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What's on today

Dialogue: A dialogue on 'Gas and oil resources of Bangladesh: Hopes and concerns' will be held. Organiser: Bangladesh Jubo Union. Venue: Engineers Institution's seminar room. Time: 5 pm.

Launching: The launching ceremony of 'National Road Safety Strategic Action Plan' will be held. Organiser: National Road Safety Council of Bangladesh. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 9 am-11 am.

Film session: Chala-Chitram Film Society has arranged a 3-day session of films of renowned Japanese actor Toshiro Mifune. Today's film: 'The Seven Samurai', directed by Akira Kurosawa. Venue: German Cultural Centre, Rd 9, Dhanmondi. Time: 4 pm.

Discussion: An open discussion on 'CHT Act '98 and national solidarity' will be held. Organiser: Society for Parliamentary Democracy. Venue: CIRDP auditorium, 'Chameli House'. Time: 4:30 pm.

Publication ceremony: The publication ceremony of a book, 'Andalusia' by Hasnat Abdul Hye, will be held. Venue: LGED auditorium, Agargaon. Time: 5:30 pm.

Exhibition: An exhibition of bags made of jute, paper and cloth will be held. Organiser: ESDO. Venue: CDL, House: 39, Road: 14/A, Dhanmondi. Time: 10 am-5 pm.

Film show: 'India: A Film Journey' by Louis Malle will be screened. Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Rd: 2, Dhanmondi. Time: 6 pm.



BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia exchanging views with businessmen at Hotel Purbani in the city yesterday. —Star photo

Welfare for the poor Govt to distribute free rice at UP level from '99

The government will distribute rice free of cost among the poor and destitute people at union level for four months from next year, reports UNB.

The government has taken the step for the welfare of the poor people," said State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Talukdar Abdul Khaleq in the city Friday.

Addressing the annual conference of Relief and Rehabilitation Employees Association, he informed that for the project vulnerable group feeding cards will be distributed in every union.

He told the function, apart from building infrastructure, the government has taken up the programme to distribute free of cost rice through VGF cards in the natural disaster affected areas.

"From the next year the programme to distribute free rice for four months will be extended all over the country," he added.

Association president and plaintiff in Bangabandhu murder case, A F M Mohitul Islam presided over the conference.



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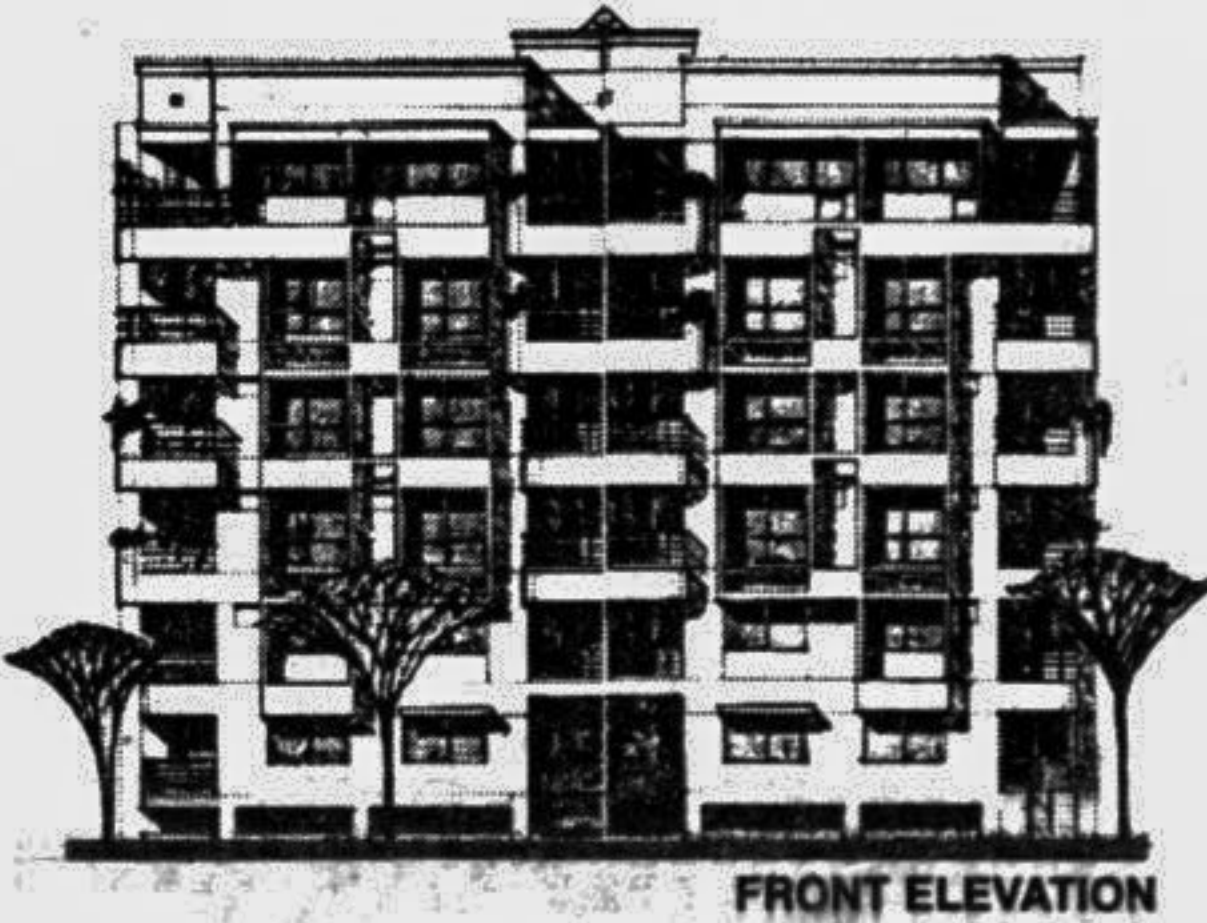
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'Reckless use of banned pesticides contaminating underground water'

The reckless use of DDT and heptachlor, two highly toxic pesticides of the 'dirty dozen' group, is heavily contaminating underground water in the rural areas, creating health hazards for the people, reports BSS.

A study conducted by the National Minor Irrigation Development Project (NMIDP), in collaboration with Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC), found the sub-soil water of different regions of the country containing traces of toxic residues of DDT and heptachlor, which are banned and allowed only for restricted use in Bangladesh.

In most cases, heptachlor residues were found to be beyond the World Health Organisation (WHO) recommended level of 0.03 microgram per litre. One of the samples contained heptachlor residue of 0.789 microgram per litre while DDT in another sample measured 1.527 microgram per litre.

Samples were taken from sites adjacent to sugarcane growing areas where heptachlor use is sufficiently permitted, said Ruhul Amin, a senior scientific officer of the Institution of Food and Radiation Biology (IFRB), BAEC.

Amin said the total residues of DDT found in some of the water samples were less than permitted PPB (parts per billion). "But," he said, "the question is that DDT is not permitted for food and agriculture use."

The presence of DDT and heptachlor residues indicates that the banned highly toxic pesticides are still being used indiscriminately, the study said.

The water samples were collected particularly from the country's irrigation-based areas including Laksam, Burirchar and Sarulia in Comilla, Gopalpur and Ghatal in Tangail, Gobindganj and Peerganj in Rangpur, Charbangshi in Noakhali, Mirreshwarai, Patia, Satkania and Rauzan in Chittagong and Durgapur in Mymensingh.

NMIDP, a government project, supplied 169 samples from these areas to IFRB to analyse both underground as well as surface water quality.

Heptachlor formulation is registered for restricted use only in sugarcane cultivation in the country.

Former chairman of BAEC M A Quayum said presence of carcinogenic pesticides, including DDT and heptachlor, in the human body may lead to cancer and neurological problems.

He said the traces of DDT and heptachlor in the underground water is a threat to public health as millions of people survive on tubewell water.

"Public health would be affected by dreadful diseases if underground water contamination is not checked by minimising the use of toxic pesticides in agriculture," Quayum said.

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Notice Inviting Tender of RHD

1. Tender Notice No : 24/EE/RHD/Netrakona/1997-98.
2. Name of work : Estimate for carrying of baily parts/steel trusses for Chittagong Procurements (RHD) Stackyard to Jaria bridge site at 15th KM of Birisiri-Susong-Durgapur-Purbadhala-Shyamgonj Road, under Netrakona Road Division, during the year 1997-98.
3. Charge to : 266-Dev
4. Estimated cost : Tk 5,15,434/-
5. Estimate money : Tk 10,310/-
6. Time allowed for completion of work : 15 (fifteen) days from issue of work order.
7. Eligibility of contractor : Financial & zonal capacity of general category contractor of RHD.
8. Name of offices of availability of tender documents : Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Divn, Netrakona/Mymensingh/Tangail/Jamalpur/Sherpur/Kishoregonj/Dhaka/planning (Roads & Bridge) Division, Dhaka/Planning & Design Divn, Dhaka & Road Sub-Division, Netrakona/Kendua/1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Netrakona.
9. Name of offices to receive tender documents : Office of the Addl Chief Engineer (RHD), Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/Superintending Engineer (RHD), Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka/Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka/Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka/Mymensingh Road Circle, Mymensingh & Executive Engineer (RHD) Netrakona/Mymensingh/Tangail/Jamalpur/Sherpur/Kishoregonj.
10. Last date of selling tender documents : 14-6-98 during office hours.
11. Last date of receiving tender documents : Up to 12.30 PM on 15-6-98.
12. Last date of opening tender documents : At 12.45 PM on 17-6-98.
13. Date & time of lottery of tender documents : At 2.00 PM on 18-6-98.

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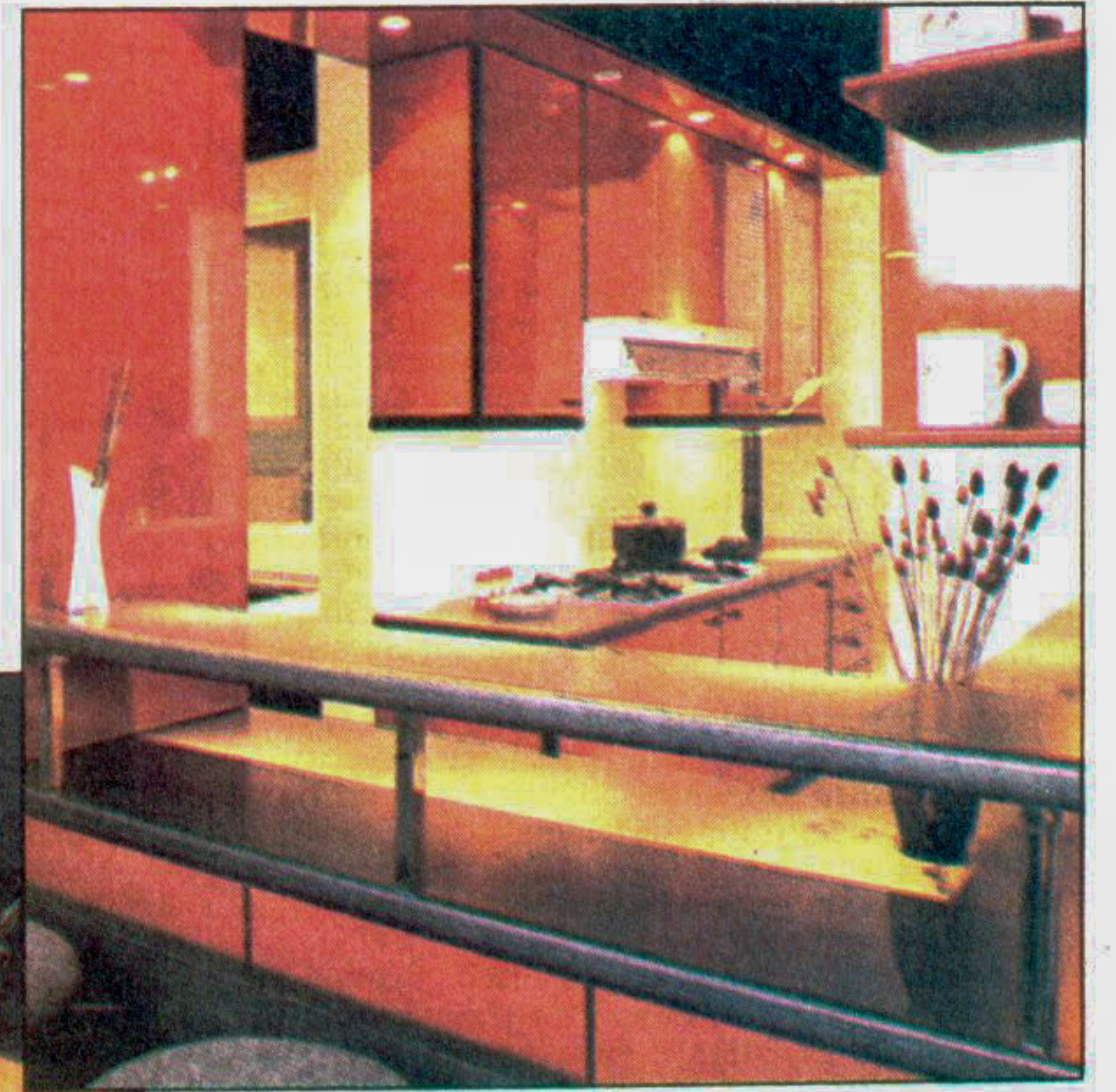


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