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JAGPA brought out an anti-Indian rally in the city yesterday.

— Star photo

## BSAF team leaves for Manila

A six-member team of Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BSAF), including four child labourers, left the city yesterday for Manila as part of a campaign to eliminate child labour from Bangladesh, reports UNB.

During its month-long programme, the team will tour six countries — Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Malaysia and different parts of Bangladesh.

The children will take part in various programmes of the Asian countries.

## NSU president redesignated as VC

The designation of the president of North South University (NSU) has been changed to vice chancellor by the government. The change of designation of the chief executive of NSU has been made as per article 10(1) of the Private Universities Act 1992, says a press release.

Muslehuddin Ahmad, who was holding the post of the president of NSU has now been appointed vice chancellor of NSU.

## NGO's urged to help curb terrorism in slums

Post and Telecommunication Minister Mohammad Nasim yesterday said the government is pledged-bound to improve the living standard of the slum-dwellers through improving their socio-economic conditions, reports UNB.

He was inaugurating a 3-day workshop on "Urban Livelihood Study: A dissemination of findings", organised by Institute of Development Policy Advocacy (IDPAA), Proshika at the LGRO auditorium in the city yesterday morning.

Appreciating the role and contributions of NGO's in ameliorating the sufferings of the slum people, he called upon them to help eradicate terrorism and other anti-social activities in slum areas.

Chaired by Proshika Executive Director and ADAB Chairperson Dr Quazi Farooque Ahmed, the inaugural session was also addressed by State Minister for Land Rashed Mosharraf and British High Commissioner to Bangladesh David C Walker.

Nasim pointed out that the government is taking pragmatic measures to generate job opportunities and improve living condition of the rural people to stop influx of poor people to cities.

Rashed Mosharraf said the government in cooperation with ADAB have taken an ambitious project to rehabilitate the slum people to hygienically sound accommodation.

Some 16000 units of dwelling houses are being constructed at a cost of Tk 276 crore for slum people at Bhasantek, he said adding that more such houses would be constructed on the basis of the success of the project.

David C Walker underscored the need for fruitful partnership between the government, NGOs and the private sector to improve the lot of the poor.

Dr Kazi Farooque Ahmed in his presidential speech said that the thrust for alleviating poverty would be successful only when the policy of the government and the donors to conform to that thrust.

## BOI airport counter opens tomorrow

The Board of Investment (BOI) is going to start its "BOI welcome service for foreign investors" counter at the Dhaka Airport January 17, reports UNB.

The counter will be formally inaugurated at 11 am, said a press release yesterday. The much talked about one-stop-cell of BOI will also formally start working temporarily Jan 19 at the present office at Shilpa Bhaban (first floor) where the foreign investors will get all the service facilities like phone, gas, electricity, water and such other things.

The BOI office will be shifted from its present location to the new office at Jiban Bima Tower on Jan 18, the press release added.

## BFUJ, DUJ iftar party held

Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) jointly arranged an iftar party at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday, reports UNB.

BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia, a number of senior leaders from BNP, Jamaat and some other parties and journalists' leaders attended the iftar.

Jatiya Press Club President Reazuddin Ahmed and General Secretary Khandaker Manirul Alam, and senior journalists ABM Musa, Sadeq Khan, Enayetullah Khan, Gias Kamal Chowdhury and Mahbubul Alam were present among others.

BFUJ President Amanullah Kabir and Secretary General Zahirul Huq, DUJ Acting President Abu Saleh and General Secretary Ruhul Amin Gazi received the guests.

## Bedaruddin Ahmed's quikhwani today

Quikhwani of Nazrul song maestro Bedaruddin Ahmed will be held today after Asr prayers at his residence at 9/18 Iqbal Road, Mohammadpur, reports BSS.

## Chehlum

Chehlum of Barrister Md Mumtaz Karim, son of late A F M Nawab Karim, will be held at his residence at 3/ Orphanage Road today, says a press release.

Relatives, friends and admirers are requested to attend and pray for the salvation of departed soul.

## Obituary

Prof Dr Nazrul Islam Mia, head of Agronomy department of the Institute of Post Graduate Studies in Agriculture (IPSA), died at Suhrawardy Hospital in the city yesterday. He was 48, reports UNB.

Dr Islam left behind his wife, a son, one daughter and a host of relatives. His namaz-e-janaza was held at Rajbari field, Gazipur. His body was taken to his village home at Bashail, Tangail for burial.

## Khaleda distributes winter clothes at Kotwali, Sutrapur

BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition Khaleda Zia distributed winter clothes among the cold-affected floating people Wednesday night in various parts of Kotwali and Sutrapur thanas of the city, reports UNB.

Meanwhile, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Society (IFRC) has sent six tonnes of blankets to Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) for distribution among the cold-stricken people.

The blankets were handed over to a senior official of BDRCS by a British Airways official. British Airways carried the blankets for BDRCS at its own expense, says a press release.

## 'Dukhai' to be shown at int'l film festivals

'Dukhai', a Bangladeshi feature film, has been invited for screening at the competitions in international film festivals in New Delhi and Rotterdam, reports UNB.

The film, depicting the struggling life of the coastal belt people, will take part in the 29th Indian International Film Festival now being held in New Delhi.

The film will also be shown at the 27th Rotterdam International Film Festival in the Netherlands, which will begin on Jan 28.

The lead actor of the film, Raisul Islam Asad, on behalf of the director, Morshedul Islam, will attend the Delhi festival today, said a press release.

## DSE index falls by 7 points

Week's trading at the Dhaka Stock Exchange closed yesterday with a further seven-point or 1.02 per cent decline in its All Share Price Index, reports UNB.

The key indicator stood at 707.24 points at the close of the day's trading as against 714.59 on Wednesday.

Some 376,044 shares and debentures worth at Tk 4.21 crore were changed hands on the day as against 393,764 shares valued at Tk 4.56 crore on the previous day.

A total of 135 issues were traded, of which 23 gained, 108 incurred loss and four remained unchanged.

Day's volume leaders included Rose Haven Ball Pen (59,500), Chik Tex (43,000), Beximco Pharma (25,850), Shinnepur Holdings (19,700) and ACI Limited (16,900).

Major losers of the day included Amam Sea Food (-Tk 54.85), Beximco Knitting (-Tk 50.00), Chittagong Cement (-Tk 28.37) and Meghna Cement (-Tk 23.73).

Singer Bangladesh (+Tk 24.47), National Polymer (+Tk 9.95), Mark Bangladesh (+Tk 9.81) and Pubali Bank (+Tk 5.00) were among the major gainers.

Market capitalisation declined to Tk 63.15 billion (equivalent to US dollar 1.38 billion) from Tk 63.81 billion on Wednesday.

## Use of illicit drugs on rise in country

Use of illicit drugs is gradually increasing in Bangladesh as it is being used as one of the routes for drug trafficking, reports UNB.

About 90 per cent of the world's illicitly produced opiates (Opium, coca and cannabis) originates in two main production areas — Golden Crescent (Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan) and the Golden Triangle (Laos, Myanmar and Thailand).

The drug traders use Bangladesh as a safe passage for trafficking the illicit substances due to its proximity to the producing areas and weakness in law enforcement, observed a drug control expert.

Regional Representative of UN International Drug Control Programme Abdul Latif said consumption of illicit drugs is increasing globally and South Asian countries, including Bangladesh, are most vulnerable to drug abuse.

He was talking to newsmen on the overall drug abuse situation in Bangladesh at the UNDP conference room in the city yesterday morning.

The UNDCP representative, however, could not provide any figure on the use of drugs in Bangladesh.

He said the law enforcers should be well equipped with

modern techniques and tools to prevent the spread of drug use. Latif also stressed on the need for government's strong policy in this regard.

Quoting the World Drug Report of 1997, he said the annual global prevalence rate of illicit drug consumption is likely to be in the range of 3.3 to 4.1 per cent of the total population.

The drug widely used is cannabis, which is consumed by about 2.5 per cent of the global population equals to nearly 140 million people worldwide.

Afghanistan and Myanmar have been identified as the two main countries of illicit opium-poppo cultivation in the World Drug Report (WDR).

According to the report 98 per cent of coca in the world grown in Peru, Colombia and Bolivia.

He said the total revenue accruing to the illicit drug trafficking lies about 400 billion US dollar, which is equivalent to about 8 per cent of the total international trade.

Latif said about 4,000 tonnes of cannabis, 251 tonnes cocaine, 31 tonnes heroin and 13 tonnes of morphine were seized in 1995, which is only 10 to 15 per cent of the production. The remaining 80 to 90 per cent goes to users.

## Weather

## Night temp may fall

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Moderate cold wave is sweeping over Srimangol of Sylhet division and mild cold wave over Rajshahi division and the region of Kustia, Met office said.

Slight fall in night temperature is expected across Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and the region of Jessore and Kustia.

The country's highest temperature 27.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and Kutubdia and the lowest 7.4 degree at Srimangol.

The sun sets today at 5:33 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:44 am. Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in Percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	25.2	11.5	72	56
Chittagong	27.0	16.0	86	56
Rajshahi	23.5	8.0	97	-
Khulna	25.2	11.0	91	77
Barisal	25.8	11.0	91	80
Sylhet	23.0	10.5	100	79
Cox's Bazar	27.8	15.6	86	58

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**Tender Notice**

Tender Notice No. BSFIC/PD-1/AI-Mills/1330/95-96 Dated: 7.1.98

Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide suppliers/manufacturers by Bangladesh Sugar & Food Industries Corporation, Purchase Division, Purbarag Bhaban (2nd floor), 3, Dilkusha Com. Area, Dhaka, for import of 400 KVA and 500 KVA DIESEL GENERATING SET, Origin of UK, USA, JAPAN, GERMANY, SWEDEN, ITALY, FRANCE, NETHERLAND & SWITZERLAND on C&F(C) Chittagong basis. Earnest money 01% of the total value should accompany the tender, the detail of which has been mentioned in the tender document. Source of fund is cash foreign exchange. Tender will be received up to 12:00 noon on 26.02.98 and opened in the presence of tenderers at 12:10 PM on the same day. Tender document with detailed specification and other terms will be available from the (1) Additional Chief Accountant (H.O) of this Corporation at Adamjee Court (4th floor), and the (2) General Manager (Shipping) BSFIC, Shipping Office, Arag Chamber, 68, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong on cash payment of Tk 750/- only (non-refundable) on all working days between 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. No tender document will be sold on the day of opening of the tender. Corporation reserves the right to accept/reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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**A T M Shamsul Alam**  
Additional Chief (Purchase)

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Chief Conservator of Forest  
Forest Resources Management Project  
Banobhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212

Memo No. 2D-55/98/18 Dated: 14.1.98

## Sub: Invitation for Hiring the Services of Expatriate and Local Consultant

Applications are hereby invited from individual Consultants for providing services as per TOR, having experience and expertise in the disciplines, indicated below, under IDA financed Forest Resources Management Project of GOB (IDA Credit No. BD-2397).

A. Expatriate

- Senior Forestry Consultant: 6 mm (Three split mission).
- Qualification & Experience: Consultant should have a basic forestry degree and a post-graduate degree in economics, finance or management. He/she should have operational experience in forestry and at least 5 years of service holding a senior manager position in a government department (preferably forest department) engaged with suitable investment (developed) program. He should have good communication skills and full control of English language.

- Description of Task: Consultant will be the team leader. He/she will formulate a factual programming and budgeting and monitoring and evaluation system with technical and administrative details including procedures and performance indicators, by adopting or/and modifying existing procedures as relevant or/and introducing new procedures. He/she will also refine the TOR of team members, supervise and guide their work and responsible for maintaining liaison with the department.

B. Local Consultant

- Management Information System Consultant: 12 mm

- Qualification & Experience: The Consultant should have a graduate degree — preferably a post-graduate — in one of the management related disciplines. He should have at least 5 years experience in developing and implementing management information systems as an independent Consultant or a reputable management firm. He should have hands on experience in working with automated management information systems. His knowledge on government's budget and programming procedures will be a preference. He should have communication and training skills and full command of English and Bangla languages.

- Description of Task: The Consultant will work under the supervision of the team leader. He/she will be responsible for developing the details of the logical and integrated planning, budgeting and monitoring and evaluation system. The Consultant will adopt, modify or/and revise new recording, and reporting formats, prepare operational and training manuals and verify their compatibility with the general procedures of the government. He/she will organize and conduct hands on training programs and involve actively in the implementation of the system at the selected range offices, DFO, CF offices and FD headquarters. He/she will work closely with the system specialist to automate the system as required. His/her assignment will be concluded within 12 months excluding periodic absences/discontinuation which may be necessary for operational reasons.

2. Computer Programmer: 6mm

- Qualification & Experience: The Consultant should have a degree in computer science or subject related with system design and development. He/she should have at least 5 years of experience in computer programming as an independent Consultant or as an employee of a reputed firm. He should have full command of English and Bangla languages.

- Description of Task: The Consultant will be responsible for developing computer programs to automate the programming/budgeting and monitoring and evaluation system (s) to be formulated by the senior foresters and the MIS Consultants. He/she will prepare user manuals and train FD staff on the job to implement and maintain the system.

The individual Consultants will work in close collaboration with other team members under all supervision of FD's relevant wing and Project Director, FRMP. The works are to be carried out as per TOR prepared for the consultancy services mentioned above, which can be obtained from the office of the Project Director, FRMP, Banobhaban, Dhaka. The personnel selected will be based in Dhaka. The Consultants will also have to undertake field visits within the project area.

Individuals, interested in providing service for the consultancy positions mentioned above, are required to submit application/offer along with: their CB (with two passport size photographs) and also indicating consolidated monthly remuneration, per diem, round trip airfare (for expatriate only) and other out of pocket expenses to the Project Director, Forest Resources Management Project, Banobhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212 by 15-2-98 at the latest. Applications with inadequate information shall not be considered.

S M Jalil  
Chief Conservator of Forest  
Bangladesh

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## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Food

Bangladesh Secretariate, Dhaka

No MOF/Sec-12/International Pur-1/98-12 Dated: 15-01-98

## International Tender Notice for Import of Non-Basmoti Par-boiled Rice

Tenders in sealed cover are invited from bonafide traders for supply of 50,000 MT (Fifty thousand) Metric Tons of Non-Basmoti Par-boiled rice in cash. The particulars of tender are furnished below:

- Quantity: 50,000 MT (5% more or less seller's option). Minimum quantity to be offered 10,000 MT.
- Basis: 50,000 MT at Chittagong port on C&F liner terms at both ends (Lighterage, if any on seller's account up to jetty). Price per MT to be quoted separately in US dollar.
- Mode of payment: Cash through L/C.
- Quality & specification: Details given in the tender schedule.
- Country of origin: Any country.
- Crop year: Latest crop of 1997-98.
- Packing: 50/75 Kg per standard new jute bags.
- Date of shipment: 30 days from the date of signing of the contract.
- Earnest money/bid bond: 2% value of the total quantity to be quoted along with the tender (details given in the tender schedule).
- Cost of tender schedule and other terms & conditions: Tk 5,000.00 non-refundable by Pay Order/Bank Draft drawn in favour of Secretary, Ministry of Food.
- Last date of selling tender schedule and other terms & conditions etc: 11th February, 1998 up to 4.00 PM.
- Place of selling of tender schedule: Room No 106, Section-12, Building No 4, Ministry of Food, Dhaka.
- Place of receiving tender: In the tender box to be kept in the Room No 119, Building No 4, Ministry of Food, Bangladesh Secretariate, Dhaka or in the office chamber of Director (Procurement), Room No 501, Food Directorate, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.
- Time and date of closing tender: 1300 hrs BST on 12th February, 1998.
- Time & date of opening tender: 1330 hrs BST on 12th February, 1998. Tenderers or their representatives may attend the same.
- Validity offer to be kept: Up to 1700 hrs BST on 17-2-98.
- Other terms & conditions: Incomplete and conditional tender will not be considered. Ministry of Food reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bids partly or wholly without assigning any reason.

Dr Yeameen Akbory  
Sr Asst Secretary  
Phone: 867938

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