



A 32-member Bangladesh cultural troupe left for New Delhi on Friday night to take part in the 'South Asian Music and Dance Festival'. Cultural Secretary Dr S Zaman Majumder is leading the cultural delegation.

'Steps taken for establishing Institution of Ombudsman'

The government has taken up all necessary steps for establishing the Institution of Ombudsman in the country, reports UNB.

Speaking at the inaugural session of the national dialogue on 'Ombudsman System: An aid to transparent and accountable government' yesterday, Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad said the proposal for Ombudsman has already been approved by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Referring to the Ombudsman System, already functioning effectively in more than 56 countries, including Pakistan and India, the minister pointed out Article 77 of Bangladesh Constitution which stipulates that the Parliament may provide for establishment of the office of Ombudsman who shall exercise such powers and perform such functions determined by Parliament.

The power to investigate any action taken by a ministry, a public officer or a statutory public authority may be included to it," said Samad Azad, adding that the Ombudsman Act, enacted by the Parliament outlines the legal provisions and morality of the system.

He called upon the participants to put up concrete suggestions for making the Ombudsman system effective and accountable to the common people.

Organised by Affluent Bangladesh Attainment Council (ABAC), the discussion was presided over by Sheikh Samad Abedin, Chairman of ABAC. Dr M Motiur Rahman presented the keynote paper, said an official handout.

Parliamentary Advisor to the Prime Minister Suranjit Sen Gupta, Whip Abdus Shahid, MK Anwar MP, Dr Kamal Hossain, Barrister Amirul Islam, former Chief Justice Kemaluddin Hossain and Rashed Khan Menon also spoke.

Floods kill 145 more in China

BEIJING, July 25: Floods from torrential rains have killed 145 people in three Chinese provinces, pushing the nationwide flood death toll to 1,145, state media said Saturday, reports AP.

The latest casualties were reported in Hunan, Hubei and Jiangxi in the south and centre of the country, among the provinces worst hit by the seasonal summer rains that have fallen unusually early and heavily this year.

The majority of deaths have resulted from drownings, collapsing of houses, lightning, mud flows and landslides from mountain torrents, the official newspaper China Daily said.

Al Gore praises new Russian PM

MOSCOW, July 25: Vice President Al Gore praised Russia's new prime minister, saying he had an impressive understanding of his country's troubled economy and the danger posed by the spread of nuclear weapons technology, reports AP.

"In a very short period of time, he has established a full command of the facts," Gore said of Sergei Kiriyenko at a news conference on Friday. "I'm impressed with his programmes."

Kiriyenko, who was named prime minister less than four months ago, called their discussions "very concentrated and fruitful."

Gore, who left Friday night for Washington, and Kiriyenko signed agreements designed to protect Russia's plutonium stockpile and find new jobs for scientists in defense industries.

The plutonium agreement calls for building a new plant to reprocess plutonium from dismantled nuclear weapons into fuel for civilian nuclear power plants. Under the other agreement, Russia's "defense cities," or isolated research communities struggling in the new economy, will be converted to civilian use.

Gore and Kiriyenko also discussed Russia's economic crisis. Kiriyenko insisted that Russia is not pursuing unpopular economic reforms to please the International Monetary Fund or the United States.

"We are doing this for ourselves," he said. "This is being done because there is no alternative." He called the Russian parliament's resistance to the government programme a "normal part of politics."

The two also set the agenda for a Moscow summit between Presidents Bill Clinton and Boris Yeltsin, which is planned for the end of August or early September. No details were released.



The general students of the Dhaka University staged a rally in the city yesterday in support of a two-day strike beginning today.

ASEAN FMs intensify criticism of Indian, Pakistani N-tests

MANILA, July 25: Southeast Asian foreign minister on Friday intensified their criticism of Indian and Pakistani nuclear tests, agreed to a wider fight against drug trafficking and supported a regional early warning system to check economic problems, reports AP.

The foreign ministers deplored the series of nuclear tests conducted recently in South Asia that exacerbated tension in the regions and raised the specter of a nuclear arms race, according to a draft communique prepared for the end of the two-day Association of Southeast Asian Nations ministerial meeting.

The world "deplore," stronger than an earlier version that expressed "grave concern," was put in at the insistence of Malaysia, according to officials quoted by Japan's Kyodo news agency.

The nine-member ASEAN seeks to make Southeast Asia a nuclear weapons free zone, including a ban on nuclear arms on ships traversing international waters in the region.

The Southeast Asian foreign ministers will meet this coming week with counterparts from the United States, China, Russia, Britain and India to discuss security issues. It is likely that ASEAN's dissatisfaction with the slow pace of nuclear disarmament will be part of those talks.

In the draft communique obtained by The Associated Press, the ASEAN foreign ministers called on all countries which have not done so to adhere to

the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty in recognition of the overwhelming interest to establish a nuclear free world."

The foreign ministers broke no new ground in dealing with their serious economic problems, mainly supporting actions already taken by ASEAN's finance ministers. In fact, a separate economic statement prepared by the Philippines, which is hosting the meeting, was laid aside as unnecessary.

The draft communique strongly endorsed the finance ministers' earlier decision to establish an ASEAN surveillance mechanism to monitor regional economic and financial indicators so that future crises can be nipped in the bud.

They also welcomed proposals to use regional currencies in trade among ASEAN countries to reduce their dependence on dollars. Despite the economic crisis, the ministers said ASEAN is committed to pressing ahead with a regional free trade area.

The foreign ministers language on the drug fight was mild, focused on finding new ways to cooperate with the rest of the world in fighting crime. They concurred with a commitment made last year by ASEAN countries "to expand the scope of cooperation and explore ways by which the member countries can work closer with relevant agencies and organizations, including the United Nations."

Paula Jones says Ex-lawyers letters written to me shouldn't have been made public

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas, July 25: Paula Jones said that letters written to her by her previous lawyers should not have been made public in her sexual harassment lawsuit against President Clinton, reports AP.

The letters were released last month when US District Judge Susan Webber Wright, who dismissed the lawsuit, entered them into the public record.

Mrs Jones asked Wright to vacate her order that made the letters public, saying the letters were addressed to her, dealt with legal issues and included advice in the lawsuit.

Therefore, on their face, these are attorney-client privileged communications," her motion said. "Why these letters were in the possession of the court is unknown to Mrs Jones."

The letters were written by Joseph Cammarata and Gilbert K Davis last year during negotiations for a possible settlement of the lawsuit. They told her a settlement for \$750,000 and a vague apology would be a "complete victory" even if Clinton admitted no wrongdoing.

Mrs Jones turned down the offer, saying she wanted a full apology, according to the letter. The lawyers said the refusal was a shift in her original intentions.

"You understand that your present need for an apology was not sought for more than three years after the event," the lawyers wrote. "Your focus has thus changed from proving that you are a good person, to proving Clinton is a bad person. That was never your objective before filing suit."

2 alleged snatchers held with arms

By Staff Correspondent

Police arrested two alleged snatchers with firearm and ammunition, from a colony in the city yesterday.

They were identified as Abdul Jobbar and Abul Hossain, police said, adding a revolver with eight bullets and a knife were recovered from the arrested persons.

A team of Shurapur police arrested Jobbar and Hossain from near a mosque inside the colony while the team was patrolling the area in the early hours of yesterday.

A case was lodged with Shurapur thana in this regard.



A food fair was organised by the young learners at the British Council Auditorium yesterday.

"Priority given to illiteracy eradication programme"

Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria said yesterday that the present government had given priority to the illiteracy eradication programmes amid at poverty alleviation from society, reports BSS.

The government gave the highest allocation in the education sector to achieve this objective, the minister said while speaking as the chief guest at a discussion entitled "financing in education" organised by Foundation for Research and Development (FREPD) here.

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক
প্রধান কার্যালয়
ঢাকা

উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক পদে নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের পূর্ণবেশক বিভাগের উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক পদে নিয়োগের জন্য বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের নিকট হইতে দরখাস্ত আবেদন করা যাইতেছেঃ

ক্র.সং.	পদনাম	বেতন/ভাতা
১.	উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক (পূর্ণবেশক)	বেতন স্কেল টাকা ১০,৭০০-৩০০×৮-১০,১০০/- এবং তৎসহ প্রচলিত নিয়মানুযায়ী প্রদেয় বাড়ি ভাড়াভাতা ও অন্যান্য সুবিধা। তবে ২০শে জুন, ১৯৯৯ইং পর্যন্ত সময়ে প্রথম নিয়োগপ্রাপ্তদের ক্ষেত্রে জাতীয় বেতন স্কেল ১৯৯৭-এর ১০(২) উপ-অনুচ্ছেদ মোতাবেক বেতন ও ভাতাদি নির্ধারিত হইবে।
২.	যোগ্যতার প্রার্থীর ক্ষেত্রে অধিক বেতন/ভাতা পদনাম দিয়ে বিবেচনা করা হইবে।	
৩.	যোগ্যতাঃ কেবলমাত্র নিম্নোক্ত শ্রেণীভুক্ত ব্যক্তিগণ আবেদন করিতে পারিবেন।	
৩.১.	বিদেশী ব্যাচনামা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় হইতে অর্থনীতিতে পিএইচডি ডিগ্রী (মনিটরী ইকোনোমিকস, ইকোনোমেট্রিকস বা ইন্টারন্যাশনাল ইকোনোমিকস-এ পর্যায় কোর্স ওয়ার্কসহ)।	
৩.২.	বয়স সর্বোচ্চ ৪৫ বৎসর। অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন ব্যক্তিদের ক্ষেত্রে বয়স শিথিলযোগ্য।	
৩.৩.	ইচ্ছুক প্রার্থীদেরকে নিম্নলিখিত জীবন-বৃত্তান্ত, সকল শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সত্যায়িত সনদপত্র/পরশস্মরণ, সম্পত্তি তালিকা তিন কপি পাসপোর্ট আকারের সত্যায়িত ছবি এবং মহা-ব্যবস্থাপক, প্রশাসন বিভাগ, বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা-এর অনুকূলে ১০০/- (একশত) টাকার ব্যাংক ডাফট/পে-অর্ডারসহ (অফেরতযোগ্য) স্বহস্তে লিখিত দরখাস্ত কেবলমাত্র ডাকযোগে মহা-ব্যবস্থাপক, প্রশাসন বিভাগ, বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা -এই ঠিকানায় ১৬-০৮-৯৮ইং তারিখের মধ্যে পৌঁছাইতে হইবে।	
৩.৪.	নাম (স্পষ্টাকরে) :	
৩.৫.	পিতা/স্বামীর নাম :	
৩.৬.	স্থায়ী ঠিকানা (বিবাহিতা মহিলাদের ক্ষেত্রে স্বামীর স্থায়ী ঠিকানা) :	
৩.৭.	বর্তমান ঠিকানা :	
৩.৮.	বিবাহিতা মহিলাদের ক্ষেত্রে স্বামীর জেলা :	
৩.৯.	জন্ম তারিখ :	
৩.১০.	১৬-০৮-৯৮ইং তারিখে বয়স :	
৩.১১.	জাতীয়তা :	
৩.১২.	শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার বিবরণ	
৩.১৩.	পরিষ্কার প্রাপ্ত বিভাগ/ শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানের নামসমূহ	পাসের নাম
৩.১৪.	অভিজ্ঞতার বিবরণ (যদি থাকে) :	
৩.১৫.	পারদর্শনসহ অন্য কোন বিষয় যাহা নির্বাচনের জন্য বিবেচনা করা যায় বলিয়া মনে করেন :	
৪.	মুক্তিযোদ্ধা প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে মুক্তিযোদ্ধা সংসদের চেয়ারম্যান কর্তৃক স্বাক্ষরিত এবং মহামান্য রাষ্ট্রপতি কর্তৃক প্রতিস্বাক্ষরিত সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি দরখাস্তের সহিত দাখিল করিতে হইবে।	
৫.	মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধার পুত্র/কন্যা হিসাবে চাকরি প্রার্থীকে চাকুরির আবেদনপত্রের সহিত মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধার পিতা/মাতার মুক্তিযোদ্ধা সার্টিফিকেট, বাহা মুক্তিযোদ্ধা সংসদের চেয়ারম্যান কর্তৃক স্বাক্ষরিত এবং মহামান্য রাষ্ট্রপতি কর্তৃক প্রতিস্বাক্ষরিত-এর সত্যায়িত কপি দরখাস্তের সহিত দাখিল করিতে হইবে। আবেদনকারী মহিলা মুক্তিযোদ্ধার সন্তান হইলে আবেদনকারী যে মহিলা মুক্তিযোদ্ধার সন্তান এইমর্মে ইউনিয়ন পরিষদ চেয়ারম্যান/ওয়ার্ড কমিশনার কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত সার্টিফিকেটের সত্যায়িত কপি আবেদনপত্রের সহিত দাখিল করিতে হইবে।	
৬.	উপজাতীয় হইলে প্রার্থীকে সংশ্লিষ্ট উপযুক্ত/যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি আবেদনপত্রের সহিত দাখিল করিতে হইবে।	
৭.	চাকরিত প্রার্থীগণকে স্ব-স্ব নিয়োগ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করিতে হইবে। অসম্পূর্ণ দরখাস্ত গ্রহণযোগ্য হইবে না। দরখাস্তের খামের উপরে "উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক (পূর্ণবেশক) পদের জন্য দরখাস্ত" স্পষ্টভাবে লিখিতে হইবে।	
৮.	প্রার্থীদের শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার উৎকর্ষের ভিত্তিতে সীমিত সংখ্যক প্রার্থীকে ইন্টারভিউয়ের জন্য আবেদনের ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।	

জসওপ্রবিঃ৪৪৮/৯৮-৮২১ তাং ২৩/৭/৯৮
জিডি-৫৮৩

R&H Tender Invitation Notice

1. Tender Notice : 11/EE/WD/Dhaka/1998-99.
 2. Name of work : R&H Workshop Division supply of spare parts for mini asfalt plant making in Dhaka.
 3. Estimated cost : Taka as per schedule.
 4. Earnest money : 2% (two per cent) of the estimated cost as per existing govt rules.
 5. Time for completion of work : 30 (thirty) days from the date of issue of work order.
 6. Eligibility of contractors : All classes of contractors enlisted with Directorate of R&H as per financial feasibility and regional capability.
 7. Officer where tender and schedule will be available : Workshop Division, Dhaka/ Executive Engineer, R&H, Workshop Division, Mymensingh/ Equipment Control Division Dhaka/ Sub-Divisional Engineer R&H, Workshop Sub-Division, Dhaka on payment of Taka 510/= per set including Bangladesh Form No 2908 (non-refundable) can be purchased till the day before of receiving tender.
 8. Officials and offices to receive tender and schedule : Superintendent Engineer, R&H, Workshop Circle, Dhaka/Executive Engineer R&H, Workshop Division, Tejgaon Dhaka/ Executive Engineer R&H, Equipment Control Division, Dhaka/Executive Engineer R&H, Workshop Division, Mymensingh.
 9. Last date of selling tender document : 9-8-98.
 10. Last date and time of receiving sealed tender : 10-8-98 till 12-00 Noon.
 11. Date of time of opening sealed tender : 12-8-98 at 12-30 PM.
 12. Date of lottery (if necessary) : 12-8-98 at 2-30 PM.
 13. Expenditure head : 2-repair.
- Md Shahid Hossen Khan**
Executive Engineer
R&H (Mechanical)
Workshop Division
Tejgaon, Dhaka.
- DFP-5838/21-7-98
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Weather

Moderate rain likely

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

The Met Office said, day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period.

The country's highest temperature 36.0 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chuadanga and the lowest 23.0 degrees Celsius at Patuakhali.

The sun sets today at 6:45 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:26 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	33.6	25.5	81	86
Chittagong	30.2	25.0	78	87
Khulna	33.0	28.0	86	76
Rajshahi	34.7	26.7	81	92
Barisal	30.0	23.8	89	91
Sylhet	27.5	24.0	98	96
Cox's Bazar	31.5	26.0	96	88

HERE and THERE

'Club-68-BZS' launched

A reunion meeting of the ex-students of 1968 batch of Barisal Zila School on Friday formed an organisation styled "Club-68-BZS" not only to promote amity among themselves, but also to carry out socio-cultural activities, reports BSS.

The meeting held at the Eastern Tower of New Eskaton called upon all students of the said batch, who studied at Barisal Zila School from class three to class ten, to enroll their names with the club.

The meeting also formed an eight-member executive committee with Khandkar Tariqul Islam Ruki and Habibur Rahman as convener and treasurer respectively. All concerned have been requested to contact Farzal Kabir Mohan (Phone: 9560631) for further information.

BILS

An evaluation workshop on 'Organised the Unorganised Campaign' held yesterday at the seminar room of BIM in the city under the auspices of BILS/ LO-FTF Project, says a press release.

Nazrul Islam Khan, secretary general of the Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies (BILS) inaugurated the workshop. The action plan on 'Organ-

R&H Tender Invitation Notice

1. Tender Notice : 03/EE/WD Dhaka/1998-99.
 2. Name of work : Supply of spare parts for engine of ferry for Ferry Division, Khulna under R&H Workshop Division, Dhaka.
 3. Estimated cost : Takaas per schedule.
 4. Earnest money : 2% (two per cent) of the estimated cost as per existing govt rules will have to be submitted.
 5. Time for completion of work : 40 (forty) days after the issue of work order.
 6. Eligibility of contractors : All classes of contractors enlisted with the Directorate of Public Works as per financial feasibility and regional capability.
 7. Offices where tender's schedule will be available : Tender and schedule including Bangladesh Form No 2908 can be purchased on payment of Taka 510/- (non-refundable) for each set from the office of the Workshop Division, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, Equipment Control Division/Workshop Division, Mymensingh/Sub-Divisional Engineer, R&H Workshop Sub-Division, Dhaka till the day before receiving of tender.
 8. Official and offices to receive tender and schedule : Superintendent Engineer, R&H, Workshop Circle, Dhaka/Executive Engineer R&H, Workshop Division, Dhaka/Executive Engineer R&H, Equipment Control Division, Dhaka/Executive Engineer R&H, Workshop Division, Mymensingh.
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 11. Date and time of opening sealed tender : 12-8-98 at 12-30 PM.
 12. Date of lottery (if necessary) : 12-8-98 at 2-30 PM.
 13. Expenditure head : T&R.
- Md Shahid Hossen Khan**
Executive Engineer
R&H (Mechanical)
Workshop Division
Tejgaon, Dhaka.
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G-1684