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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is seen with the Director of Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD) Md Sajedur Rahman and Director of Cyclone Preparedness Programme (CPP) Fazul Wahab after handing over the Smith Tumsaroch Fund Prize to these two departments at the International Conference Centre in the city yesterday. Defence Secretary Syed Yusuf Hossain, WMO representative Eisa Hussain Al-Majed and ESCAF representative C Ertuna also seen in the photo. —ISPR photo

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Albright hails CHT accord

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has hailed the Chittagong Hill Tracts agreement signed between the government and the tribal insurgents, reports UNB.

Albright, in a recent letter to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina which was handed over by the US Ambassador in Dhaka John C Holzman said "I have been pleased to note the positive coverage which has greeted your government's efforts to implement the historic CHT peace accord."

She said the United States welcomes the peace agreement between the government and the tribal insurgents and hoped that with good will on all sides, the peace accord can be fully implemented so that the people of the Hill Tracts region may be able to enjoy peace and economic prosperity.

Reiterating the importance the United States attached on developing strong and friendly relations with Bangladesh, Albright also expressed her own desire to work closely with Bangladesh Prime Minister to further strengthen the ties between the two countries.

Bangladesh expresses concern at decrease of int'l aid for population programme

Bangladesh has expressed its concern about the decrease at the level of international assistance for population programme to the developing countries and called for reversing the trend to achieve the desired objective, reports BSS.

While appreciating the increase of assistance made by some countries specially the European Union members, Ali said the momentum of increased flow of fund occurred following the Cairo International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in 1994 "has to be maintained." Bangladesh and other LDCs are particularly dependent on external assistance for successful implementation of plan of action of ICPD, Ali said.

Ali informed the session that Bangladesh government has taken up the recommendations of the ICPD with due seriousness.

Addressing the UN Commission for Population and Development, Health and Family Welfare Secretary Muhammad Ali expressed concern that the level of assistance has decreased so much from some other countries that the cumulative amount available for population programmes in 1996 is indeed below the level of 1994 and 1995. He told the 31st session of the Commission in New York Monday that this "trend has to be reversed" in order to successfully carry out the programme undertaken by the developing countries, particularly the LDCs, a message received in the city yesterday from the UN headquarters said.

Notice of Tender
Military Engineer Services

- Applications are invited by AHQ, QMG's Br, DW & CE (Army) Dhaka Cantt for issue of tender documents for the following works separately:
 - Constr of culvert with earthen road at Trisal Cantt.
 - Constr of 1x20 BOQ with Batman Qtr at Trisal Cantt (2 storey with 6 storied foundation).
 - Constr of 1x20 BOQ incl internal/external services at Jahanabad Cantt.
 - Constr of 1xSM Bk for 2 NCO's & 40 men with CH/DH & recreation room at Jessore Cantt (2 storied with 6 storied foundation).
 - Constr of 2xBridge at Trisal Cantt.
 - Constr of BOQ and Offrs mess for 10 Offrs incl internal/external services at Savar Cantt (2 storey with 2 storied foundation).
- Eligible contractors may apply for tender documents as per MES Regulations. Interested MES enlisted 'A' 'B' & 'C' class contractors may apply quoting their class, index numbers, list of work done in last 05 (five) years. Contractors must have VAT registration. VAT and other taxes are payable as per rules. Applications should be submitted to this Directorate within 10 days mentioning name of works at the top of the envelope.
- Authority reserves full power to accept/cancel any/all applications without assigning any reason.

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DW & CE (Army)
 Dhaka Cantt

AL leader Moslehuddin dead

An eminent freedom fighter and president of Narsingdi District Awami League Moslehuddin Bhuiyan died of diabetes and related diseases at Suhrawardi Hospital yesterday afternoon, reports BSS.

Moslehuddin, 73, was the member of Ganaparishad in 1970 and a member of Parliament in 1973.

A close associate of the father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, he left behind four sons and three daughters and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held today at Duttapara Mosque in Narsingdi town and he will be buried at his family graveyard.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday rushed to Suhrawardi Hospital to pay her last respect to the dedicated politician.

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This is to notify all concerned that the Head office of CITECH Co. Ltd has been shifted from 22 Bijoy Nagar (2nd Floor) to :

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It may also be mentioned here that, Mr. Kaiser Huda is still very much in the employment of CITECH and the advertisement published earlier had been done without the consent of the undersigned.

-The Managing Director.

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Seminar on economy of Bangladesh

By DU Correspondent

A seminar on "The Economy of Bangladesh: Present Performance and Challenges for the Future" will be held at 4 pm today at the seminar room of the Advanced Social Sciences Research Centre of the Dhaka University.

Prof Dr Ayubur Rahman Bhuiyan of the Department of Economics of Dhaka University will present the key-note paper at the seminar organised by the Advanced Social Sciences Research Centre, says a press release.

Obituary

Renowned freedom fighter Mahmudul Haque Chowdhury, General Manager of Rahim Textile Mills died at Aranya Niketon Clinic, Dhaka on Monday. He was 47, says a press release.

Namaz-e-janaza of Mahmudul Haque Chowdhury was held at the Sat Masjid premises on the same day and laid to rest at his family graveyard at Chaudyagram, Comilla on the same day. He left his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives, friends and well-wishers to mourn his death.

PM opens diploma engineers' convention today

By Staff Correspondent

The 12th national convention of the Institute of Bangladesh Diploma Engineers (IDEB) will begin today with a pledge of human resource development for economic emancipation.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the three-day long convention at the IDEB premises in Kakrail in the morning.

A number of seminars on different important issues will be held during the convention.

The 21st council of the institute will also take place during the occasion, says a press release by the IDEB.

After the inauguration ceremony, a seminar will be held on Energy and Power: Modern fuel for the National Growth Engine, where State Minister for Planning, Science and Technology Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir will be the chief guest.

Dr. MA Wazed Mian will preside over the seminar and State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Prof. Rafiqul Islam will also be present.

Minister for Water Resources Abdur Razzaq will be chief guest at the seminar on "Administrative efficiency for the national economic development and discipline: Bangladesh context" on Thursday afternoon. The seminar will be chaired by former secretary Inam Ahmed Chowdhury.

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Last date of application **05 March 1998.**

Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be called for interview.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
 Facilities Department
 Rangpur Zone

Tender Notice

Notice No. 15/EE/FD/Rang/97-98 Dated: 12-02-98

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from Facilities Department's A-1 & A-2 category contractors for horizontal extension of the undermentioned urban Govt Primary Schools under "Govt Primary School Re-construction & Repair" Project during 1997-98 financial year.

(A) Group List:

Group No	District	Thana	Name of selected educational institution	Remarks
08	Rangpur	Sadar	Dhap Govt Primary School	
09	Rangpur	Sadar	Tajhat Govt Primary School	
10	Rangpur	Sadar	QA Memorial Govt Primary School	
11	Gaibandha	Sadar	Komorno Municipal Govt Primary School	
12	Gaibandha	Sadar	Uttarpara Govt Primary School	

N.B. For Group Nos. 01 to 07, tender invitation & acceptance have been completed earlier.

(B) Last date of purchasing tender document : 08-3-98 (up to office hours).

(C) Date & time of receiving tender : 09-3-98 up to 12:00 Noon.

(D) Date & time of opening tender : 09-3-98 at 12:30 PM.

(E) Estimated cost (per group) : Tk 13,84,011/-

(F) Earnest money : Bank Draft /Pay Order for Tk 27,700/- (twenty-seven thousand seven hundred) only from any nationalised/scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Rangpur Zone, Rangpur should be deposited with each tender.

(G) Prescribed time limit for completion of work : 06 (six) months from the date of work order.

(H) Offices where tender documents will be available from & can be deposited to : a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Rangpur. b) Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Rangpur /Kurigram/Rajshahi/Bogra/Pabna /Naogaon/Dinajpur/Panchagarh Zone office. Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department, Gaibandha District office.

(I) Price per set of tender document : Tk 750/- (seven hundred fifty) only (non-refundable).

Other information regarding the tender and terms & conditions will be available in the tender document. The authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Terms & Conditions:

- Contractors must produce their respective registration book of 1997-98 licence renewal & VAT registration certificate prior to purchasing tender document.
- Tender will be treated as cancelled outright if the quoted rate is more than 5% (five per cent) below the estimated cost.
- Income Tax & VAT will be deducted from the bill as per govt rules.
- Besides the Divisional Engineer, the Project Improvement Committee (PIC) will discharge the responsibility of overall supervision of development work and bill of contractor will be paid subject to receipt of certificate from PIC.
- In case under any circumstance, name of any selected educational institution described at column-4 is changed or cancelled later on the contractor/contractors for the work will not be given any financial benefit on compensation.

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Md. Zulfikar Ali Haider
 Executive Engineer
 Facilities Department, Rangpur Zone

Notice Inviting Tender of RHD-I

- Tender Notice : 28/EE/KRD-I of 1997-98. No.
- Name of work : Construction of brick pavement work at 14th KM of Matiranga-Tanakkhpara Road of bridge approach No. 14/1 at Tanakkhpara end under Khagrachari Road Division-I, during the year 1997-98.
- Chargeable to : 266 CA/Matiranga-Tanakkhpara Road.
- Estimated cost : Tk. 1,20,509/-
- Earnest money : Tk. 2,411/-
- Name of office of availability of tender document up to 5.00 PM on 8-3-98 : Executive Engineer, RHD, Khagrachari Road Divn. I/II/Rangamati/Planning & Design Divn, Chittagong/Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Khagrachari Road Sub-Divn. I/II at Manikchari/Ramgarh.
- Name of officer to receive the tender bids : Superintending Engineer, RHD, Rangamati Road Circle, Rangamati & the undersigned (It is requested to send the receive of tender in sealed condition by the messenger of the undersigned).
- Last date & time of receipt of tender : Up to 12.30 PM on 9-3-98.
- Tender is sealed condition received from different office will be opened
- Name of officer : Tofazzal Hossain Bhuiyan, Executive Enggr, RHD, Khagrachari Road Divn.-I, Khagrachari.
- Date & time : At 12.45 PM on 10-3-98.
- Time allowed : 10 (Ten) days from the date of issue of work order.
- Eligibility of contractors : "A" to "E" general category RHD enlisted tribal contractors of Khagrachari district.
- Date & time of lottery : At 11.00 AM on 12-3-98.

Executive Engineer, RHD
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