



President Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina exchanging greetings with foreign diplomats at Bangabhaban on Independence and National Day.

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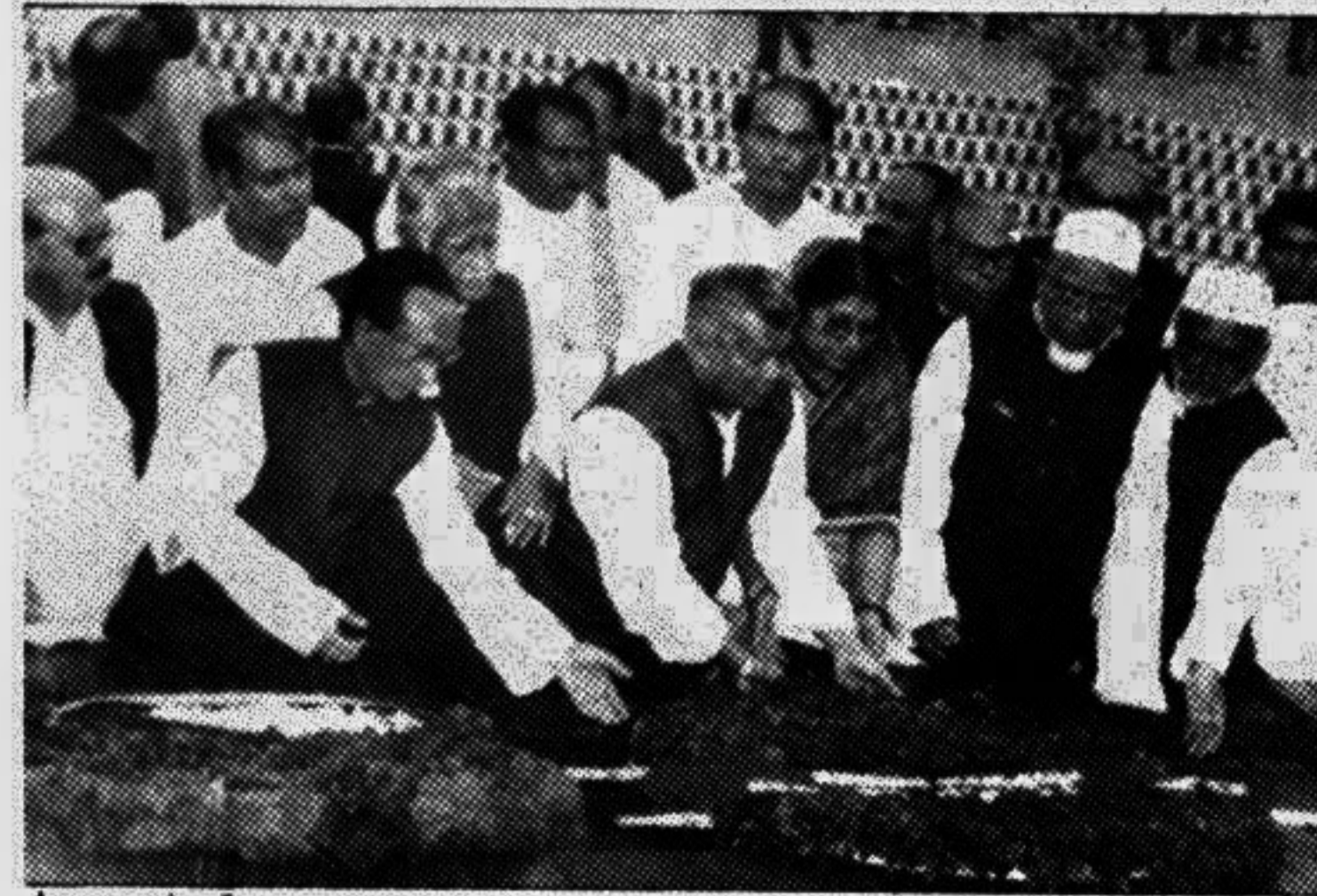
Body recovered

By Staff Correspondent
A 35-year-old man was found dead beside a ditch at Barua under city's Gulshan thana yesterday noon. Police recovered the unidentified body from beside a ditch near the Shilnpara mosque at about 1 pm. A traditional towel (Gancha) was around the neck and the body bore marks of scratch at his throat. The motive behind the killing could not be known immediately. The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue for post mortem. None, however, was arrested till filing of this report last night. Gulshan police were preparing to file a murder case in this connection.

Khaleda shocked

BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia has expressed deep shock at the death of Abdur Rahman, President of Kalaroa thana unit of BNP, reports UNB. In a condolence message yesterday, the BNP leader prayed for the salvation of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members.

Homage to martyrs of Liberation War



Awami League leaders placing wreath at National Memorial at Savar on Independence and National Day.

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Disabled freedom fighters and their family members

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Independence Day observed in missions abroad

Bangladesh missions abroad celebrated the country's 28th National and Independence Day on Thursday with a befitting manner, reports UNB. Bangladesh missions in India, Nepal, Pakistan, Iran, China, Japan, Australia, Italy, Germany, have chalked out elaborate programmes to mark the occasion. The programmes included hoisting of national flags at the missions premises in the morning, holding of discussion meetings and cultural functions, and offering *munajat* for the continued peace, progress and prosperity of the country. Officials and employees of the missions, Bangladeshi communities in abroad and other dignitaries of the respective countries attended the meetings, according to messages received in the city. One minute silence as a mark of showing respect to the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the martyrs of the great Liberation War was also observed. Bangladesh embassy in Beijing organised a discussion meeting at its premises in the morning. Meanwhile Bangladesh Permanent Mission to the United Nations celebrated the Independence of Bangladesh at the mission premises in New York Thursday. A reception was hosted by the Permanent Representative Ambassador Anwarul Karim Chowdhury. Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Calcutta also observed the day with great enthusiasm. BSS adds: Bangladesh Ambassador to the United States K M Shehabuddin said on Thursday working with patriotic zeal for the prosperity of the country was the best way to pay respect to the martyrs of the Liberation War. Addressing the officers and staff of the Bangladesh Embassy in Washington, DC at his residence on the occasion of Independence Day Ambassador Shehabuddin said building of a real "Sonar Bangla" could give solace to the soul of Banga-

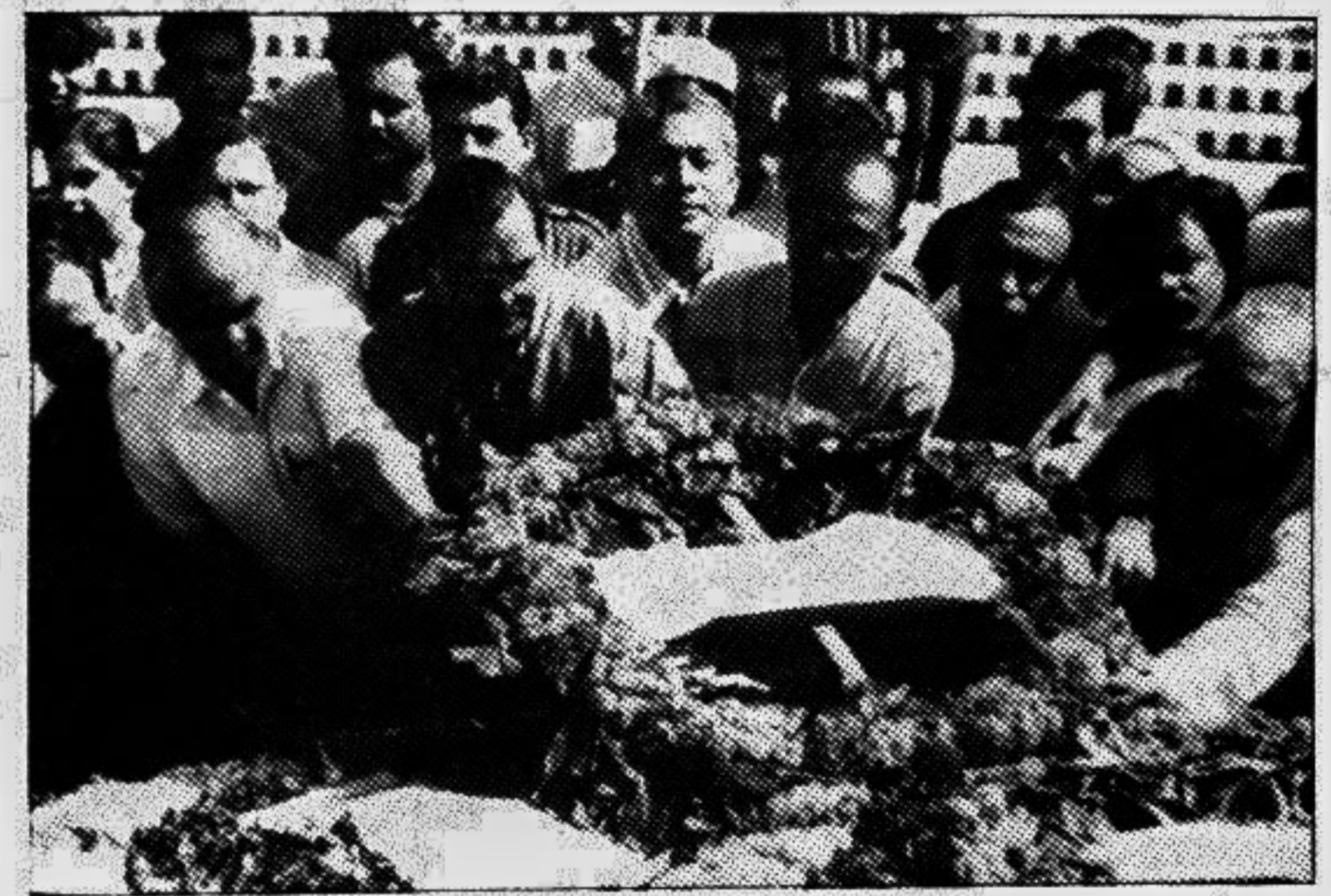
FFs have another war ahead: Amu

Awami League Presidium member Amir Hossain Amu said in the city yesterday that the freedom fighters had successfully liberated their beloved motherland, yet they have another war ahead for achieving the socio-economic emancipation of the people, reports BSS. "The pro-liberation forces are now in the state power, but the struggles of the freedom fighters are not yet over," he said, while addressing a discussion as chief guest at the Central Shaheed Minar. Muktiyoddha Sanghati Parishad organised the discussion in celebration of the 28th Independence and National Day. Presided by the chairman of the Muktiyoddha Sanghati Parishad Col (ret'd) Shawkat Ali MP, the discussion was addressed, among others, by acting general secretary of the Parishad Abdus Samad Pintu, an accused of the Agortala Conspiracy Case, Flight Sergeant Abdul Jalil, Maj (ret'd) Rezaul Karim Reza and Habibur Rahman Habib. Amu said the historic March 7 speech of father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was the real declaration of independence of the country.



JP leaders and workers

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Left Democratic Front

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Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Department of Environment
Paribesh Bhaban, E-16, Agargaon
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
Memo No. Paribesh/Tech/Rgnl.Lab./52/97/478 Dated, Dhaka the 18/3/98

Notice Inviting Re-Tender No. 04 (1997-98) (3rd Call)

Sealed tenders in prescribe forms are hereby invited from bonafide agents only for supplying of 10 (ten) window Type Air Conditioners of internationally reputed company for DOE's, Chittagong, Khulna and Bogra Divisional offices under the "Improvement of Regional Laboratories and Development of Decentralized Infrastructure of the Department of Environment Project" being implemented by the Department of Environment, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Tender documents shall be available on cash payment (non-refundable) of Tk. 450/= (four hundred & fifty) only in the office of the undersigned at Paribesh Bhaban, Plot No. E-16, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207 on all working days during office hours up to 01/04/1998 on submission of written application along with copy of agency certificate from the manufacturer. All the tenders should be dropped in the tender box to be kept in front of the office chamber of the undersigned on 2/04/1998 up to 12.00 Noon and opened on the same day at 12-30 PM. No tender documents shall be sold on the opening day.

The bidders shall submit their tenders with certificate of origin & with copy of agency certificate from the manufacturer, catalogue/brochure accordingly and will have to submit tenders along with earnest money 2.5% of the total quoted amount in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in favour of the undersigned. The authority shall not bear any cost related to preparation and submission of tender.

In case any bidders wish to submit more than one tender for different brand should be submitted in separate schedule along with requisite earnest money. If any bidders submit more than one offer in single schedule will be treated as cancelled.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. Incomplete tenders will be rejected directly.

Md. Shahjahan
Project Director
Improvement of Regional Laboratories and Development of Decentralized Infrastructure of Department of Environment Project

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H)
Road Division, B'baria

Quotation Invitation Notice-4

- Quotation Notice No: 4/EE, RHD, B'baria-1997-98.
- Name of work: Quotation notice for toll collection from transports etc crossing by ferry at Putia & Kunda Ferryghats at 8th & 10th KM respectively of Sarail-Nasirmagar road under B'baria Road Division during 1998-99 financial year (from the date of signing contract up to 30-6-99).
- Earnest money: Taka 2% of the rate quoted in the quotation should be submitted through BD/CDR/ Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of the undersigned.
- Name of offices: Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong/Executive Engineer (R&H), Comilla/Chandpur/Planning & Design Division, Comilla/ Planning Division (P&D), Dhaka and offices of all Sub-Divisional Engineers under the respective Division and office of the undersigned.
- Name of offices: Additional Chief Engineer (R&H), Comilla Zone, Comilla/Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong/Superintending Engineer (R&H), Road Circle, Comilla/Moni: & Eva: Circle (P&D), Dhaka and office of the undersigned.
- Price of quotation schedule: Taka 500/- (five hundred) only (non-refundable) per set.
- Prescribed time: For 1998-99 financial year (up to for toll collection contract).
- Last date & time of selling quotation: 31-3-98 during office hours.
- Last date & time of receiving quotation: 1-4-98 up to 12-30 PM.
- Last date & time of opening quotation: 6-4-98 at 11-00 AM.
- Date & time of holding lottery: 13-4-98 at 11-00 AM (if applicable).
- Eligibility of contractor: Reputed persons, contractors & trading firms.

Md Helal Uddin
Executive Engineer (R&H)
Road Division, B'baria

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What's on today . . .

Painting Exhibition: A ten-day solo painting exhibition by Mubnuul Azim will be inaugurated. Venue: Shilpakala Academy Conference Hall. Time: 5 pm. The exhibition will remain open till April 6 from 2 pm to 8pm daily.

Seminar and video session: A seminar and video session on "Geoscience for the development of Bangladesh" will be held on the occasion of twelfth founding anniversary of the Department of Geological Science, JU. Venue: Central auditorium, JU, Savar. Time: 10 am.

Film show: Two films 'Shwet Pathorer Thala and Kamla' will be screened. Organiser: British Council and Centre for Women and Children Studies. Venue: BC auditorium. Time: 4 pm and 6:30 pm respectively.

Get-together: The get-together and feast '98 of the Titas Gas Officers' Welfare Association will be held. Venue: Titas Gas Bhaban, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue. Time: 6:30 pm.

Int'l seminar: An international seminar on 'Export-led growth strategy for South Asia: Prospect and challenges', jointly organised by the Bureau of Economic Research, DU and Asian and Pacific Development Centre (APDC), Kuala Lumpur, will be held. Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 10 am.

AGM of BSAF: The annual general meeting '97 of the Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BSAF) will be held and a new Executive Board will be formed through election. Venue: WVA auditorium, Rd: 16, Dhanmondi. Time: 10 am.

ASB meeting: The 3rd monthly general meeting of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh will be held. Venue: Seminar room of the Society. Time: 4 pm.

Spring Festival of Poetry '98: The 7th Bashantakaleen Kabita Utshab (Spring Festival of Poetry), organised by the Kabikantha, will be held. Venue: Jalshaghar, Hotel Purbani. Time: 6 pm.

Reception: A reception will be accorded to newly formed Executive Board of the Dhaka State College, Dhanmondi and a prize giving ceremony will also be held. Venue: College premises. Time: 10 am.

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

Discussion: In observance of the independence and National Day a discussion meet and cultural programmes, organised by the Bulbul Lalitkala Academy, will be held. Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy auditorium. Time: 7 pm.

Weather

Day temp may rise

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry over the country and with partly cloudy sky over Khulna, Barisal, Dhaka and Chittagong divisions till 6 pm today, reports UNB. The Met office predicted slight rise in day temperature over the country during the period. The country's highest temperature 34.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and the lowest 14.0 degree Celsius at Rajshahi. The sun set today at 6:13 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:54 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	32.2	17.6	45	49
Chittagong	32.0	17.6	53	41
Rajshahi	33.2	14.0	43	41
Khulna	32.4	20.0	69	48
Barisal	31.7	17.3	55	49
Sylhet	30.5	18.4	61	41
Cox's Bazar	34.0	18.6	86	43

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