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India should do more

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members and the entourage of Gujral.

Addressing the banquet she hosted in honour of the visiting Indian premier, Hasina also recalled the support of the Indian government and the personal interest of Gujral in resolving the Chittagong Hill Tracts problem.

She said her government has convinced the insurgents in the CHT to lay down arms and come back to the mainstream of national life, and the refugees who had taken shelter in India are now returning to their homeland.

"After two long decades, peace is finally returning to the once troubled area," she said. "Your government's support and your personal interest in the matter has been a significant factor in the peaceful resolution of this problem."

The Prime Minister said Bangladesh has watched with admiration the way Gujral led India and the 'bold initiatives' by him to reduce tension in South Asia that brought about a qualitative change into the politics of the region.

"It has given our politics a moral fabric that will contribute to sustained peace and stability for our economic development," she told the banquet attended by the Cabinet

Minister.

Gujral said, "Trade and commerce need infrastructure and transport linkages if they are to develop vitality and sustained growth."

Effective infrastructure links require not only large investments but also long-term vision and a spirit of cooperation, that in the present context, only enlightened political leadership can provide, he said.

Gujral said there is enough scope of cooperation from transport and communications, power, energy, trade and investment to human resources development.

For realisation of this vast potential, he said, it is essential that "a new climate of cooperation emerge, together with a realisation that it is in helping each other that we help ourselves."

The Indian premier said, "Opening the frontiers of possibility may sometimes cause some short-term difficulties, but ultimately, tearing down the barriers that divide man from man is of benefit to everybody."

He added "regional and sub-regional cooperation will upgrade our infrastructure, and generate employment and prosperity... I dare say it has the scope for changing the face of

Climate of cooperation

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this region."

Gujral said, "... the best possible rationale for economic cooperation is one's own enlightened interest."

Referring to the signing of the Ganges water treaty with India, he said the historic treaty is testimony to the manifest desire of both countries to cooperate and seek solutions to bilateral issues.

"Having overcome this barrier, psychological as much as technical, we can now go on to tackle all the other issues within the framework of our bilateral cooperation, as well as within the SAARC."

About the first ever Business Summit in Dhaka, the Indian Prime Minister said it would enable the leaders of business and industry of Bangladesh, India and Pakistan to develop a common platform for building bridges of cooperation between the peoples of South Asia.

Praising Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her "visions and initiative" of the Summit, he said this is the first occasion that the Prime Ministers of Bangladesh, India and Pakistan are together in a sub-regional context.

BNP MPs

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17 party lawmakers. They gave a mixed opinion on the matter during more than two hours of discussion.

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Obituary

Halima Khatoon Chowdhury, mother of R A M Moktadir Chowdhury, PS to the Prime Minister, died Tuesday night at her son's Eskaton residence. She was 76, reports BSS.

Wife of late Abdur Rauf Chowdhury, Halima Khatoon left behind one son, one daughter and a host of relatives.

Her *qulkuwani* will be held at her village home at Brahmanbaria tomorrow after Asr prayers.

Meanwhile, hearing the death news Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina went to Moktadir's residence yesterday and consoled members of the bereaved family.

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She will be buried at Banani graveyard today after *namaj-e-Janaza* at Shahi Mosque, Shymoli after Zohr prayers.

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DU English Dept distributes scholarships

English Department of Dhaka University distributed several scholarships for 1997-98 among the recipients on Tuesday, reports UNB.

The scholarships are "Aquamarine Award", "Shahid Nasim Mohsin Memorial Stipend" and "SF Haider Foundation Scholarship".

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Name of work: A) Supply of materials for water pump of the colony of Syedpur Diesel Power Generation Station. B) Supply of new fire extinguishers for Syedpur Diesel Power Generation Station. C) Supply of TPMCB for Syedpur Diesel Power Generation Station. Eligibility of contractor: PDB's 'D' class enlisted contractors/established trading firms. Estimated cost: A) 71,820/- (Taka seventy one thousand eight hundred twenty only), B) 72,950/- (Taka seventy two thousand nine hundred fifty only), C) 58,760/56 (Taka fifty eight thousand seven hundred sixty and fifty-six paisa) only. Price of tender: Per set Tk 100/- (one hundred only) (non-refundable) should be submitted through Bank Draft/Pay-Order in favour of the Deputy-Director (Accounts), ZAO, PDB. Place & date where & when tender will be available: Tender can be purchased from Pubali Bank, Syedpur Branch up to 25.01.98 subject to permission of the Chief Engineer (Generation), PDB, WAPDA Building, Dhaka/Manager (O&M), North Zone, PDB, Rangpur and the undersigned. Date of receiving & opening tender: Will be received at the office of the Chief Engineer (Generation), PDB, WAPDA Building, Dhaka and Manager (O&M), North Zone, PDB, Rangpur and office of the undersigned up to 12:00 Noon of 26.01.98 and will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM before the tenders (if any) present. All other terms & conditions of the tender must be complied with properly.

Executive Engineer
Biddul/PR-B77 (4)97-98Syedpur Diesel Power Generation Station
DP-371-71 Power Development Board
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Office of the Executive Engineer

Bhola WD Division-II

BWDB, Bhola

Notice Inviting Bids

BID NO.-5/97-98

1. Name of works : Construction of 6.80km of Retired Embankment in polder 56/57 under Bhola Irrigation Project, Phase-II during the year 1997-98.
2. Estimated cost : Tk. 2,10,72,65/- for a length of 6.80 km of Retired Embankment. (Which have been divided into 7 reaches estimate varies from Tk 25,91,946/- to Tk. 38,07,064/-).
3. Earnest money : a) Normal= 2% of the estimated amount.
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4. Eligibility of contractors : A & B class enlisted contractors of BWDB during 1997-98.
5. Receiving place : of bid
a) The Divisional Commissioner, Barisal Division, Barisal.
b) The Superintending Engineer, Dhaka O&M Circle, BWDB, Dhaka.
c) The Executive Engineer, Bhola WD Division-II, BWDB, Bhola.
d) The Executive Engineer, Barisal O&M Division, BWDB, Barisal.
e) The Deputy Commissioner, Bhola.
f) The Sub-Divisional Engineer, Charfession WD Sub-Divn, BWDB, Charfession.
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f) Sonali Bank, WAPDA Branch, Sagordi, Barisal.
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7. Last date of purchasing bid documents : 9-2-98 up to banking hours.
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Sub: Invitation of application by Government of India for study in the field of culture during 1998-99 academic year under cultural accord executed between Bangladesh and India.

Applications are invited from Bangladesh nationals for study in the following subjects of scholarship offered by Government of India in the field of culture during 1998-99 academic year.

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