

**PM hands over cheques to four women**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday handed over cheques for Taka fifty thousand to each of the four women of Kushtia who were violated by the Pakistani occupation army during the War of Liberation, reports BSS.

The prime minister also presented some gifts to them on the occasion of the forthcoming Eid-ul-Azha.

The recipients of the cheques and gifts included Momena Khatoon, Guljar Nessa, Elazer Nessa and Masuda Khatoon.

**What's on today . . . .**

**Cassette launching:** The launching ceremony of a cassette by renowned singer Kalim Sharafi, titled 'Nabajiboner Gaan,' will be held. Venue: British Council auditorium. Time: 10:30 am.

**Prize-distribution ceremony:** The prize-distribution ceremony of Meril-Bhorer Kagoj Mela Survey of Top 10 Stars will be held. Venue: Ballroom of Hotel Sheraton. Time: 6 pm.

**Meeting:** A special meeting of organising committee for re-union of Government Laboratory High School Ex-students will be held. Venue: School premises. Time: 4 pm.

**AGM:** The annual general meeting of Dhaka Journalists' Housing Cooperative Society Limited will be held. Venue: Society's office, Mirpur Housing Complex. Time: 10 am.

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**bgd/96/018 - strengthening the election commission for improvement in the electoral process**

**COMPUTER OPERATOR (1)**

Duration: 36 working months  
Station: Project Office, Dhaka

One computer operator will be stationed at the project office throughout the duration of the project to provide day-to-day operational facilitation of the computerised electoral role. Responsibilities will include:

- data entry and processing;
- responding to official requests for election-related data;
- supplying timely updates on successive elections as per requirements;
- processing data into required/prescribed formats for the consumption of public officials and the general public at large through the print/electronic media and other outlets; and
- other project-related functions as assigned by the National Project Director.

**Qualifications:** The incumbent will have a minimum honours degree with prior experience of word-processing (Word7, DTP &c.), database software (Lotus, MSeExcel &c.), taking accurate dictation via shorthand and strong working proficiency in spoken and written English. The successful candidate will also possess proven learning skills and the ability to acquire and operate new database systems in a short space of time; prior experience in computer-operating environment required.

All shortlisted candidates will be tested by the UNDP on their proficiency in English, shorthand skills, their wordprocessing and command of database software.

Remuneration will be as per current UNDP scales.

Applications should be marked confidential and include: a cover letter and two copies of the applicant's curriculum. No copies of references, certificates or professional papers should be submitted at this time. Applications should be sent to the Manager, Human Resources, United Nations Development Programme (ref: BGD/96/018), House 60, Road 11A, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka 1205 within 14 days of this advertisement. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

Note: Any attempt to influence the process of selection will result in the immediate termination of the candidate's application.

**WOMEN ARE PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGED TO APPLY**

National Project Director  
BGD/96/018

**Weather**

**Dry weather likely**

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

Day temperature may rise by 1-3 degree Celsius across the country during the period, according to the Met Office.

Country's highest temperature 33.0 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and Cox's Bazar and the lowest 16.0 degrees Celsius at Srimongal.

The sun sets today at 6:15 pm and rises on Saturday at 5:48 am.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.0	18.6	68	54
Chittagong	32.3	20.7	80	62
Rajshahi	31.5	17.4	66	49
Khulna	31.8	20.0	71	—
Barisal	31.5	18.0	63	—
Sylhet	33.0	19.4	62	56
Cox's Bazar	33.0	21.0	66	39

**IUCN**  
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Founded in 1948, IUCN - The World Conservation Union brings together states, government agencies and a diverse range of non-governmental organizations in a unique world partnership; some 913 members in all spread across 138 countries.

IUCN's South & Southeast Asia Programme - which covers 17 countries and maintains five country offices - is looking for two Senior Staff who will work under the supervision of the Regional Director and be based, initially, at the IUCN Regional Coordination Office in Bangkok, Thailand.

**Programme Coordinator**

The responsibilities of this position will include; overall administration of IUCN's regional programme; identifying, prioritizing and developing a regional conservation programme and policies; feeding back into the global programme and policy planning to ensure inclusion of regional priorities; supporting the region's technical programme with particular emphasis on capacity building for programme design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation; and representing the region of national and regional fora.

The successful candidate will have: academic and professional training in the natural or social sciences, with a specialization in environment and development issues; at least 10 years of relevant Asian/international experience, five of which will be in the field of environmental management, demonstrated ability in managing and leading a highly qualified team of experts; handling advocacy and fund raising matters; proficiency in written and spoken English and at least one other Asian language; good computer skills and the willingness to travel extensively in the region.

**Chief Finance & Human Resources Officer**

The responsibilities of this position will cover the regional office and country offices and include: implementing appropriate financial management procedures in compliance with fiscal, statutory and legal obligations; managing programme assets; reviewing and renegotiating if necessary, regional and country office MOUs to ensure favorable terms and conditions; assisting in the development of effective fundraising strategies for the regional and country offices; ensuring that appropriate administrative and financial reporting linkage are established within the region and with HQ.

The successful candidate will: be a Chartered Accountant, a CPA or have an equivalent qualification with 10 years of relevant experience, preferably in an international organization; possess strong interpersonal skills and leadership potential; have good computer skills; be fluent in written and spoken English and at least one other Asian language and be willing to travel extensively in the region.

Preference will be given to candidates from the region. Qualified candidates should apply before 29 April 1998 to: Head, IUCN Regional Coordination Office, AIT, P.O. Box 4, Klong Luang, Pathunthani 12120, Thailand. Fax: (662) 524-5392, Email: hussain@ait.ac.th, website: http://www.iucn.org

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**Obituary**

Qamarun Nigar Atiq, wife of Brig M Atiqur Rahman (retired) died on Wednesday in the city. She was 65, says a press release.

She is survived by her husband, two daughters and a son. Her namaz-e-janaza was held yesterday at the Old DOHS Mosque. All her friends and relatives are requested to attend her *qul khawani* and pray for her departed soul on Tuesday, April 7 after Asr prayers at her Residence 18, DOHS (Old), Banani, Dhaka Cantonment.

**Happy Birthday**

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**36th ANNIVERSARY & REUNION**

Date: 15th May'98 Venue: School Premises  
Last Date of Registration for both Reunion & inclusion of name in the Directory and to send Articles for Souvenir is 30th April'98

**For more information**  
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Courtesy: The Daily Star

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