

**Women dominate SSC programme of BOU**

Seventy per cent SSC student of Bangladesh Open University (BOU) are women and majority of them living in villages of the country, reports UNB.

BOU Vice-Chancellor Prof M Aminul Islam disclosed this while addressing a workshop in the city Thursday.

School of Science, Humanities and Language and School of Business of BOU organised the workshop in collaboration with the Commonwealth of Learning (COL).

The BOU VC told the function that some grandmothers along with their granddaughters are studying in BOU, showing a trend that women are dominating the open learning programmes.

He hoped that the number of women would similarly be higher than that of their male counterparts in the BOU HSC programme expected to be introduced from July next.

Chaired by Prof Shireen Haq, the programme was also addressed, among others, by Prof Muzaffar Ahmed of Dhaka University, IBA Institute, Dr Moinul Islam and Dean of BOU School of Business Prof Abdul Awal Khan.

**JU budget to be presented before Senate today**

By JU Correspondent  
Treasurer of Jahangirnagar University (JU) Prof Abdul Bayes will present the annual budget for the fiscal 1998-99 before the JU Senate at 4 pm today.

Presided over by JU Vice Chancellor Prof Amirul Islam Chowdhury, the JU Senate will go into its annual session at the 'Senate Hall' of the Administrative Building.

A total of Tk 18.97 crore budget with a deficit of Tk 1.57 crore has been prepared for the next fiscal, official sources said.

**Revolver seized, 1 held in city**

By Staff Correspondent  
The Detective Branch (DB) of police recovered a revolver and arrested one person in this connection from city's Khilgaon area yesterday.

The arrested was identified as Rubel, police said. During a raid, a DB team arrested a man and recovered the revolver loaded with six rounds of bullets from his possession at Eidgah Road area.



The National Coordination Committee arranged a function in the city yesterday in observance of 4th death anniversary of Shaheed Janani Jahanara Imam.

**Foundation stone of Mollahat bridge laid**

**Govt will construct more bridges, roads: Hasina**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Friday said her government wants to bring a revolutionary change in the country's communication system by constructing more bridges and roads, reports UNB.

"We will ensure the socio-economic development by bringing revolutionary changes in the communication network," she said laying the foundation stone of the Mollahat bridge over the river Madhumati in Bagerhat district.

The 303.35 meter long bridge will connect Bhanga, Vatia-para, Gopalganj, Mollahat and Fakirhat, and ease communication problems between Gopalganj, Khulna and Bagerhat districts.

The Mollahat bridge over the river Madhumati will be constructed in two years at a cost of Tk 19.84 crore.

"Next we will construct the Padma bridge, Rupsha and Arikhan bridge for overall development of communication network of the south-west region of the country," Hasina

told the function amidst cheer. About construction of Rupsha bridge, she said during her trip to Japan she talked to the Japanese government for assistance in this regard.

Already two Japanese teams have arrived in the country to conduct the feasibility study and another team will come, she said adding the construction of Rupsha bridge will begin soon.

Hasina said construction of Rupsha bridge will open a big scope for earning huge foreign exchange as Nepal has already shown keen interest to use Mongla Port availing the transportation facilities from India.

Referring to the opening of the Bangabandhu Bridge on the river Jamuna, the Prime Minister said this bridge has ushered in a new era for economic activities in the northern parts of the country.

She said the improvement of communication network will help accelerate the country's industrialisation process, widen markets and increase earning. "For these reasons we have given special emphasis on the development of communication system," she added.

Communications Minister Anwar Hossain, Sheikh Fazul Karim Selim, MP, and Roads and Railways Secretary Syed Rezaul Hyat also spoke on the occasion.

Earlier, the Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of the bridge and joined the *munajat*.

After the foundation-laying ceremony, the Prime Minister crossed the river Madhumati by ferry and reached at Mollahat KR College ground where she addressed a huge public meeting in the afternoon.

"We have taken massive steps to strengthen rural economy, we have taken steps to reduce illiteracy from the country," she told the meeting amid thunderous clapping.

People from all walks of life,

including huge number of women and children, were waiting at the muddy ground of the college to listen to the Prime Minister, who was elected MP from this constituency.

Hasina listed various programmes undertaken by her government for the welfare of the people, including the old age allowance, programmes for employment generation and shelter for the destitute, *Asrayan*.

Pointing to the area, she said this region of the country was remained neglected for long. The government has given special emphasis on developing the neglected areas first.

The Prime Minister said her government has taken special programmes for the welfare of the freedom fighters and their families. The reserved service quota for the freedom fighters has now been kept for their offsprings, she said mentioning the other projects for the freedom fighters.

"We want to build up the nation with the spirit of Liberation War, we want to build up a happy and prosperous 'Sonar Bangla' as dreamt by father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman."

Hasina called upon the people to do more work and go for massive farming, fisheries and poultry to turn every household into a farm.

She also suggested the people to plant more trees, at least one fruit bearing and one timber tree, for the interest of the nation.

Presided over by Mollahat Hania Awami League president SM Laikuzzaman, the meeting was also addressed by Sheikh Fazul Karim Selim, MP, Communications Minister Anwar Hossain, State Minister for Social Welfare Dr Mozammel Hossain, State Minister for Disaster Management Talukder Abdul Khaleque and Sheikh Helal Uddin Ahmed, MP.

**Anti-nuclear procession in city today**

By Staff Correspondent

Poet Shamsur Rahman will lead an anti-nuclear procession from the Central *Shahid Minar* premises in the city today, said a press release yesterday.

According to the release the main political party along with professional, social and cultural organisations will jointly organise a rally prior to the procession pressing for the demand of nuclear, chemical and germ war free world.

The procession led by the poet is scheduled to begin at about 5:30 pm, the release added.

**CU 'Kha' unit admission test today**

From CU Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Jun 26: The admission test of "Kha" unit (Arts Faculty) of Chittagong University will be held tomorrow from 10 am to 1 pm.

According to CU authorities, all classes of the University, except Forestry and Marine Science, will remain suspended tomorrow on account of the admission test. The authorities have also banned all processions, meetings and rallies on the campus on the day.

Meanwhile, the admission test of "Uma" unit (Law Faculty) scheduled for June 18 has been shifted to July 2.

**Weather**

**Light rain forecast**

Light rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at most places over Khulna and Barisal divisions and at many places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions with moderately heavy falls at places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

The Met Office said no appreciable change in day temperature is expected over the country during the period.

The country's highest temperature 35.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Srimongal and the lowest 25.0 degree Celsius at Barisal, Feni, Sylhet and Majdi Court.

The sun sets today at 6:50 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:13 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	Morn	Even
Dhaka	33.2	27.4	79	82
Chittagong	33.8	27.4	69	78
Khulna	33.0	26.2	80	83
Rajshahi	34.0	26.5	86	78
Barisal	31.0	25.0	90	84
Sylhet	34.5	25.0	78	72

**NOTICE FOR QUOTATION**

155, MT Blended Food  
Rohingya Refugee Operations, Cox's Bazar  
(previously advertised on 22 May with closing date of 3 June 98)

The above tender is being re-assessed. All companies that previously registered their interest by submitting bids direct to the Mail Box of Ittefaq and/ or Daily Star, are hereby requested to re-submit copies of the bid. Please furnish information to substantiate your initial participation (e.g. fax seeking quotes, acknowledgement from newspaper companies, etc.). No earnest money is required. The information requested should be submitted in sealed envelopes by close of business on Sunday, 5 July, 1998 to the following address:

155 MT Blended Food  
C/o UNICEF, Dhaka-1000  
(to the special tender box in UNICEF outside the left wing entrance of the 3rd Floor)

The envelopes should be clearly marked with "155 MT Blended Food". All submission will be officially acknowledged within one week of closing date.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Office of the Executive Engineer  
Public Works E/M Division-2, Dhaka

**Tender Invitation Notice**  
No. 52 (1997-98)

Memo No. 27-10/A/908 Dated: 18.6.98  
4.3.1405

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 in sealed cover at the item rate basis in quoted price are hereby invited from enlisted contractors of Bangladesh Public Works Directorate of Special Class I, Class I/Class II E/M having Value Added Tax registration certificate for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received at the tender box kept at the office of Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3, Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka till 14.7.98 at 12:00 Noon and will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence of participants in tender (if any). Tender form, schedule of item, terms and conditions, rules and regulations etc can be purchased on payment of Tk 425/- in cash (non-refundable) till 13.7.98 during office hours from the offices of the Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3, Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka. Tenders can be purchased by contractor himself or his representative empowered by him by producing all necessary papers including registration book. Earnest money at the rate of 2% (two per cent) of the quoted price in the form of Bank Draft/ Pay Order/SDR/Call Deposit from any scheduled bank in favour of the Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-2 will have to be submitted along with the tender. Otherwise tenders will be deemed as cancelled. Certificate regarding TIN must be attached along with the tenders. Otherwise tenders submitted without certificate will not be considered as acceptable.

The authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject all the tenders without assigning any reason.

Sl No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time limit for completion of work
1.	Repair, servicing, gas charging and change of out of order parts of existing damaged air conditions at the state guest house Padma, Meghna including replacement of out of order freeze.	Price quoted by contractor	At the rate of 2% (two per cent) of quoted price.	7 (seven) days.

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Dhaka, Phone: 959688

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**Gas Transmission Company Ltd.**  
Gas Supply to Western Zone Project  
House No. 39, Road 3, Sector-3  
Uttara, Dhaka, Bangladesh

IPB No. GTC.WZ.CGS Date: d/24.6.98

**Invitation for bids for Design, Procurement, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of a City Gate Station at Baghabari under GIDP (Credit No. 2720-BD)**

- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received credit from the International Development Association (IDA) in various currencies towards the cost of Gas Infrastructure Development Project (GIDP). Out of savings from the project it has been proposed to IDA to include financing of the Design, Procurement, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of a City Gate Station at Baghabari under re-structuring of GIDP project. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payment under the contract for which this invitation to bid is issued. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible sources countries as defined in the Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits.
- Gas Transmission Company Limited (GTCL), Dhaka now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the provision of the above facility at Baghabari on a turn-key basis following single stage two envelope bidding procedure under the Gas Supply to Western Zone Project.
- Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect and acquire the bidding documents at the following address:  
Project Manager  
Gas Supply to Western Zone Project  
Gas Transmission Company Ltd.  
House No. 39, Road-3, Sector-3  
Uttara, Dhaka, Bangladesh.  
Phone: 890-2-895374, Fax: 890-2-894780.
- The provisions in the instructions to bidders and in the general conditions of contract are the provisions of the World Bank Standard Bidding Documents for Procurement of Goods, January 1995.
- A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by the bidder from 28.06.98 on submission of a written application to the Accounts Division of the Project (House No. 39, Road No. 3, Sector-3, Uttara, Dhaka, Bangladesh) and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of US \$ fifty (50) or Taka two thousand three hundred fifty (Tk. 2,350.00) only.
- All bids must be accompanied by a security of US\$ fifty thousand (US\$ 50,000.00) and must be delivered on or before 12:00 Noon on 12.08.98 to the address given below. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders representatives who choose to attend at 12:30 PM (Bangladesh Standard Time) on 12.08.98 at the office of:  
Project Manager  
Gas Supply to Western Zone Project  
Gas Transmission Company Ltd.  
House No. 39, Road-3, Sector-3  
Uttara, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- The bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of his bid and GTCL will in no case be responsible or liable for these costs regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.

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

**Exhibition:** A solo creative photography exhibition by Rowen Aziz will begin. The exhibition will remain open from 2 pm to 8 pm daily till June 30. Venue: Zainul Art Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, DU. Time: 5 pm.

**Seminar:** A national seminar on 'Implementation of reforms for higher secondary education, 2005' will be inaugurated. Organiser: Higher Secondary Education Project of Ministry of Education. Venue: Bangladesh Institute of Administration and Management (BIAM) premises, 63, New Eskaton. Time: 9 am.

**ASB meeting:** The 6th monthly general meeting of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh (ASB) will be held. Venue: Society seminar room. Time: 5 pm.

**Reception:** Chouddagram Thana Janokalyan Samity will accord a reception to Dhaka-based brilliant students of Chouddagram and newly-elected union parishad chairman of the locality. Venue: BCIC auditorium, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A. Time: 5 pm.

**Discussion:** A discussion meeting and prize giving ceremony will be held in observance of the 'International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking'. Organiser: Ahsania Mission Drug Prevention and Control Programme (AMIK) and United Nations Information Centre (UNIC). Venue: Dhaka Ahsania Mission auditorium, Rd. 12, Dhanmondi. Time: ?

**View-exchanging:** Business leaders and representatives of the Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) will exchange views on proposed national budget with Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria and Minister for Commerce and Industry Tofael Ahmed. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 11 am.

**Seminar:** A seminar on 'Evolution concept in light of the Quranic teaching' will be held under the auspices of Bangladesh Institute of Islamic Thought (BIIT). Keynote paper: Prof M Salim Khan. Venue: BIRDEM auditorium, Shahbagh. Time: 9:30 am.

**Club meeting:** The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Venue: Surma, Dhaka Club. Time: 1:30 pm.

**Meeting:** The monthly meeting of Bangladesh Sangbadik Society will be held. Venue: 94, Moltijheel C/A. Time: 4 pm.

**Students gathering:** A students gathering will be held on the occasion of 2nd founding anniversary of Zaker Party Students' Front. Venue: Paltan Maidan. Time: 3 pm.

**AGM of Rose Society held**  
The annual general meeting of Bangladesh National Rose Society (BNRS) was held at the Botany Department in Curzon Hall of Dhaka University yesterday, reports UNB.

President of the society Prof Sayed Hadiuzzan presided over the meeting. Society Secretary Dr Mothaha Hossain and Treasurer Motaha Ali also spoke.

**LDF condemns Speaker's behaviour**  
By Staff Correspondent  
Left Democratic Front (LDF) yesterday condemned the 'Speaker's behaviour with the leaders of Krishak Khetmajur Sangram Parishad' when they went to the Parliament for submitting a memorandum to him Thursday, says a press release.

**Directorate General Defence Purchase**  
Ministry of Defence  
New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

**Re-Tender Notice**

1. Sealed tender in local currency is invited from bonafide manufacturers/dealers/indentors (not necessarily to be enlisted with this Directorate General) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Navy:

Sl No	Description & Qty	Tender Selling Dt	Tender Opening Date	Currency	Tender No
a.	Target Vessel/Barge Qty-01 No Length 100 mtr Breadth 7.5 mtr Depth 2.5 mtr	06-7-98 30-7-98	02-8-98	Local	5581

2. The tender schedule with detail specification will be available at given rate (not refundable) on any working day between 0800 hours to 1200 hours. The tender will be opened at 1000 hours on the abovementioned date in presence of the present tenders.

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G-1497

Commander BN  
For Director General

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Public Works E/M Division-7  
Dhaka

Memo No E/M-7-126/6093 Dated: 16.6.98/2.3.1405/Bangla

**Tender Invitation Notice**  
No. 305/1997-98

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 on the basis of percentage are hereby invited from the Special Class I/Class II, Class III contractors enlisted with Directorate of Public Works having valid A, B, C/B, C categories of supervisory and contractorship licences issued by Bangladesh Electrical Licensing Board for electrical/mechanical work and who have the registration certificate of Value Added Tax Department and TIN certificate for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received at the tender box kept at the offices of the Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8, Workshop Division, Wood Workshop Division, Dhaka, Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka till 25.3.1405 Bangla/9.7.98 at 12 Noon and will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence of participants in tender (if any).

Tender form, item schedule, terms and conditions, rules and regulations etc can be purchased till 24.3.1405 Bangla/8.7.98 during office hours on payment of Taka 425/- only in cash (non-refundable) from offices of the Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8, Dhaka, Public Works E/M Workshop and Wood Workshop Division, Dhaka, Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka. Tender forms can be purchased by contractor himself or his representative empowered by him by producing necessary papers including registration book. Earnest money at the rate of 2% (two per cent) of the quoted price in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/Treasury Chalan/Call Deposit from any scheduled bank in favour of the undersigned will have to be deposited.

Sl No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed
1.	Pump house wiring and supply of 30 horse power centrifugal pump motor set with standby one with installation at 400-bed National Cardiovascular Institute and Hospital at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in Dhaka	Tk 4,36,625/-	At the rate of 2 per cent of total quoted price	30 (thirty) days

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Office of the Executive Engineer  
Public Works E/M Division-5  
2nd 12-Storeyed Government Office Building  
Segunbagicha, Dhaka

Memo No-S/N/1814 Dated: 18.6.98/4.3.1405 Bangla

**Tender Invitation Notice**  
No-234(1997-98)

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from Special Class I, E/M Class I/Class II contractors enlisted with Directorate of Public Works having valid A, B, C categories of contractorship and supervisory licences from Bangladesh Electrical Licence Board for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received at the fixed tenders box kept at the Public Works E/M Division-4/5/6, Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka till 15.7.98 at 12:00 Noon and will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence of the participants in tender who may like to remain present/nominated representative (if any). No tender schedule/rules and regulations will be supplied on the day of opening the tender. Tender schedule and rules and regulations and other related papers can be procured from the Public Works E/M Division-4/5/6/Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka on payment of Taka 425/- (four hundred twenty-five) in cash (non-refundable). Earnest money at the rate of 2% of the estimated cost (non-refundable) in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/CD/SDR from any scheduled bank approved by Bangladesh Bank in favour of the Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-5 will have to be deposited alongwith tender. Participants in tender will have to attach/deposit a certificate regarding TIN with tender. The authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject all tenders without assigning any reason. Contractor himself or his nominated representative bearing his letter empowered by him can purchase tender by producing all necessary papers including registration book. The last date of selling tender is 14.7.98.

Sl No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed
1.	Power wiring at virology laboratory situated at the 2nd floor of Basic Science Building close to Block 'B' of IPGMR interior part at Shahbagh in Dhaka and electrical wiring and installation work related to works of extended class rooms of Anesthesiology Department of Block 'C' of 10th floor of the building.	Tk 1,23,561/-	2% of estimated cost	30 (thirty) days

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