in some polling stations of Chandina thana of Comilla district, Gauranadi thana of Barisal, Gopalpur and Modhupur thanas of Tangail and Shibchar thana of Madaripur. The irregularities included not marking the voters' fingers with indelible ink, impersonated voting, stuffing and hijacking of ballot boxes."

According to FEMA, in Kalsimpur Mohichalle Madrasa polling station of Chandina ballot papers were being stamped in favour of 'Umbrella' by a candidate in front of the Presiding Officer while polling officials were entertained with tea and snacks in North Barora Kironkhola Forkania Madrasa and Borkut Government Primary School of East Chandina union. There were allegations of intimidation from few polling stations. Member candidates were seen giving money to the voters at a Chandina polling station. In Laximpur at the Panpara Uccha Bidayal in No 7 Lamchail Union of Ramganj thana the Presiding Officer himself was stamping ballot papers for stuffing ballot boxes in favour of a candidate.

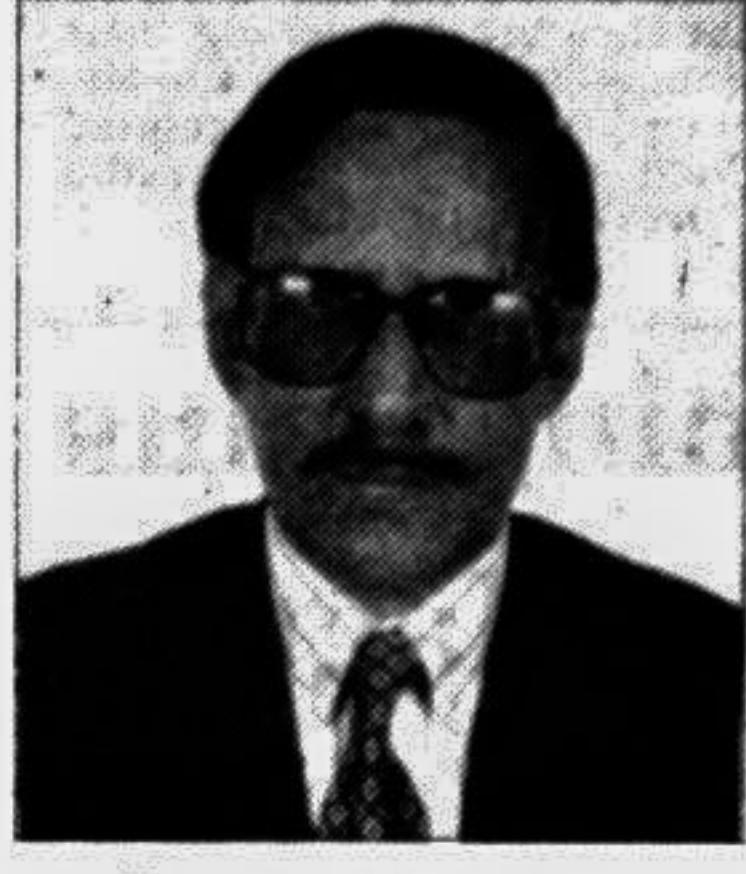
New Exec Editor & Managing Editor of The Daily Star

By Staff Correspondent

Tawfiq Aziz Khan, who has been the Managing Editor of The Daily Star since its inception, has been promoted to the post of Executive Editor. He fills the position which was earlier held by Mahfuz Anam and had been vacant since Anam took over as Editor in November, 1993.

Fahim Munaim, who joined The Daily Star as Deputy Managing Editor in June, 1996, has been promoted to the position of Managing Editor.

Both the appointments have been made effective immedi-



Tawfiq Aziz Khan

Tawfiq Aziz Khan is associated with the media for nearly four decades. A well-known TV and radio commentator, he started his career with The Bangladesh Observer in 1958 as a full-time sports reporter. He was one of the founders of The Weekly 'Holiday' and also of the now defunct weekly 'Sachitra Sandhan'.

In early 1975 Khan joined the 'Dainik Bangla' and the weekly 'Bichitra' as General Manager where he played a key role in setting up new printing plants and introducing computer technology for modernisation of the publications.

In 1977 he brought out on behalf of the National Sports Council an English and Bengali fortnightly on sports. These were the first specialist magazines in the field. He edited them till 1979.

He joined The Daily Star in November, 1990 and was actively associated with the publication of the paper as the Managing Editor.



Syed Fahim Munaim

Syed Fahim Munaim has been involved with the media for a long time. After passing HSC from the Momenshahi Cadet College, he obtained MBA from the US. He served as Executive Director of The Sangbad and Managing Editor of The Morning Sun and UNB.

He was Press Counsellor in the Bangladesh Embassy in Japan for three and half years. He joined The Daily Star in June 1996 as Deputy Managing Editor.

Sealed tenders are invited from bona fide manufacturers/suppliers for purchasing of summer liveries, shoes and umbrellas for the third and fourth class employees of the undersigned's office. Application should be submitted to the undersigned with attested photocopies of the undermentioned certificates for purchasing schedule against the tender.

1. Trade Licence (current year's).

2. Bank solvency certificate should be within 6 (six) months from the date of issuing tender.

3. Work completion certificate should be from Govt/Semi-govt organisation.

4. Current year's Income Tax assessment certificate with GIR number.

5. Photocopy of VAT registration certificate.

On approval of application, the schedule for summer liveries, shoes & umbrella can be collected from this office by depositing the price of schedule Tk 50/- (fifty) only each (non-refundable) to the office of the Senior Accounts Officer, Telegraph Stores & Workshop, Tejgaon, Dhaka against receipt during office hours up to 21-12-97/7-9-1404 BS. Tender should be dropped in the prescribed tender box by 12-00 Noon of 22-12-97/8-9-1404 BS and the tenders will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM.

Tenderers may attend the opening of tender. No tender will be sold on the date of opening tender. The undersigned, in the interest of T&T Board reserves the right to reject or accept any tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Md Azizul Islam
Controller
G-3027

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Telegraph Stores, Tejgaon
Dhaka Phone: 814115

PWD Notice Inviting Tender No 6 (B)/1997-98 Eng

1. Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited for the undermentioned work from special class-I (one) PWD enlisted & approved contractor/firms and class-I (one) bldg contractor/firms of PWD, and class-II (two) bldg contractor/firms of PWD Zone Rajshahi according to financial limit and nature of work. The tender will be received by the undersigned & Divn Commissioner office, Rajshahi and the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Rangpur/Kurigram/Gaibandha/Lalmonirhat/Nilphamari/Panchagarh & Thakurgaon in their offices on 18-12-97 Eng at 12.00 Noon and will be opened on the same day at 12.15 PM in presence of the tenderer who may like to remain present.

Gr No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time for completion of work	Contractor eligibility for submission of tender
1 (one)	Construction of cross drainage, main-surface drain attached to Dinajpur Medical College at Dinajpur under PWD Divn, Dinajpur during the year 1997-98 Eng	Tk 20,82,657/-	Tk 41,654/-	2 (Two) months	Special class I (one) contractor/firms and class I (one) bldg contractor/firms of PWD, and class-II (two) bldg contractor/firms of PWD Zone, Rajshahi.
2 (two)	Providing building apron and connecting masonry drain for different functional buildings attached to Dinajpur Medical College under PWD Divn Dinajpur during the year 1997-98 Eng	Tk 17,19,527/-	Tk 34,391/-	2(two) months	-do- -do- -do- -do-

Tender Form No 2911, schedule of work, addl terms and conditions etc can be seen & obtained from the office of the undersigned & the Divn Commissioner office, Rajshahi and the Executive Engineer, PWD Divn, Rangpur/Kurigram/Gaibandha/Lalmonirhat/Nilphamari/Panchagarh & Thakurgaon & the Sub-Divn, Engineer, PWD, Sub-Divn-I/I/Phulbari/E.M, Dinajpur on payment of usual cost of Tk 750/- (Tk seven hundred fifty) only per set of schedule (non-refundable) and sum of Tk 25/- (Tk twenty-five) only per copy of 2911 Tender Form (non-refundable). The tender form and schedule etc may be purchased by the contractor/firms himself or his/her representative on production of authorised letter bearing the signature of representative duly attested by the contractor/firms on any working day during office hours up to 5.00 PM on 17-12-97 Eng. If two or more contractor/firms become lowest quoting the same rate the lottery will be held on 31-12-97 Eng at 11.30 AM in the chamber of the undersigned for selection of a contractor. All contractors or his/her selected representative are requested to be present in the lottery.

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Ruhul Amin
Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Dinajpur.

Metropolitan

Suhrawardy's death anniversary observed

Different political and socio-cultural organisations yesterday observed the 34th anniversary of death of Hossain Suhrawardy with due respect, reports BSS.

Prime Minister and Awami League president Sheikh Hasina along with senior party leaders and ministers paid her tributes to the national leader placing wreaths at his 'mazar' in the city yesterday morning.

The Prime Minister prayed for eternal peace of the great leader and offered 'Fateha'.

IVS celebrates 25th anniversary

The International Voluntary Services (IVS) in Bangladesh celebrated its 25th founding anniversary in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

To mark the occasion, a discussion was held at the Women Voluntary Association auditorium in Dhamondi Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak attended the function as chief guest, while State Minister for Land Rashed Mosharrif, Director General of NGO Bureau Affairs Glasudin Pathan and chairman of ADAB Dr Kazi Faruque Ahmed were the special guests. Country director of IVS Abdul Matin presided.

Navy qirat, azan contests held

The annual qirat and azan competitions of the Bangladesh Navy concluded at the BNS Hajj Mohsin Mosque after Jumma prayers yesterday, reports BSS.

Some 50 competitors took part in the four-day meet.

In qirat, the first, second and the third prizes were won by MA Rahman, Rog-1, MH Rahman, Rog-1 and SMT Rahman, Rog-1. In azan, MH Rahman, Rog-1, SMT Rahman, Rog-1 and MA Rahman secured the 1st, 2nd and the 3rd prizes respectively.

Assistant chief of the naval staff Commodore Zulfique Ali was the chief guest.

● What's on today....

Discussion: The Bangladesh Awami Jubo League will hold a discussion on the occasion of the 25th founding anniversary of the organisation and the 58th birth anniversary of its founder-chairman Sheikh Fazlul Haque Moni. Venue: Engineers Institute Auditorium. Time: 3 pm.

Chief guest: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim, MP, will preside. The discussion will be followed by a cultural function.

Seminar: A seminar on 'Japanese culture' will be held. Organisers: Dhaka Japanese Language Institute and Embassy of Japan. Venue: LGED Bhaban, Agargaon. Time: 2:30 pm.

Drama: A production of Charles Dickens 'Great Expectations' will be presented by students of Happy Times International School. Venue: Shishu Academy. Time: 3 pm.

Int'l seminar: A 3-day 2nd international seminar on 'plant material as a source of antidiabetic agents' will begin. Organiser: Asian Network of Research on Antidiabetic Plants. Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 8:30 pm.

Seminar on agriculture: A seminar on 'agriculture for 21st century in Bangladesh' will be held. Organiser: JICA Alumni Association of Bangladesh. Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 3 pm.

Conference: The second national conference of Bangladesh BookClub will be held. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 3 pm.

Memorial meet: A memorial meeting will be held in observance of the 6th death anniversary of engineer and politician Alamgir Kabir. Venue: Flat No: B-8, Mayurakhi Apartments, Rd: 6, Dhamondi. Time: 7 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Central: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Surma, Dhaka Club Ltd. Time: 1-30 pm.

RHD Notice Inviting Tender

1. Tender Notice No	T-05/97-98. P&S Divn., Dhaka. Dated: 23-11-97.
2. Name of work	Supply of spare parts for different equipments & Tyre with Tubes for Comatsu Grader for Mymensingh Road Division, under RHD, Procurement & Storage Divn, Tejgaon, Dhaka. Charge to T&R, during the year 1997-98.
3. Estimated cost	As per schedule.
4. Earnest money	Tk 2% of the estimated cost.
5. Time allowed for completion of work	20 (twenty) days from the date of issue of work order.
6. Category of contractor	A.B & C class contractor under RHD, 'D' class enlisted contractor of Equipment Control & Procurement Circle, Dhaka according to financial capacity. Mention brand Tyre Agency holder can participate with showing their documents.
7. Tender documents will be sold	Executive Engineer, RHD, Procurement & Storage Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, RHD, Equipment Control Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, RHD, Planning Division (Road & Bridge), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka & Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Procurement & Storage Sub-Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka on all working days.
8. Tender documents will be received	1. Superintending Engineer, RHD, Equipment Control & Procurement Circle, Dhaka. 2. Superintending Engineer, RHD, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka. 3. Executive Engineer, RHD, Procurement & Storage Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka.
9. Tender document will be sold up to	21-12-97/07-9-1404 Bangla.
10. Closing time & date of tender	22-12-97 at 12.00 Noon.
11. Last date & time of opening tender	22-12-97 at 12.01 PM.
12. Lottery date & time of opening tender	22-12-97 at 1.30 PM.

Md Saber Ali
Executive Engineer, RHD
Procurement & Storage Divn
Tejgaon, Dhaka.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Tender Notice

Dated: 25-11-97
Sealed tenders in prescribed form are invited from interested tenderers for purchase of books for Government Commercial Institute by the Project Director, 16 Government Commercial Institute Development Project/Director General, Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education under the Directorate of Secondary & Higher Secondary Education.

Any eligible tenderer can purchase a full set of tender schedule with terms & conditions on cash payment of Tk 400/- (Four hundred) only for books on all workdays from 13-12-97 to 22-12-97 subject to written application to the Director, Planning & Development, Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education/Office of the Commissioner, No 1 Commissioner's Building (2nd floor), Segunbagicha, Dhaka/Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Education (Room No-1719, 18th floor).

2% of the price quoted in the tender as bid bond/earnest money must be submitted with the tender through Account Payee Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Project Director/Director General, Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education. Attested copy of trade licence, income tax clearance certificate, VAT registration certificate, bank solvency certificate etc must be submitted with the tender.

Tenders will be received in the sealed tender box kept at the office of the Project Director (6th floor), Office of the Commissioner, No 1 Commissioner Building (2nd floor), Segunbagicha, Dhaka and Senior Assistant Secretary of the Ministry of Education (Room No-1719, 18th floor) up to 12:00 Noon of 24-12-97 and will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM before the tenderers (if any) present.

The authority is not bound to accept the lowest tender and reserves the right to (a) accept or reject any tender or reject all tenders; (b) decrease or increase the amount of any/some/all items; and (c) issue full or itemwise workorder without assigning any reason.

Hamida Khatun
Director
Planning & Development
Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer

Public Works E/M Division 3, Dhaka

Memo No. 3368

Dated: 23-11-97
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Tender Invitation Notice

No. 15/1997-98</p