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Tasmima Hossain MP visiting stalls after inaugurating a 2-day long *Mina Bazar* organised by the Bangladesh Mahila Parishad in observance of the 13th founding anniversary of the 'Rokeya Sadan' at the Dhaka Business and Professional Women's Club premises, Baily Road, yesterday. — Star photo

FEMA report says 9 killed, 438 hurt during UP polls violence in third week

By Staff Correspondent

At least nine persons were killed and about 438 others were injured in violence during the Union Parishad polls held in the third week between December 12 and 18, said a press release issued by the Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) yesterday.

Elections were held in 760 Unions of 34 thanas in 27 districts last week of which the FEMA had observers in 279 Unions spread over various thanas in different districts.

With some exception of violence, instances of irregularities and fraud in certain polling stations, by and large, the polls were generally peaceful in majority areas, it added.

In certain areas polling stations were set up adjacent to private houses, the release said alleging that the arrangements were made to influence the polls in favour of particular candidates.

'Some polling officials and agents were seen stamping ballot papers for the female voters

in violation of the law,' the release said adding instances where the FEMA observers were not allowed to discharge their duties smoothly or forcibly confined by the supporters of a particular candidate.

Syedul Huq, presiding officer of Dokkhin Balur Char Government Primary School was manhandled by the Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO) of the Laxmipur Sadar thana, the release added.

The presiding officer was also hit by the rifle butt of a BDR personnel, the release further adding that the TNO accused the presiding officer of not starting the polls to favour certain candidates.

According to FEMA, 24 polling stations were suspended last week compared to 121 and 55 in the first and second weeks respectively.

The Election Commission sources indicated that 288 polling stations were suspended during the first two weeks of the polls, it added.



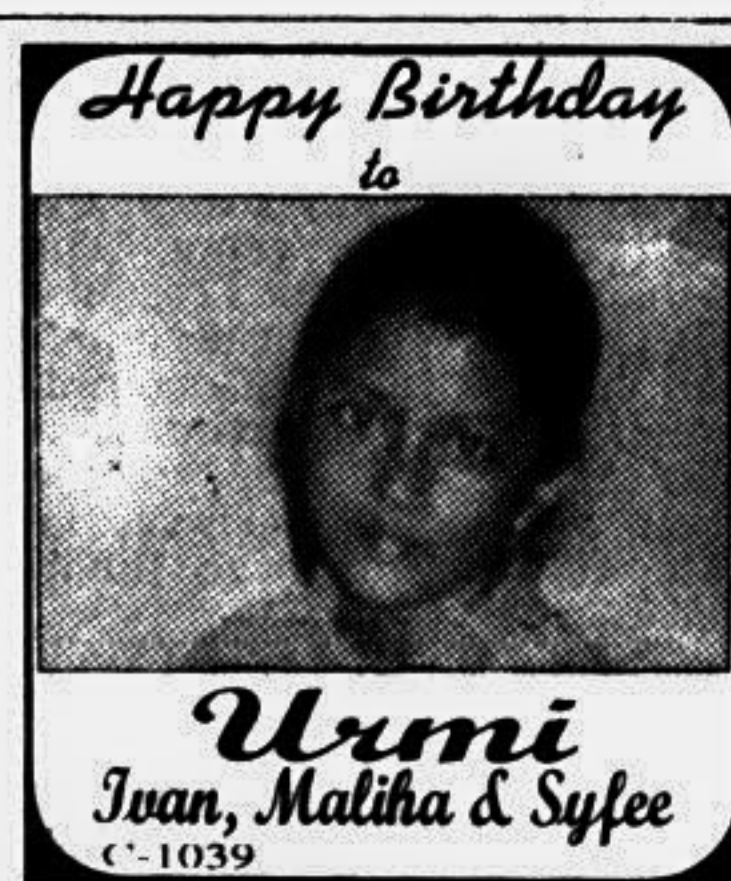
Visitors at the solo painting exhibition of Mohammad Eunus at the Divine Art Gallery, Hotel Sonargaon which began in the city yesterday. — Star photo

PM felicitates ROK president

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday felicitated Kim Dae Jung on his election as the President of the Republic of Korea, reports BSS.

In her message she said, 'I am confident that under your able leadership the close bond of friendship and mutually beneficial cooperation existing between our two countries and peoples will grow from strength to strength in the days ahead in an atmosphere of good will and understanding.'

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Office of the Executive Engineer
Rajshahi WD Division
BWDB, Sopura, Rajshahi

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited for the following work under Rajshahi WD Division, BWDB, Rajshahi during the year 1997-98.

The tenders will be received during office hours on 29.12.97, 30.12.97 and up to 12:00 hours on 31.12.97 and will be opened at 12:30 hours on 31.12.97 in presence of contractors who wish to be present. The enlisted 'A' & 'B' classes contractor under Water Dev. Board for the year 1997-98 are eligible to submit the tenders.

The tender documents can be purchased from Sonali Bank, Ranibazar Branch/Greater Road Branch/Railway Complex Branch/Rajshahi Court Branch/Motihar Branch/Sopura Industrial Estate Branch, Rajshahi/Agrani Bank Irrigation Branch, Sopura, Rajshahi/Agrani Bank, Naogaon/Nawabganj/Sonali Bank WAPDA Branch, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka and Pubali Bank Ltd, Chalan Beel Pay Booth, Natore/The Commissioner, Rajshahi Division, Rajshahi during office/banking hours on all working days up to 30.12.97.

Tender Notice No	Name of work with location	Estimated amount	Earnest money	Classes of contractor
6/97-98	a) Repair & maintenance of carpeting road from Naohata to Mohanganj from KM 0.00 to 3.50 under Barnai project in PS Paba, District Rajshahi (163-IDFC) during the year 1997-98.	Tk. 10,04,222/-	Tk. 25,106/00	"A" & "B" Class

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BWDB, Sopura, Rajshahi

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Exhibition on architecture opens today

By Staff Correspondent

An 11-day exhibition on "Pundranagar to Shere-banglanagar: Architecture in Bangladesh" opens in the city today.

The exhibition celebrates the architecture of Bangladesh through the first major comprehensive presentation of a selection of monuments and significant buildings through drawings and photographs.

Prof A K Azad Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Dhaka, will inaugurate the exhibition today at 10:30 am in the auditorium of the Bangladesh National Museum. Architect Mazharul Islam, President of Chetana Sthapatya Unnoyon Society, will preside the function.

The exhibition which includes images and documents of some rarely presented buildings, is expected to help fill up some of the gaps of architectural history and put up ample evidence of the strong and distinctive architectural heritage of the country.

Death anniversary

The first death anniversary of late Mrs Humaira Chaudhury wife of Justice Shah Abu Nayeem Mominur Rahman will be observed today says a press release.

A *milad mahfil* and *doa* will be held on this occasion at 4 pm in her residence at 84, Kazi Nazrul Islam avenue, Farmgate, Tejgaon, Dhaka.

All her relatives, friends & well-wishers have been requested to attend the *milad mahfil* and pray for the departed soul.

Encroachment of govt lands alleged

By Staff Correspondent

Some residents of Kalyanpur area under Mirpur thana in the city Thursday alleged that an influential businessman encroached on lands of the Roads and Highways Directorate in collusion with the administration.

At a press conference, Dr M A Lutfar Rahman Khan, on behalf of the residents, said the businessman has erected a high boundary wall on the government land on November 24 which was being used as roads.

Dr Lutfar Rahman claimed that he and one Abdul Baten took a lease on the lands from the Roads and Highways Directorate and both of them have paid the rent up to the year of 1999. The estimated value of the land is about Tk four crore, he added.

He said they informed the police about the incident but no step was in sight till now.

The organisers of the press conference demanded of the authorities concerned to take proper action against the alleged encroachment on the government land.



Bureau Chief Council new EC formed

By Staff Correspondent

The 'Bureau Chief Council' comprising all bureau chiefs and representatives of newspapers published from outside Dhaka have elected a new executive committee last Wednesday at a meeting held in the city.

Mafizur Rahman Lilo of Dainik Karnaphuli and Badal Chowdhury of Dainik Uttar Barta have been elected president and general secretary respectively, says a press release.

Other members of the executive committee are: Vice Presidents — Abdul Khaled and Alauddin Bhuiya, Joint Secretary — Mushlehuddin Patwari, Treasurer — SK Muhammad Zahid Anwar Shamim, Organising Secretary — Muhammad Zakir Hussain, Office and Publicity Secretary — Motaleb Hussain. Executive members — Md Humayun Kabir, Ashraf Sarker and Khandaker Jahangir Alam.



Anika Barua, a tiny-tot performing at a programme organised to mark the first anniversary of the Young Learners' Centre at the British Council auditorium yesterday. — Star photo

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বাংলাদেশ পোশাক প্রস্তুতকারক ও রপ্তানিকারক সমিতি
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বিজিএমইএ নির্বাচন '৯৮

এতদ্বারা বাংলাদেশ পোশাক প্রস্তুতকারক ও রপ্তানিকারক সমিতির সম্মানিত সকল সদস্যকে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, আসন্ন বিজিএমইএ নির্বাচন '৯৮ এর ভোটার তালিকায় নাম অন্তর্ভুক্ত করার জন্য সংগঠনের প্রাপ্য ১৯৯৭ সন পর্যন্ত বাৎসরিক চাঁদা পরিশোধ এবং ভোটার নমিনেশনসহ অন্যান্য কাগজপত্র জমা দেয়ার শেষ তারিখ আগামী ২৭শে ডিসেম্বর '৯৭।

নির্ধারিত তারিখের মধ্যে বাৎসরিক চাঁদা পরিশোধ করুন এবং ভোটার নমিনেশনসহ অন্যান্য কাগজপত্র জমা দিয়ে আপনার নাম ভোটার তালিকায় অন্তর্ভুক্ত করুন।

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