

Exhibition on Bangabandhu begins

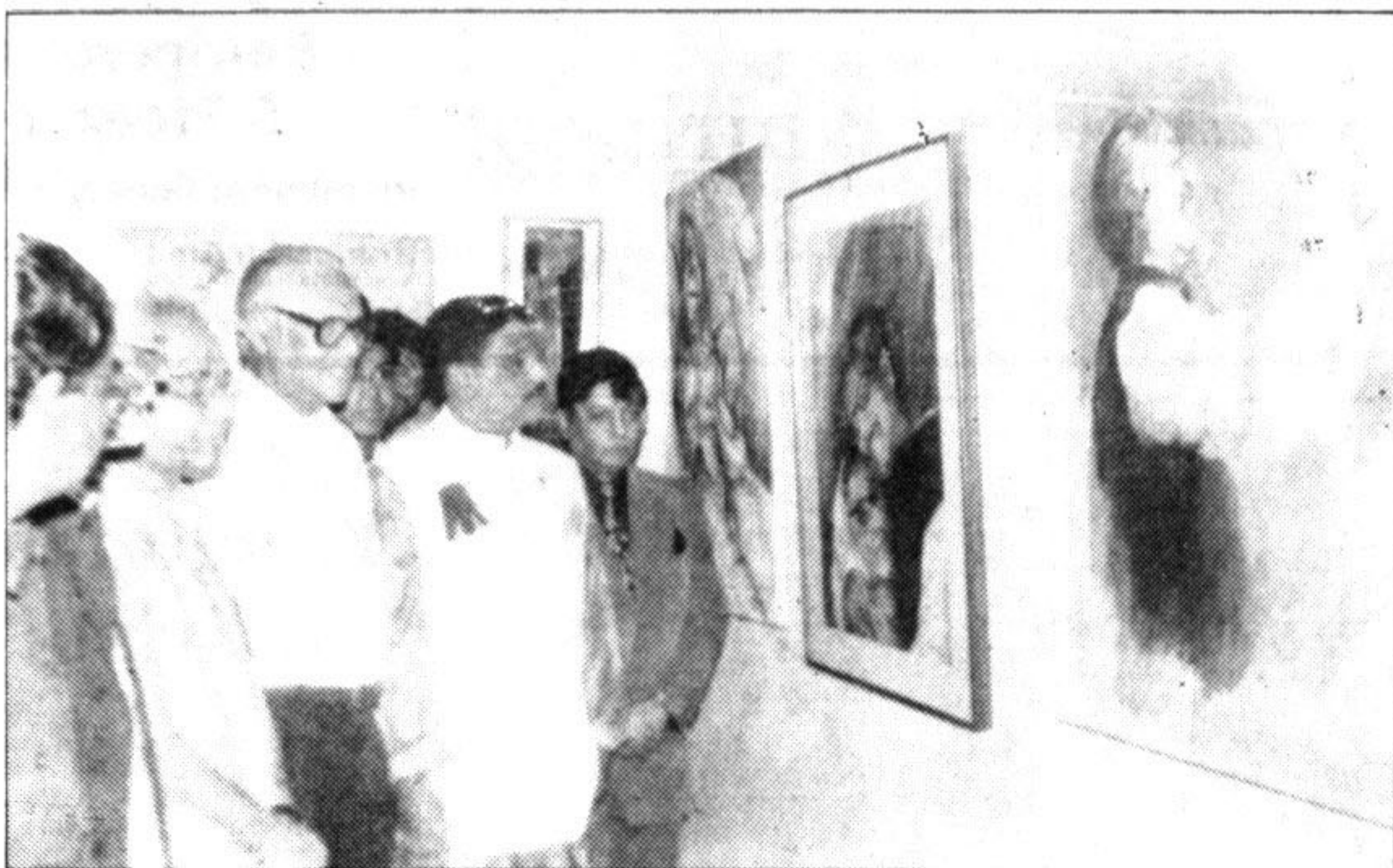
A week-long exhibition marking the 25th death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman began at the National Museum yesterday, reports UNB.

State minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader inaugurated the exhibition yesterday.

Some 103 photographs, over 150 paintings and 500 books on Bangabandhu and the Liberation War have been put on display at the exhibition, which will remain open from 10:30 am to 5 pm daily till Aug 20.

The Cultural Affairs Ministry in collaboration with National Museum, Shilpakala Academy, Bangla Academy, Nazrul Institute, Art Institute and Jatiya Grantha Kendra has organised the show.

Meanwhile, a discussion on "Bangabandhu and Bangladesh" will be held at 5 pm at the Museum premises today. Prof Anisuzzaman will preside.



Visitors on the opening day of a week-long photography, painting and book exhibition on Bangabandhu and the Liberation War at the National Museum in the city yesterday.

Govt urged to review CHT peace accord

By Staff Correspondent

Chittagong Hill Tracts Indigenous Peoples Coordination Council (CHTIPCC) yesterday urged the government to review the peace accord and find out a new formula to solve the long standing CHT crisis on the basis of equality of all tribes.

"It is not just to impose the treaty on us signed between leader of the Shanti Bahini Santu Larma and the government of Bangladesh," leaders of the newly formed CHTIPCC said this at a press conference held at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

The CHTIPCC represents eight tribes, which according to them from thirty per cent of the total population of the CHT. The tribes include Murong Tanchingra, Bom, Khumi, Kiang, Chank, Pangkho, Lusai, Rakhain and Mro. They claimed themselves as the true indigenous people of CHT.

"Santu Larma was not the representative of all the tribesmen", they said adding

Appointment of new asstt headmaster at Banani Bidya Niketan resented

By Staff Correspondent

Appointment of a new assistant headmaster at Banani Bidya Niketan, ignoring the opinion of the teachers, is posing a threat to the normal functioning of the renowned institution of the city.

Thirty-three out of 40 teachers of the school observed a two-day work abstention last month protesting the authorities' decision to appoint an assistant headmaster from outside the existing staff of the school, sources said.

A majority of the teachers were of the opinion that Mohammad Mostafa, senior-most teacher of the school, should be appointed to the post. The sources added.

Mostafa had served as acting assistant headmaster for the last four years. He has been with the school since 1973.

Meanwhile, the teachers are now planning to resign en masse if the authorities stick to their decision. The new assistant headmaster has already joined the school.

The school was established in 1979 through private initiative and now has a leading reputation, with over 2000 students and a good academic reputation.

But dissatisfaction among the teachers over the new appointment is threatening normal academic activities, said one of the founders of the school.

He urged the authorities to change their stubborn position and consider the demand of the teachers to save the institution from possible collapse.

The secretary and headmistress of the school when contacted, however, said the school was functioning normally. She said that selection of the assistant headmaster was made through proper procedure.

A written test was held and the candidate who scored the highest mark was given appointment, she said. Moreover, it is the committee and not the teachers, which takes decisions regarding appointments, she added.

Ctg Customs officials to resist any transfer move

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Aug 14: Officials and employees of Chittagong Customs House are preparing to launch a movement to resist any government move to introduce 'inter-collectorate transfer system' between Chittagong and Mongla customs houses, sources concerned said.

A reported move to introduce mutual transfer of officials and employees between the two customs houses has triggered discontent and speculations among the rank and file in Chittagong Custom House.

Commissioner of Chittagong Customs House Abul Kasem, when contacted said, "I have come to know about that speculations are running high here over a point of mutual transfer."

But, he went on, "It has created a conflicting situation as the officials and employees of Chittagong Customs House want to oppose it declining to be transferred to Mongla while those of Mongla Customs House welcome the mutual transfer."

Meanwhile, the Preventive Service Association of Chittagong Customs House held an emergency general meeting Tuesday to review the situation.

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11 killed in Algeria

ALGIERS, Aug 14: Armed groups killed eleven people in two separate attacks in towns south west of Algiers, the security forces said in a statement Friday, reports AP.

The attacks occurred overnight Thursday. Seven people were killed near Khemis Miliana, about 100 kilometres south west of the capital. Four others died soon after at nearby Ain Delia.

He warned however that his fighters were in "high spirits" saying the militia would easily overrun the opposition-held northern plains to reach the strategic Salang valley, 50 miles north of Kabul.

The Taliban militia and loyalists of the ousted Afghan government's military strongman Ahmad Shah Masood have been positioned at 15 miles



All preparations have been completed to telecast live the National Mourning Day programme today from Bangabandhu Museum at Road No 32 in Dhanmondi. — Star photo

Opposition soldiers urged to surrenders to Taliban

KABUL, Aug 14: A senior Taliban commander today urged the opposition soldiers to peacefully surrender to the Islamic militia as the authorities rushed more troops to reinforce frontlines north of the Afghan capital Kabul, reports AFP.

"We have sent messages to the local commanders and people" in the north to lay down their arms and join the Taliban movement," Mulla Abdul Sattar Akhund, chief commander of Taliban's northern frontlines said.

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Nat'l Mourning Day 4-day programme begins at Shishu academy

A four-day programme on the occasion of the National Mourning Day began at the Shishu Academy in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

Speaking at a discussion organised by the Shishu Academy as part of its four-day programme, State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Dr. Mozammel Hossain underlined the need for projecting the true history of the War of Liberation before the new generation.

Presided over by Dr. Nileema Ibrahim, the function was also addressed by actor Hasan Imam and director of Shishu Academy Golam Kibria. The discussion meeting was followed by an award-giving ceremony and a cultural function highlighting the different aspects of the life of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Dr. Hossain said Father of the Nation had struggled for the realisation of the rights of the commonman and establishment of truth. The state minister said that the killers of Bangabandhu would be tried and added the people had now raised their voice to ensure trial of all killings.

Dr Hossain said the children of the country should be apprised of the War of Liberation and ideals of Bangabandhu.

Dr Nileema Ibrahim said the killers had not only killed Bangabandhu but also throttled the voice of the people for 21 years by killing democracy.

BJMC officials directed to ensure fair price of jute

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 14: State Minister for Jute, AK Faruk Huq today directed the officials of Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) to ensure fair price of jute to its growers, reports BSS.

Addressing the officers and employees of Qawmi Jute Mills here Huq said the government had made a special allocation of Taka one hundred crore for BJMC to purchase raw jute during the current season.

The state minister warned that anybody found to be responsible for any anomaly or irregularity in purchasing jute would be brought to book.

He said the government had also raised the limit of cash credit to state-run jute mills to ensure their smooth functioning.

Huq said the commissioning of much-awaited Bangabandhu Bridge had opened up a new vista for the country. The bridge, he said, also made Sirajganj town a model city.

The state minister urged the officers, employees and labourers of the Qawmi Jute Mills to work hard for making the mill a profitable concern.

Abdul Latif Mirza MP, among others, spoke on the occasion.

Khaleda greets Vajpayee

BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday greeted Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on the occasion of Independence Day of India, reports UNB.

In a message to the Indian premier, she conveyed her felicitations and best wishes to the people of India on behalf of the people of Bangladesh and her party.

She said that during the half a century of India's independence people have witnessed significant changes of far reaching consequences in the international, regional and bilateral domains.

"We, the people of South Asia, have also striven successfully to forge greater cohesion and to promote meaningful cooperation, specially through the creation of important institutional framework of SAARC," she said.

She reaffirmed the commitment to strengthening this great institution and also to expand further due and rightful scope of cooperation among ourselves to promote mutual interest.

This will be done on the basis of the universally accepted principles of sovereign equality of nations and mutual respect for each other's legitimate interest, she added.

What's on today

Club meeting: A meeting of Lions Club of Dhaka Golden will be held. Venue: Hotel Purbani International. Time: 5:30 pm.

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Film show: Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen a film Kalyug by Shyam Benegal. Time: 6 pm. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium at Road No 2, Dhanmondi R/A.

Weather Moderate rain forecast

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

Met office said day temperature may rise by 1 to 3 degree Celsius over the country during the period.

The Sun sets today at 6:32 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:34 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	29.7	26.0	93	85
Chittagong	29.6	24.6	97	86
Khulna	30.0	26.0	93	98
Rajshahi	31.7	26.2	100	92

Education Week at JU begins tomorrow

By JU Correspondent

A week-long programme marking 'Shiksha Saptah' (Education Week), begins in Jahangirnagar University (JU) tomorrow.

The programmes includes essay competition, speech, poetry recitation, acting, folk dance, classical dance, classical songs, folk songs, patriotic songs, Nazrul songs and Rabindra sanget.

JU Vice Chancellor Prof Alauddin Ahmed will distribute prizes of the competition on August 22.

All the events of the competition will take place at the TSC premises of the university.

One commits suicide in Mymensingh

MYMENSINGH, Aug 14: A female college student allegedly committed suicide by taking poison at Madhupur village here today, reports UNB.

Police said Mukti Rani Shaha, 25, daughter of Dinbandhu Shaha of Madhupur thana, was admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital in a critical condition early in the morning and died at about 11 am.

Local people said mystery shrouded her death as the body was handed over to one Chittaranjan Shaha without autopsy and without informing police and necessary formalities.

BGSF concerned at denying registration

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Garments Sramik Federation (BGSF) at a meeting in the city yesterday expressed concern over denying registration to some trade union organisations in garment factories.

Speakers at the meeting said that the Labour Department held up giving registration to around 20 trade unions in different garment factories. This said denying of trade union activities in garment factories was gross violation of International Labour Organisation (ILO) convention and violation of existing law.

Demanding immediate approval of those applications the speakers vowed that otherwise they would start agitation. The meeting was presided over by federation president Khurshid Alam.

MN Zaman Choudhury, AKM Mahmud Hossain, Abul Khair Bhuiyan and Liakat Hossain also spoke on the occasion.

Suu Kyi's standoff with junta continues 18 foreign activists put on trial in Yangon

YANGON, Aug 14: Eighteen foreign activists arrested last week for handing out pro-democracy leaflets in the Myanmar capital of Yangon were put on trial Friday and face possible 20-year jail sentences, reports AP.

At a press conference in Bangkok, Thailand, angry and tearful relatives of the 18 activists, joined by a visiting United States congressman, demanded their release.

Meanwhile, opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi prepared to spend a third night in her van at a roadblock outside Yangon in her fourth standoff with the military government in two months. She is demanding the right to meet supporters outside the capital.

Hopes for mediating a settlement between the military and the democratic opposition were dashed Friday when Myanmar rebuffed a request from UN Secretary General Kofi Annan to allow an envoy to visit the country.

"The response stated there was no reason for such a rushed visit," said UN spokesman Juan Carlos Brandt.

Friday's trial of the 18 foreigners took place in a courtroom outside the walls of Insein Prison, where hundreds of political prisoners are held along with violent criminals.

The six Americans, three Malaysians, three Indonesians, three Thais, two Filipinos and one Australian were charged with violating the 1950 Emergency Provision Act.

The sweeping law allows maximum 20-year jail sentences for attempting to incite unrest or disrupt the peace and stability of the state.

Diplomats were denied permission to speak with the accused. A single judge presided. There was no jury. Unlike most trials in Myanmar, the proceedings were open to diplomats and journalists.

A diplomat said the defendants and foreign embassies were not informed a trial would take place until Friday morning.

"I hope they will be treated leniently," said US Charge d'Affaires Kent Wiedemann as he entered the courtroom.

The trial could be finished today if they don't raise any questions," a Myanmar Foreign Ministry spokesman said on condition of anonymity.

After the prosecution finishes its case, the accused can then enter their plea and demand a lawyer.

The activists were detained Sunday, the day after the 10th anniversary of a failed nationwide democracy uprising, for handing out small cards telling Myanmar citizens the outside world supported their democratic aspirations and to not give up.

Sharif vows to continue backing Kashmiri separatists in India

ISLAMABAD, Aug 14: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif vowed Friday to continue supporting Kashmiri separatists fighting in neighbouring India, reports AP.

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Celebrations in Karachi, meanwhile, could not escape the violence that has plagued the southern port city that is Pakistan's economic hub. Unidentified gunmen attacked a school, wounding seven students attending an independence-day programme in a politically volatile eastern Karachi neighbourhood.

No group claimed responsibility for the shooting, which a police official said was terrorist attack aimed at wrecking independence day celebrations.

More than 500 people have been killed in Karachi's political, ethnic and sectarian violence so far this year.

Sharif, speaking in the capital in his address to the nation marking 51 years of independence, said violence in Kashmir would "force India to come to the negotiation table."

Pakistan and India have fought two wars of their three wars over Kashmir since both gained independence from Britain in 1947. India celebrates its independence day Saturday.

India accuses Sharif's government of arming Muslim guerrillas fighting for Kashmir's independence or its merger with Islamic Pakistan, while Pakistan accuses India of violating human rights in its crackdown on the militants. Islamabad says it offers only political and moral support to Kashmir's indigenous movement, and Sharif said that support would continue as long as "Kashmiris are victims of Indian atrocities."

Sharif on Friday also defended his decision to answer Indian nuclear weapons tests in May with his own tests.



Stagnant rain water is being pumped out from a house at Minto Road in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Police Headquarters Bangladesh, Dhaka

Tender Notice For Supplying Multimedia Projector

Sealed tenders are invited from the Importers/Suppliers for supplying Multimedia Projector in Police Headquarters, Bangladesh, Dhaka.

Tender schedule may be purchase from the office of the undersigned up to 27.8.98 during office hours on cash payment of Tk 400/- (four hundred) (non-refundable).

Tenders to be dropped in the tender box at the ground floor of Police Headquarters, Bangladesh, Dhaka on 1.9.98 up to 11:00 AM and will be opened on the same day at 12:00 Noon in presence of tenderers (if any). The tender schedule to be sold on the day fixed for opening tenders i.e. on 1.9.98. Tenderers must submit 3% earnest money of the quoted rate (refundable) in favour of Inspector General of Police in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft. Otherwise tender will be rejected.

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

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Customs, Excise and VAT Commissionerate

Dhaka South, Dhaka

Auction Tender Notice

The following unserviceable cars of the Customs, Excise and VAT Commissionerate, Segunbagicha, Dhaka will be sold on auction as and where it is basis. Intending buyers will have to submit their tender (sealed) by mentioning rate separately for each car by 12.00 Noon on 24-08-98 in the tender box kept at the office of the Joint Commissioner (Sadar). Earnest money at the rate of 25% of the cost mentioned in the tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of Commissioner, Customs, Excise and VAT Commissionerate, Dhaka (South), Dhaka will have to be deposited with the tender. Tenders will be opened on the same day at 12.30 PM in presence of participants in tender (if anyone remains present). Successful participants in tender will have to receive cars within 07 (seven) days of the acceptance of tender by depositing money. Otherwise earnest money will be forfeited.

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

Description of cars

1. Government car no Dhaka Gha-6417 motor car.
2. Government car no Dhaka Gha - 6418 motor car.
3. Government car no Dhaka Gha - 3694 motor car.

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Commissioner
Customs, Excise and VAT,
Dhaka South, Dhaka

Directorate General Defence Purchase

Ministry of Defence
New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

Tender/Re-Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders are invited in local/foreign currency from bonafide Manufacturers/Dealers /Suppliers/Indentors (Enlisted Firms and Firms applied for Enlistment) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Army

Ser No	Nomenclature	Date of Selling		Date of Opening	Currency	Tender No
		From	To			
a.	Equipment/tools for shop set FD maint telecom and instrument (04 line items)	25-9-98	16-9-98	17-9-98	Foreign/Local	1834/P-1
b.	Cover outer with tube inner and flap rust various sizes for different vehicles (36 line items)	25-8-98	06-10-98	07-10-98	Foreign	1960/P-1
c.	Vinyl Cover for various type of model vehicles (16 line items)	25-8-98	20-9-98	21-9-98	Local	1961/P-1

2. Tender schedule with detailed specifications will be available on payment as per I/T selling rate (Not refundable) during office hours between 0800 hours to 1300 hours. The tender will be dropped latest by 1000 hrs and opened at 1005 hrs on concerned opening dates in front of tenderers present at that time.

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