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Naaripakkha slams police action on sex workers

By Staff Correspondent
Naaripakkha, a platform of women's rights activists has condemned police action on the sex workers who were staging a sit-in at the Osmany Uddyan in the city protesting their eviction from Kandupatti last year, says a press release.

The organisation at a meeting at its office yesterday resolved that the police action has vindicated their civic right as they were barred from staging demonstrations.

Terminating the action as inhuman, Naaripakkha urged the government to immediately rehabilitate the sex workers and compensate those who were maltreated.

The sex workers have started a 10-day sit-in at the Osmany Uddyan from Saturday.

Scouts' workshop concluded

Bangladesh Scouts' 4th multipurpose workshop at Mouchhak National Scout Training Centre, Gazipur concluded Saturday, says a press release.

Manzoor-Ul-Karim, Chief National Commissioner, Bangladesh Scouts was present as chief guest on the concluding day. Habibul Alam, Bir Pratik, National Commissioner (Programme) and Member, Asia-Pacific Scout Committee and Md Shah Alam, National Commissioner (Training) both were the workshop Director.

Badiur Rahman, National Commissioner (Organisation), Saiful Islam Khan, National Commissioner (Public Relations & Publications), Md Zainul Abedin, National Commissioner (Planning & Evaluation), Prof Sultana S Zaman, National Commissioner (Girl-Scouting), ZA Shamsul Haque, National Commissioner (Coordination), Md Abdul Quayum Thakur, National Commissioner (Administration), Md Faizur Rahman Chowdhury, National Commissioner (Cub Scouting), Afzal Hossain, National Commissioner (Extension Scouting) and other Deputy National Commissioners attended the workshop, exchanged views and ideas with the participants.



Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting recent nuclear tests by India and Pakistan. —Star photo

PM for best utilisation of development allocations

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon the people's representatives of local body organisations to make best and proper utilisation of the last farthing of the development allocation, reports BSS.

She reminded them that the money which was collected by the government and allocated for national uplift was actually the people's money.

The Prime Minister was speaking at a function organised to mark the joining of over 500 leaders and workers of various political parties and elected chairman and members of different Union Parishads under Munshiganj and Madaripur districts.

Sheikh Hasina said the prime motto of her government was to bring economic emancipation of the toiling masses and as such her government laid highest importance on improvement of rural economy.

The Prime Minister, while welcoming the new entrants under her party folds, urged them to attain love, respect and confidence of the people through dedicated services and sacrifices. Awami League is a party which was formed for protecting the rights of the people. Awami League leaders and workers have proved it through making the highest and supreme sacrifices, she says.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman, publicity

secretary Abdul Mannan, Munshiganj district Awami League general secretary Lutfor Rahman and Madaripur Awami League president Alhaj Ferdous Jamadar also spoke on the occasion. Awami League president member and Forest and Environment Minister Sajeda Chowdhury, president member Abdul Jalil, office secretary Advocate Abdul Mannan Khan, cultural secretary Alamgir Kumum, assistant publicity secretary Nurul Fazal Bulbul, Sheikh Helaluddin MP, Shajahan Khan MP and Segupta Yesmeen MP were also present on the occasion.

She narrated how father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman completed the difficult reconstruction process of the war ravaged country where there was no reserve money or currency note at all. She said that Bangabandhu had presented the nation its cherished independence but could not give economic emancipation as he was assassinated by the conspirators at a moment when he set every thing at the right track towards progress and prosperity.

Referring to the last Union Parishad Election the Prime Minister said that it was the only free and fair polls ever held in the country after 1975. She also noted that for the first time women were elected in the Union Parishads through direct votes and added that national

development was not possible ignoring half of the country's total population.

The Prime Minister said that Upazila, District Council and Gram Parishads would also be formed soon under the administrative decentralisation policy of her government to send the fruits of administration to the door steps of the people.

While talking about the policy of her government for strengthening local body organisations she said that the union parishad representatives had a greater role to play in the overall development of the country. We have decided to build up union complex so that we can provide all kinds of services to the people from a single centre, she added.

She also noted a number of welfare oriented projects like old age allowances, shahayan prokalpa, bank loan scheme, employment bank and said these would help eradicate poverty from society. She listed some of the remarkable achievements of her government including Ganges Water Sharing Treaty, Peace Accord on CHF, and completion of the Bangabandhu Jamuna Multi-Purpose Bridge, a dream of the nation.

Turning back to some burning issues the prime minister said that some of the problems like power crisis was inherited by her government as legacy of the past BNP government.

Formation of Int'l Criminal Court Country extends full support

Bangladesh has extended its full support to the establishment of a permanent International Criminal Court, saying such an act would reinforce the system of world peace, reports BSS.

The International Criminal Court would serve as a means to "Suitably redress crimes of great enormity" Bangladesh Ambassador to Spain Muhammad Zamir told a diplomatic conference in Madrid on Thursday, a delayed message said yesterday.

Speaking as acting leader of the country's delegation at the "UN diplomatic conference of plenipotentiaries on the establishment of an International Criminal Court", Zamir reaffirmed Bangladesh's support for setting up of the court. He stressed the need for completion of the process of negotiations that would enable the finalisation of the statute for the permanent International Criminal Court.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad was to lead Bangladesh delegation at the conference which was attended by 150 countries.

The acting leader of Bangladesh delegation also reiterated the need for expanding the list of war crimes and crimes against humanity. He said consistent with its non-aligned position, Bangladesh believes that the list of war crimes needs to be expanded to cover the use and threat of using nuclear weapons.

Referring to Bangabandhu's commitment given on January 10, 1972 to try and punish the core crimes on the soil of Bangladesh, Zamir said the late leader viewed the emerging regime of law as part of the very fabric of a new world dispensation where individuals would not be able to shelter behind the

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Representatives from 16 south and southeast Asian countries are expected to attend the meeting to be organised by Coalition Against Trafficking in Women (CATW), an alliance of legal aid and development organisations.

The objectives of the meeting and global conference are to develop network regionally and globally, share information, analyse and debate on the issues and identify the strategies to organise women against all forms of sexual exploitation.

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JU admission tests begin today

By JU Correspondent
Written tests for admission into first year honours classes of Jahangirnagar University (JU) under the session 1997-98 begin today.

Some 36,612 candidates are vying for some 1000 probable seats in 20 departments of the university this year, official sources said.

Examinations of 'Ka' Unit (Science) will be held on June 22 and 23, 'Kha' Unit (Social Science) on June 24 and 25, 'Gha' Unit (Life Science) on June 28 and 29 and 'Ga' Unit (Arts and Humanities) on June 29 and 30.

Sylhet Bibhag Unnayan Parishad rally today

By Staff Correspondent
Sylhet Bibhag Unnayan Parishad (SBUP) will hold a mass gathering at the Muktagong, adjacent to GPO and bring out a procession in the city at 4 pm today demanding construction of a bridge over the river Meghna at Bhairab, says a press release.

They said "Bhairab Bridge" will restore direct road-link between Dhaka and the north-eastern districts including Brahmanbaria, Sylhet, Sunamganj, Moulavibazar and Habiganj.

New session of French Language course begins July 5

New session of French language course at Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will begin from July 5, and will be concluded September 19, says a press release.

There are 4 shifts of evening classes from 4 pm to 6 pm, 5 pm to 7 pm, 6 pm to 8 pm and from 7 pm to 9 pm. For more information contact the reception at House 26, Road 3, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi.

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NOTICE OF TENDER MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICES

1. Applications are invited by AHQ, QMG's Br. DW & CE (Army) Dhaka Cantt for issue of tender documents for the following works separately:

(a) Constr of 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th floor over under-constr 6th floor (12-storied foundation ground floor open) of AHQ bldg incl internal/external services at Dhaka cantt.

2. Eligible contractors may apply for tender documents as per MES Regulations. Interested MES enlisted 'A' class contractors may apply quoting their class, index numbers, list of work done in last 05 (five) years. Contractors must have VAT registration. VAT and other taxes are payable as per rules. Applications should be submitted to this Directorate within 05 days from the date of publication of the advertisement mentioning name of works at the top of the envelope.

3. Authority reserves full power to accept/cancel any/all applications without assigning any reason.

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Dhaka Cantt

Tender Notice

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UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA: Sealed tenders in Dhaka University form "tender for works" are hereby invited from the enlisted contractors (Elec) of Dhaka University for the undermentioned works and will be received by the undersigned up to 12-00 Noon on the date mentioned against each work and opened on the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of the contractors who may remain present. Contractors will have to deposit as earnest money a sum of taka as stated below in Demand Draft or Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh. Specification and other particulars may be had from the office of the undersigned on all working days except on the date fixed for submitting the tender after depositing the cost of tender forms and schedule as stated below against each work to the Janata Bank, TSC Branch (non-refundable) after showing the necessary enlistment papers endorsed by the undersigned. Contractors should write the name of the work and their firms name on the envelope clearly.

Sl No	Name of the work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Price of tender form	Time allowed	Opening date of tender
1.	Electrical installation in the newly constructed Energy Park (Extension) of Dhaka University.	Tk 49,701/-	Tk 1,000/-	Tk 30/-	30 days	9th July '98
2.	Renovation & repairing of electric work in one Laboratory Room No-308, Dept of Bio-Chemistry, DU, Dr Y Kabir Lab.	Tk 33,972/-	Tk 680/-	Tk 30/-	15 days	9th July '98
3.	Renovation & repairing in one Laboratory Room No 403, Department of Bio-Chemistry, DU, Dr Aftab Uddin Lab	Tk 33972/-	Tk 680/-	Tk 30/-	15 days	9th July '98
4.	Emergency Electrical works of Mosjidul Jamiah, DU	Tk 77,954/-	Tk 1560/-	Tk 45/-	45 days	9th July '98
5.	Replacement of HT cable & drop out fuse link of 500 KVA sub-station the Institute of Nutrition & Food Science (2nd time tender)	Tk 1,37,979/-	Tk 2760/-	Tk 100/-	30 days	9th July '98

Md. Mozibullah
Acting Executive Engineer (Elec)
University of Dhaka

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Weather

Moderate rain forecast

Moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Chittagong, Barisal, Sylhet and Rajshahi divisions and at a few places over Khulna and Dhaka divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Day temperature may fall slightly over the country, it added. The country's highest temperature 35 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chuadanga and Ishwardi and the lowest 24.5 degree Celsius at Barisal.

The sun sets today at 6:45 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:12 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	32.4	28.7	81	79
Chittagong	31.5	26.5	95	81
Rajshahi	32.2	27.0	91	86
Khulna	31.3	28.0	84	-
Barisal	33.0	24.5	93	88
Sylhet	31.2	25.5	97	88
Cox's Bazar	33.0	26.0	92	88

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক
(ব্যয় ব্যবস্থাপনা বিভাগ)
প্রধান কার্যালয় ঢাকা

ফুল সেক্রেটারিয়েট টেবিল
সরবরাহের জন্য দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকার ব্যবহারের জন্য চিটপাং টিকের তৈরি ৪৭টি ফুল সেক্রেটারিয়েট টেবিল সরবরাহের জন্য প্রকৃত পদ্ধতকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান হইতে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। দরপত্রের শর্তাবলী ও টেবিলের নমূনার পূর্ণ বিবরণ সফলিত সিডিউল আগামী ২৯.৬.৯৮ইং পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ৩০ তলা ভবনের নাম তলায় (8th floor) অবস্থিত ব্যয় ব্যবস্থাপনা বিভাগের জড় সামগ্রী ও মনিহারী শাখা হইতে টাঃ ৫০০/০০ (পাঁচশত) নগদ জমা দিয়ে প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্যাডে আবেদনপূর্বক সংগ্রহ করা যাইবে।

দরপত্র আগামী ৩০.৬.৯৮ ইং তারিখ বেলা ১১-৩০ মিনিটের মধ্যে উপরোক্ত তলায় রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাবে ফেলিতে হইবে এবং ঐ দিনই ১১-৩৫ মিনিটে উপস্থিত দরদাতা বা তাহাদের প্রতিনিধি যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন এর সামনে খোলা হইবে। ব্যাংক কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহন বা যে কোন অথবা সর্বস্ব দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।

প্রয়োজনে টেবিলের সংখ্যা বাড়ানো বা কমানো যাইতে পারে।
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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Ministry of Communication
Roads and Highways Department
SYLHET-TAMABIL-JAFLONG ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF ROAD CONTRACTORS

1.0 The Government of The People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB) has signed an agreement with Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED) for a Loan towards the Cost of Implementing the Sylhet-Tamabil-Jaflong Road (STJR) Improvement Project. GOB intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to eligible payments under the contracts of STJR for which this invitation for pre-qualification is issued.

2.0 The Roads and Highways Department (RHD) on behalf of GOB intends to pre-qualify contractors for the improvement works of Sylhet-Tamabil-Jaflong Road including construction of a Sylhet town bypass. The road forms an important part of the National Highway Systems and is located in the North-Eastern Part of Bangladesh

Main Elements of the construction works are —

- * Geometric improvements and realignments.
- * Raising and widening of embankments
- * Compaction of Sub-grade
- * Road base and sub-base construction
- * Reconstruction of the various components of the pavements
- * Widening of pavement
- * Bituminous road surfacing
- * Reconstruction and rehabilitation of bridges and cross-drainage structures.
- * Miscellaneous works

It is intended to divide the improvement of the road into 4 contracts as shown below. The project will be implemented through International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedure.

Contract No	Location of Proposed Road Contracts	Length (Km)
1	Sylhet Town to Hariapur	22
2	Hariapur to Jaintapur	18
3	Jaintapur to Tamabil-Jaflong	18
4	Sylhet town by-pass (Realigned Portion)	6

RHD plans to call bids for contracts 1, 2 and 3 for construction works to commence in January 1999 and call bids for remaining Contract 4 for construction to commence in November 1999. Hence pre-qualification is invited for (a) single contract (b) a number of contracts to a limit of the above mentioned 4.

3.0 It is expected that invitation to bid will be called in October, 1998.

4.0 Pre-qualification is open to contractors and joint ventures of contractors from eligible countries in the State of Kuwait.

5.0 Further information if any may be obtained from the Project Director, RHD, Sylhet-Tamabil-Jaflong Road Improvement Project, Sarak Bhaban, Block-B, Room No. 304, Ramna, Dhaka. Telephone No 9562821, Fax No. 880-2-9551033.

6.0 The request in writing must clearly state "Request for Pre-qualification Documents for Improvement of Sylhet-Tamabil-Jaflong Road." The documents are available from July 1998 for a non-refundable fee of Bangladesh Tk 1600.00 or US\$ 50.0 in the form of a Pay Order easily encashable in any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Sylhet-Tamabil-Jaflong Road Improvement Project, Room No 304A, Block B, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh

7.0 The minimum requirement for qualification is as follows for a single contract:

7.1 Having an average annual turnover as prime contractor (defined as billing for works in progress and completed) over the last 5 (five) years of US\$ 5.0 million or equivalent for all contracts.

7.2 As prime contractor, the execution of at least 3 projects of similar nature and complexity comparable to a single contract within the last five years.

7.3 Annual Production Rate of 100,000 cubic metres in earthworks on one highway contract.

8.0 Submission of applications for pre-qualification in duplicate (one original and one copy in separate covers) must be received in sealed envelopes, which must be either delivered by hand or by registered mail to: The Project Director, RHD, Sylhet-Tamabil-Jaflong Road Improvement Project, Sarak Bhaban, Block-B, Room No. 304, Ramna, Dhaka-1000 to reach not later than 12-30 PM, 1st August, 1998 and be clearly marked: "Application for pre-qualification for the improvement of Sylhet-Tamabil-Jaflong Road."

9.0 The Roads and Highways Department reserves the right to accept or reject late applications.

10.0 Applicants will be advised in due course of the results of their applications. Only firms and joint ventures prequalified under this procedure will be invited to bid.

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