

Two thieves arrested

Police arrested two people on charge of stealing motor parts from the city's Utara area on Saturday, reports UNB.

The arrested were identified as Iqbal Hossain Ibrahim, 24, and Sadeque Ali, 25. Police described them as professional lifters of motor car parts.

Sadeq Ali was arrested earlier on charges of stealing parts from automobiles, said a DMP press release.

World Environment Day June 5

The government will observe World Environment Day on June 5 in a befitting manner to create environmental awareness among the people, reports BSS.

This was decided at an inter-ministerial meeting held at the conference room of the Ministry of Environment and Forest with Environment and Forest Minister Begum Sajeda Chowdhury in the chair.

The meeting drew up an elaborate programme in observance of the occasion. The day's programme includes children's painting competition, environment fair, rally, distribution of posters, newspaper supplements and special programmes on radio and television.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Project Manager-3 (R&H)
Road Development Project

Mansurabad, Chittagong

Tender Invitation Notice

1)	Tender Notice No	02/Project Manager-3 (R&H), Road Development Project 1997-98.
2)	Name of work	Rest of the civil works with construction of sanitary system and electrical installation for the under construction office room, toilet porch etc for Project Manager-4, R&H, Jamuna Bridge Access Roads Project/ROIP/RIP and Sub-Divisional Engineer-1 at Mansurabad, Chittagong during 1997-98 financial year.
3)	Estimated cost	Tk 4,44,445/- only.
4)	Head of expenditure	266, CA/Development/ROIP).
5)	Amount of earnest money	Tk 8,889/- only.
6)	Prescribed time limit	70 (seventy) days.
7)	Offices where tenders will be sold from	A) Project Manager-3 (R&H), Road Development Project, Chittagong. B) Sub-Divisional Engineer-1/2 (R&H), Road Development Project, Chittagong/Cox's Bazar.
8)	Offices where tenders to be received at	A) Project Director (R&H), Jamuna Bridge Access Roads Project, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka. B) Project Manager-3 (R&H), Road Development Project, Chittagong.
9)	Last date of selling tender	17-05-98/03-02-1405 BS
10)	Date & time of receiving tender	18-05-98/04-02-1405 BS up to 12.00 Noon.
11)	Prescribed date & time of opening tender	18-05-98/04-02-1405 BS at 12.30 PM.
12)	Eligibility of contractor	R&H, Directorate's 'A' to 'E' general class contractors.

Md Shahjahan
Project Manager-3 (R&H)
Road Development Projects
Mansurabad, Chittagong.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer, R&H
Chandpur Road Division, Chandpur

R&H Quotation Invitation Notice

1.	Tender Notice	01/EE/CRD/1997-98.
2.	Name of work	Quotation notice for toll collection from transports crossing by ferry at Ichali ferryghat/Chandpur ferryghat/ Hajiganj ferryghat through base in 3 (three) groups (including supply of lubricant & fuel by lessee) under Chandpur Road Division during 1998-99 financial year (for 365 days). 2% (two per cent) of the quoted price should be submitted through BD/TC/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of the undersigned.
3.	Earnest money	Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong/ the undersigned/ Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Comilla/B'baria/Planning & Design Division, Comilla/Planning Division (P&D), Dhaka and offices of all Sub-Divisional Engineers under this division.
4.	Name of offices where quotation documents to be had at	Additional Chief Engineer, R&H, Comilla Zone, Comilla/Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong/ Superintending Engineer, R&H, Road Circle, Comilla/ Superintending Engineer, R&H, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka and office of the undersigned.
5.	Name of offices where quotation documents will be received at	R&H, Directorate's 'A' to 'E' general class contractors.
6.	Price of quotation schedule	Taka 2000/- (two thousand) only (Non-refundable) per set.
7.	Prescribed time for toll collection	365 (three hundred sixty-five) days.
8.	Last date of selling quotation hours	18-5-98/04-02-1405 BS up to office hours.
9.	Date & time of receiving quotation	19-5-98/05-02-1405 BS up to 12.30 PM.
10.	Date & time of opening quotation	21-5-98/07-02-1405 BS at 11.30 AM.
11.	Date & time of lottery	24-5-98/10-02-1405 BS at 12.00 Noon.
12.	Eligibility of contractor	Reputed persons/contractors trading firms.

Md. Nazrul Haq
Executive Engineer, R&H
(Current Responsibility)
Road Division, Chandpur.

Buddha Purnima programmes in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, May 10: Buddha Purnima, one of the greatest religious festivals of the Buddhists, will be celebrated in the city as elsewhere in the country tomorrow with traditional enthusiasm and solemn devotion, reports BSS.

In the city, the main religious congregations will be held at Nandankanan Buddhist Temple, Katalganj Navapandit Vihar, Puranachar International Buddhist Monastery at Devpahar, Sarbanjan Boudhha Vihar on Momin Road and Biswamitri Boudhha Vihar at Agrabad.

The Purnima will also be celebrated in the Buddhist populated areas in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, Cox's Bazar, Comilla, Noakhali and Patuakhali.

To mark the occasion, local newspapers will bring out special articles on Buddhism, while Bangladesh Betar, Chittagong and Bangladesh Television, Chittagong Centre, will air special programmes.

UNB adds: The government has allocated Tk 5 lakh for the Buddhist welfare trusts of country on the occasion of Balshahki Purnima. Official sources here said of the amount Tk 3.45 lakh was allocated for the three hill districts. Meanwhile, an amount of Tk 1.15 lakh has been distributed among the authorities of 60 Buddhist temples in the district.

Suspension of construction of tourist complex demanded

By DU Correspondent

Eminent cultural activists, teachers, journalists, writers and artists of the country yesterday demanded suspension of the construction work of a tourist complex adjacent to the Shilaibadi Kuthibari.

In a statement they said that the tourist complex was one of the part of the "distasteful" motel, the construction of which was in progress, and unsuitable with the spirit of the Rabindra Kuthibari.

The state minister for cultural affairs informed the parliament long ago that the government would confiscate the lands adjacent to the Kuthibari, they said. But the urgent need is to stop the construction work of the motel and the tourist complex, they added.

They demanded immediate confiscation of the lands and establishment of a museum with collection of all works of Rabindranath and a library there with research facilities.

The signatories of the statement included, among others, Waheedul Haque, Dr Sanzida Khatoon, Dr Abdullah Al Muti Sharuddin, Dr Noajesh Ahmed, Jewel Aich, Kajum Chowdhury, Prof Saad Uddin, Dr Ratan Lal Chakrabarti, Milia Ali, Pronab Shah, Rejwana Chowdhury Banna.

Sub-editors meet held

A meeting of the Sub-editors of Dhaka-based dailies was held at the National Press Club yesterday, a press release said, reports BSS.

The meeting discussed various problems they are facing.

The meeting presided over by Mohammad Ashraf Ali, chief sub-editor of Bangladeshi Observer was addressed, among others, by Kazi Rafique (Dainik Bangla, now defunct), Arjina Rahman (Dainik Inqilab), Shantimoy Biswas (Dainik Khabar), Azizul Haque Ershad (Dainik Bangla, now defunct), Maqsudul Haider Chowdhury, (Bangladesh Observer), Abdul Jaiul Bhuiya (Daily Star), Akhter Jahan (Sangbad), Shah Mohammad Muntasir Billah (Sangbad), Ashoke Sinha (Sangbad), Shariful Hasan (Muktakantah) and Nantu Roy (Muktakantah).

The meeting also decided to hold its next meeting on May 17 at the National Press Club guest room at 4 pm.



Visually-impaired children performing at a function marking the 20th founding anniversary of Assistance For Blind Children (ABC) at the WVA auditorium in the city yesterday.

— Star photo

BCSIR's open exhibition ends

By Nazmul Ashraf

Spirulina, a microscopic blue-green algae with high food value, is a blessing for both children suffering from night blindness and protein deficiency as well as adults afflicted with diabetes, anaemia, ulcer, hepatitis and obesity.

Spirulina was introduced in the country some eight years ago when the Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) developed a technique to produce it locally.

Spirulina is rich in protein (55-70 per cent) and contains vitamins A and B and iron, besides other vitamins and minerals. It is low in calorie and cholesterol. The BCSIR has leased out the technology of processing spirulina to three companies for commercial cultivation and marketing.

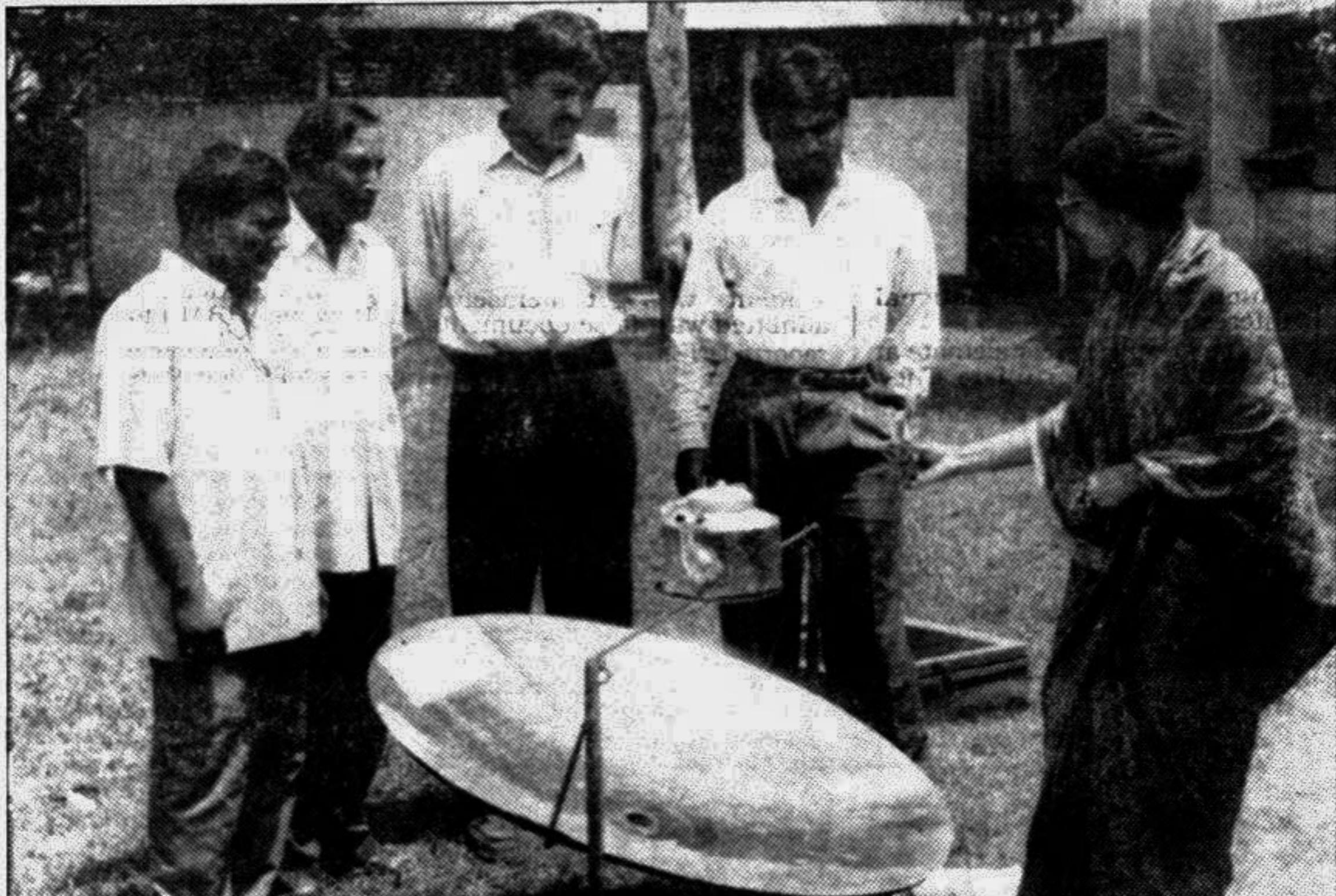
The food item was one of the BCSIR achievements put on public display at a 2-day open exhibition, which ended yesterday. The light activated switch is an unit used for opening or closing doors automatically. The circuit emits a pulse when an

Scores of people from all

object blocks a pre-focused light source, which in turn triggers a motor that moves the door. The circuit in reserve can be used as an emergency light when there is a power failure.

Among other inventions exhibited were building blocks from local clay, made without firing. The blocks, can be used in rural areas for construction of low-cost houses.

Also on display were: machine for making earthenware pots for use in laboratories, magnetic liquid mixer machine and another to separate substances from liquid, water purifier filter, long-lasting candles, sodium silicate from rice husk used in soap manufacturing, ultramarine blue from Bijoypur clay used for making pots, writing paper made of jute, bio-gas plant, fabric from green coconut shells, menthol used for perfume, medicine and toiletries, scented colour pencils and canvass made of banana tree fibre.



A solar cooker developed by BCSIR.

BOU launches website on Internet

By Staff Correspondent

Different information related to various activities of Bangladesh Open University (BOU) is now available from the internet, says a press release.

BOU recently launched the web site <http://www.grameen-cyber.net/bou> from which information can be ascertained using the programme Netscape Navigator or Internet Explorer, the release said.

The meeting also decided to hold its next meeting on May 17 at the National Press Club guest room at 4 pm.

Mongla Port to be modernised: Rob

Shipping Minister ASM Abur said yesterday that Mongla Port would be turned into a modern one by providing due facilities to face the challenges of the 21st century, reports BSS.

He said Mongla would also be developed as a beautiful tourist centre along with increase in its activities on trade and commerce and export and import.

The minister was presiding over the second meeting of the Mongla Port Advisory Committee in the city yesterday, an official handout said. He told the meeting that Mongla Port would be made an international port especially for transit trade with Nepal.

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The advisory committee members also put emphasis on proper coordination between the port authorities and other concerned organisations and users.

New provost of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall

Prof Mohammad Abdul Aziz has been appointed the new provost of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall of Dhaka University, reports BSS.

Dr Aziz, presently a syndicate and senate member of the university, has been assigned for three years for the post, said a university press release.

Cheholum

Cheholum of Jahanara Khatun, wife of late Dr Mohd Abdul Quader of Pangsha, Rajbari and mother of Shaheed Lt Col N A M Jahangir and N A M Eskender, Secretary General of Bangladesh Lions Foundation will be held today at 6:45 PM at the residence of N A M Iftakher Rafique at 16/GA, Tallabag, Sibhobanbag in the city, says a press release.

30 thousand children lose eyesight every yr

By Staff Correspondent

At least 30 thousand children of the country lose their eyesight due to malnutrition and other reasons every year though the country has made a notable progress in different sectors during the last 25 years.

This was stated by the executive director of BRAC Fazle Hasan Abed at a discussion on the occasion of 20th anniversary of Assistance for Blind Children (ABC) held at the Women's Voluntary Association (WVA) auditorium in the city yesterday.

Expressing disillusionment in the state of public health and poverty alleviation, Fazle Hasan Abed said at least 50 per cent babies of the country are born with low-birth weight and people at the same percentage are still under the poverty line though the over all production of the country has doubled while the life expectancy rose by 35 per cent during the last 25 years.

Presided over by the ABC president Raushan Ahmed, the programme was attended by Canadian High Commissioner in Bangladesh Nicholas Etheridge as chief guest. Former minister, diplomat and founder member of ABC Habibullah Khan gave the address of welcome while immediate past ABC president Munira Khan delivered the vote of thanks.

Nicholas Etheridge praised the NGO activities in Bangladesh and assured con-

tinued assistance for the development programmes.

Ahmed Iftekhar Iqbal, managing director of Khulna Power Company handed over a cheque of \$10,000 to the ABC president for blind children's educational programme.

ABC was founded back in 1978 with the objectives to prevent blindness, restoration and rehabilitation of blind children and socio-economic development and rehabilitation of rural blind people.

ABC is now working with various programmes including eyesight restoration and prevention of blindness, stipend for blind students, rehabilitation of rural blind children and community based action programmes.

ABC received the International Award "Takeo Iwahashi Award 1992" by Nippon Light-house, Welfare Centre for the Blind, Japan, as a recognition of ABC's contribution towards the promotion of the welfare of the blind and prevention of blindness in Bangladesh.

178 rounded up on various charges

Police rounded up 178 people from different parts of the city on various charges during the last 24 hours till 6 am yesterday, reports UNB.

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