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Govt plans to form Strategic Transport Authority: Zillur

Chowdhury.

Zillur said that country's

transport sector has been grap-

ple with various problems as

there was no standard institute

to improve professional knowl-

edge and skill of the people

Institute of Transport will play

and important role in develop-

ing scientific knowledge and re-

search, education, training and

the first time has given prefer-

ence to the private en-

trepreneurs for development of

the transport sector and the

He said the government for

He hoped that the Chartered

working in the sector.

professional skill.

welfare of the people.

Press Club, reports BSS.

BFUJ president Iqbal Sob-

han Chowdhury, secretary gen-eral Abul Kalam Azad and DUJ

acting president Suva Rahman

and general secretary Azizul

Islam Bhuiyan have requested

the community members to at-

tend the discussion to be held in

observance of the great May

Lack of professional knowledge, proper training and skilled manpower, and unbridled use of unfit vehicles are the main causes behind the growing traffic mishap and environment pollution, reports UNB.

Institute of Transport at the LGED auditorium in the city

actively considering the formation of the proposed Strategic Transport Authority to build of passengers and cargo in rail, road, air and waterways.

BFUJ, DUJ to hold discussion on 'May Day'

Bangladesh Federal Union has presented a microbus to the of Journalists (BFUJ) and Board of Investment (BOI) yes-Dhaka Union of Journalists terday to facilitate the work of (DUJ) will jointly hold a discussion on "May Day, the unity of the journalists and press free-MCCI president Laila Rahdom" on May one at 10 am at the VIP lounge of the National

Chairman Farooq Sobhan at an informal ceremony. Sobhan expressed his sincere thanks to MCCI for their

support and hoped that similar gesture will be extended by other organisations for strengthening the One-stop Service, said a press release.

Coast Guard recovers rope

The Coast Guards recovered the stolen 220-metre expensive reports UNB.

desh Coast Guard yesterday said the rope worth Tk 8 lakh was stolen from MV QC Pintile on the same day.

the ship owner.

Gen Zahirul Amin

reports UNB. He met with BNP chief Be-

General Khan who retired as Director General of Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIISS) in January 1997 was Defence Advisor at Bangladesh High

1990-93. Begum Zia welcomed the retired major general to her party and hoped his joining will

BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Lt Gen (Rtd) Shawkat Ali, Anwar Zahid were, among others, present on

Moon Sighting

Committee will hold a meeting at the Islamic Foundation today

State Minister for Religious Affairs Maulana Nurul Islam will preside over the meeting,

If the noon of the holy Muharram is sighted from anywhere in the country, the authorities have requested to contact the following telephone numbers: 9556407, 9558337, 9550280, 9559493, 9559643, 9555947, 9555951 and Fax: 9563397.

Hasina greets new Russian PM

Hasina has expressed her warm and heartiest congratulations to Sergei Vladilenovich Kiriyenko on his appointment as the Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, reports

In a message of felicitation to Kiriyenko the Prime Minister recalled that "Bangladesh and Russia have very close and cordial relations which date back to the days of our Liberation War. I am confident that the close cooperation between our two friendly countries will continue to grow during your tenure."

Natyachakra.

Engineer Md Shamsul Haque Bhuiyan

Project Director

Crash Program (3rd Pilot Project)

Additional Chief Engineer

Dhaka City Corporation

President, PM pay tribute to Sher-e-Bangla

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday paid his deep respect to Sher-e-Bangla A K Fazlul Huq saying the people of this country will remain greatful to this great leader for his dedicated services in achieving welfare of the common people, reports BSS.

In a message on the eve of 36th death anniversary of Sher-e-Bangla the President referred to the institution of "Rin Shalishi Board" formed by the great leader to free the oppressed farmers from the clutches of private lenders. He said, his contributions for the development of education will also remain a source of inspiration for all.

Justice Shahabuddin said Sher-e-Bangla struggled throughout his life for establishing the rights of the people and

upholding democracy. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said in the city vesterday that the life and philosophy of Sher-e-Bangla A K Fazlul Huq would continue to inspire the people of this country for ages to build an exploitation free democratic soci-

Referring Sher-e-Bangla's efforts to build a society free from exploitation Sheikh Hasina said he (Sher-e-Bangla) will be ever remembered by the nation as a symbol of "communal harmony" and "Bengali nation-

CT scanning at the BIRDEM hospital in the city has been resumed after a lapse of about two months, reports UNB.

Computer Tomography had remained suspended since February when the high voltage transformer of the scanning machine had gone out of order.

The damage part of the apparatus has been procured from abroad and CT scanning facilities have been restored in the

the inconveniences caused to its patients in the last two months.

Hasina shocked

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has expressed her deep sense of shock and great sorrow over the recent tragedy that occurred in Bhutan in which the Taktshang Monastery, one of the ancient temples of Bhutan was destroyed as a result of a devastating fire, reports BSS.

In a message to the King of Bhutan Jigme Singye Wangchuk yesterday the Prime Minister said, "I wish to convey to your majesty and through you to the government and the people of Bhutan that the government and the people of Bangladesh are with you in sharing this tragedy". May your people find the inner strength and solace to overcome the unfortunate event, she added.

Ruposhi Bangladesh contest postponed

By Staff Correspondent Model Watch postponed the "Ruposhi Bangladesh Competition" because of "unavoidable

reasons" yesterday. An MW press release signed by its convenor Rezaul Islam Kallol yesterday expressed sorrow for the postponement of the

competition. BSS, APP sign news exchange accord

National news agency of Bangladesh, BSS, and national news agency of Pakistan, APP, yesterday signed a news exchange agreement at Hotel Sheraton yesterday afternoon, reports BSS

Chief Editor and Managing Director of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) M Anisuzzaman and Director General of Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) M Aftab signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organisations.

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed and Pakistani Minister for Information and Media Development Mushahid Hussain were present at the signing ceremony.

The BSS-APP news exchange agreement is for three years with provision for automatic extension for another three

Sonali Bank rejoinder

bank with support from socalled local community leaders which includes some defaulters also are engaged in what can only be described as the worst sort of self-seeking politics to create impediments to the re-

In six branches of Sonali Bank in the UK and one controlling office of the General Manager, there are only 74 members of the staff which you have mentioned as 90 in London office alone.

member of the Board of Directors who was deputed by the board to visit the UK to supervise the process of subsidisation, never made any commitment to anybody that there would be no retrenchment of Sonali Bank's employees who would not be useful in the restructured institution.

5. It may be mentioned here that during the period of previous governments, quite a few persons having political connection were employed in the Sonali Bank branches in the UK who did not have the requisite qualification or experiences in banking in such an international financial centre like London.

profit of 3.70 million pound sterling (after paying taxes and making provision for bad and doubtful debts). The moderni-

cess will make the UK operation

the loans and asset portfolio of the bank.

Following is our point by

given specific time frame for the Sonali Bank to complete its reforms which include retrenchment of excess staff. SB has failed to start the process of cutting down staff even though the deadline for doing so is near. The Bank of England's position is that unless these reforms are carried out, SB cannot operate in the UK, even in its corporate form.

operation, but neither the Bangladesh Bank nor the finance ministry gave any reply to those before 1997.

3. We admit it was a mistake to say that SB had 90 staff in its General Manager's office alone.

about the redundancy programme. But, according to information gathered from the General Manager's office, the director, under political and local community pressure, had instead verbally said there would not be any redundancy in

5. This point fully corroborates The Daily Star story.

6. The Daily Star did not mention anything regarding the profit of SB UK operation. However, a few lines would be appropriate here. Given the big three lakh Bangladeshi community in UK doing various

tioned, the loans were given on political consideration and not on business consideration.

Tail piece: Bangladesh Busi-ness Council in Birmingham, in a memorandum on April 1, 1998, said "discussions have been taking place for Sonali Bank to become a limited company with pressure from the Bank of England to do so." It also called for "stamping out political and community influence (on the bank) which may hinder the bank". It said people money and defaulted, and maintained "improvement of service will stop unauthorised monetary dealings which result in huge financial loss for the

country and the nation." It also said "the Bank of England is pressurising the SB to comply with the banking act of

The Managing Director of SB, the Governor of Bangladesh Bank and the Finance Minister are also well aware of the letter which reveals the reality in SB.

Weather

Rain with gusty wind likely

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and the region of Comilla during next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

According to the Met Office, weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere across the country. Day temperature may rise by 1-2

degrees Celsius over the country during the period. The country's highest temperature 34.8 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and the lowest 20.0 degrees Celsius

at Patuakhali. The sun sets today at 6:26 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:26 am. Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded n some major cities and towns vesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening	
haka	34.0	23.5	* 69	63	
Chittagong	33.5	23.6	- 69	71	
Rajshahi	34.8	22.4	71	58	
hulna	34.5	25.6	76	69	
Barisal	34.2	23.6	7 6	78	
Sylhet	33.5	23.5	71	74	
Cox's Bazar	33.6	24.5	59	71	



Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology, Dhaka

bonafide suppliers for supply of different kinds of stationery articles etc. Detailed terms and conditions may be available from the Stationery Section. Tenders must be submitted on or before 11-30 AM of 12-5-98 and will be opened on the same day at 11-35 AM before the tenderers present. The University Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

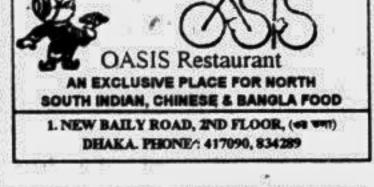
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Office of the Principal **Agricultural Training Institute** Tajhat, Rangpur

Tender Notice

No-267

Dt: 02-04-98

Tenders under sealed cover are hereby invited from valid contractors for completion of the works mentioned in the schedule as part of Raising Rehabilitation & Model ATI under ASSP at Agricultural Training Institute, Tajhat, Rangpur during 1997-98 financial year. If necessary, tender can be submitted also by post, but it should reach within the prescribed time.

: (A) Civil & repairing, (B) earth work, (C) purchase of machinery, nursery & training equipment.

As per group list mentioned in the schedule. 2.50%.

As per group list mentioned in the schedule. completion of work Offices where tender schedule to

Tajhat, Rangpur. B) Deputy-Director, Agriculture

Extension, Rangpur. C) Additional Director, Agriculture Extension, Rangpur Zone,

A) Agricultural Training Institute, Tajhat, Rangpur.

Extension, Rangpur.

C) Additional Director, Agriculture Extention, Rangpur Zone, Rangpur.

05/05/1998. Last date of selling : tender schedule

10) Date & time of : 07/05/1998. lottery (if

tted through DD/Pay Order in favour of the undersigned.

3) Tender will be treated as cancelled outright if the undermentioned terms & conditions are not followed: A) If the equivalent amount of earnest money is not submitted

If the tender submitted at rate more than 5% below.

C) If there is no signature on each page of the tender.

D) If there is any overwriting or striking off in the tender and not initialled properly.

E) If the tender sent by post does not reach by the last time limit

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders or part thereof or re-invite tender without assigning any

Principal

What's on today

Memorial discussion: A memorial discussion meeting

Seminar: A seminar on 'Kemalism, instrument of cultural link between Turkey and Bangladesh', jointly organised by the Nazrul Institute and Embassy of the Republic of Turkey in Bangladesh, will be held. Venue: Nazrul Institute, Kabi Bhaban, Rd 28 (Öld), Dhanmondi. Time: 2 pm. The seminar will be followed by

Launching: The Picard Bangladesh Ltd, a joint venture between Germany and Bangladesh in the field of 100% export-

Talk: A talk on 'Pakistan and the Changing Regional Scenario' by Pak Minister for Information and Media Development Mushahid Hussain will be held. Venue: BIISS auditorium. Time:

Raihan Film Society in collaboration with the cultural section of the High Commission of India, Dhaka. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Rd-2, Dhanmondi. Time: 6 pm.

Shame' and "Der Schritt vom Wege - an adaptation of Fontane's Effi Briest" will be screened. Organiser: Chalachitram Film Society in cooperation with Goethe Institut. Venue: German Cultural Centre. Time: 4 and 6 pm respectively.

Venue: Bangladesh National Museum auditorium. Time: 7 pm.

Certificate giving: The certificate giving ceremony of the Bangla Academy's computer training course of 19th batch will be held. Venue: Academy seminar room. Time: 11 am.

Workshop: A 4-day regional workshop on Prevention and Control of Diabetes Mellitus' will begin. Organiser: World Health Organisation (WHO). Venue: BIRDEM auditorium. Time: 9 pm.

control harmful smokes

Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury yesterday sought cooperation from the civil society, people from all walks of life, and operators of vehicles to undertake concerted efforts for controlling harmful smokes to ensure brighter, safer and healthier future of the nation, reports

She was addressing the inaugural session of the two-day consultative meeting on integrated approach to vehicular air pollution control organised

environment and World Bank here. Environment Secretary Ahbab Ahmad, World Bank Country Director Pierre Landell-Mills, Director General of Department of Environment A R Khan and World Bank Environment Engineer Dr Jitu Shaha also spoke.

jointly by the department of

air pollution in the capital city of Dhaka and other major cities of the country is on the rise due to vehicular emission which is posing threat to the lives and health of city-dwellers.

will be held on the occasion of the 36th death anniversary of Shere-Bangla A K Fazlul Haq. Organiser: Sher-e-Bangla Jatiya Smriti Sangsad and Bangladesh Jatiya Baktitta Gobeshana Kendra

oriented leather goods manufacturing, will begin operation. Venue: Factory premises, 9/1, Shah Ali Bagh, Mirpur. Time: 3:30 pm.

10:30 am. Film show: As part of a 5-day session on contemporary Indian films "Maya Memsaab" will be screened. Organiser: Zahir

Film show: As part of a 3-day focus on European films The

Flute playing: A solo flute playing programme by Captain Azizul Islam will be held in observance of the Bangla New Year.

Sajeda seeks cooperation to

The minister said the rate of

a cultural function based on the works of Kazi Nazrul Islam.

- Star photo

tion in the SB. 7. How The Daily Star made a mistake regarding SB's loan situation is not clear in the rejoinder. In fact, The Daily Star has said, as the rejoinder men-

the UK.

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Estimated cost Earnest money Time limit for

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Rangpur.

Name of offices where tender will B) Deputy-Director, Agriculture

Last date of: 06/05/1998 up to 12:00 Noon. receiving tender Date & time of : 06/05/1998 at 12:30 PM. opening tender

applicable) Terms & conditions:

2.50% of the estimated cost as earnest money should be submi-

In case any amendment is brought to the estimate/schedule at the time of approval after scrutiny of estimate by the LGED head office, accordingly, necessary amendment will be issued to the work order and the contractor/contractors should abide by the same.

with the tender through DD/Pay Order.

of receiving tender. Contractors can know other necessary matters and terms & conditions from the office of the undersigned during office

Md Tarik Hasan

Agricultural Training Institute

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ral M H Khan (retd), the function was addressed, among others, by Shipping Minister A S M Abdur Rab and Deputy Minister for Shipping Saber Hossain

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman said this while inaugurating the Bangladesh branch of Chartered

vesterday. The LGRD Minister told the function that the government is up an integrated transportation system for safe transportation

Presided over by former Chief of Naval staff Rear Admi-

MCCI presents microbus to BOI Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI)

newly set-up One-stop Service. reports UNB. man Kabir handed over the key of the vehicle to BOI Executive

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(For Serial No. 1-3, besides standard items, the

vehicles to GPO Box No. 4175, Dhaka-1000 latest by May 14, 1998.

other works (Sl. No. 2-6) will be received on the scheduled date and time.

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joins BNP Maj Gen (Rtd) Zahirul Amin Khan of Mirersarai in Chittagong joined BNP yesterday.

gum Khaleda Zia at her official residence yesterday evening and expressed his loyalty to

Commission to India during strengthen the party.

the occasion. Committee meet

to review the moon sighting of the holy month of Muharram, reports UNB. President of the committee

said a press release.

Prime Minister Sheikh

today The National Moon Sighting

CT scanning at BIRDEM resumes

hospital, a press release said.

The BIRDEM has regretted



A sequence from 'Crusible' by Arthur Miller staged at the National Museum Auditorium yesterday organised jointly by the American Chamber of Commerce in Bangladesh and

Venue: Mazar premises of the deceased. Time: 8 am.

Environment and Forest

From Page 1

structuring and subsidisation

4. Nurul Qayyum Khan, a

6. Sonali Bank in the UK have been making profit each year and upto the end of 1996 had earned an accumulated net

sation and subsidisation pro-

more profitable. 7. The loan situation which has been mentioned in your report is not correct. Most of the bad loans accumulated from past governments' directed loans which were politically motivated, not given on business consideration. Moreover, special drive is going on to improve the recovery situation of

point reply: 1. The Bank of England has

2. The SB has admitted that it was Bank of England's advice to restructure the SB but did not say why this restructuring issue came after so many years. The fact is that the Bank of England found SB's operation in the UK unacceptable, as it found in the case of a few more banks as the rejoinder said. The Bank of England had written a number of letters regarding the SB's UK

Even if SB in the UK has 74 staff, that is also too large for its operation. Even SB officials say the number should never be more than 25 to 30. Some SB sources, however, said the bank's UK branches had about 90 staff before December, 1996. 4. According to information gathered from SB's UK office, one of its director was sent to UK to persuade the employees

one year.

businesses, the SB's accumulated profit of 3.7 million pound sterling in 26 years is indeed a paltry amount. This is mainly because of such redundancy, inefficiency and corrup-

who are not depositors with the bank have borrowed huge

UK and reorganise as a necessity. In case SB fails to comply with the regulation, the local community, the high commission and even the government will not be able to get the authorisation for incorporation or to stop closure of the bank in

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Tajhat, Rangpur