

Text of Clinton's address to nation

WASHINGTON, Aug 18: Text of President Clinton's address to the nation, as transcribed by the Federal Document Clearing House... Good evening. This afternoon in this room, from this chair, I testified before the Office of Independent Counsel and the grand jury.

Clinton: I misled people

From Page 1 This matter is between me, the two people I love most — my wife and our daughter — and our God, he added. But some congressional critics weren't satisfied and bridled at Clinton's attack on Starr. Sources said Starr may try to force the president to give fuller answers in a second grand jury appearance.

Hillary

From Page 1 role of family adviser, says the first lady is still committed to her marriage. Clinton admitted giving the American people "a false impression". But acknowledging he had an inappropriate relationship with a young woman, he sounded more sorry for the pain he had caused Hillary and their daughter, Chelsea.

PM: By-polls

From Page 1 The Prime Minister blamed BNP for trying to protect the self-proclaimed killers of Bangabandhu and said Begum Zia's husband General Ziaur Rahman rewarded the killers by giving them jobs in the foreign missions.



Dr Kamal Hossain speaking at a convention on 'Oil and gas resources of Bangladesh and national interest' held at the National Press Club yesterday.

Ctg gold haul Investigation moving at a snail's pace

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Aug 18: The investigation into the smuggled gold haul incident that took place at the Chittagong airport on August 4, is moving at a snail's pace, sources said. Consequently, there has been no headway in detecting the kingpins linked with the gold haul incident.

Landslide kills 178 in India

NEW DELHI, Aug 18: At least 178 people were killed when a landslide wiped out a village today in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, a senior police official said, reports AFP. Police official Udayan Parmar, speaking from the nearby city of Bareilly, said that the latest toll was received in a radio message sent by a surviving wireless operator at the disaster site.

Over 100 drown in Sierra Leone

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone, Aug 18: More than 100 people who had been kidnapped from their villages by rebels in Sierra Leone drowned with their captors over the weekend when the boat taking them away struck a rock and sank, police said today, reports AP. Since President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah was restored to power earlier this year by a West African intervention force, members of Sierra Leone's ousted junta and their rebels allies have been killing, maiming and kidnapping thousands of civilians in remote areas.



Labourers brought out a procession in the city yesterday carrying the body of their comrade Yasin who was shot dead by terrorists at Shyampur under Demra thana recently.

Sonia — an acid victim back home after treatment abroad

By Staff Correspondent Sonia, an acid victim, returned home Monday after a five-month treatment abroad. Her mother raised a number of questions regarding the state of treatment facilities in the country for victims like Sonia. The teen-age girl from Old Dhaka fell victim to acid throwing in her own house on March 8 last year.

Tributes paid to Bangabandhu in New Delhi

NEW DELHI, Aug 18: Former Indian president R Venkataraman, former prime minister I K Gujral and a host of leading socio-political personalities at a discussion here last evening paid tribute to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, reports BSS. Political assassination is a major threat to democracy and the threat is growing. There is a need to put a stop to this trend, the former Indian president R Venkataraman said while paying tributes to Bangabandhu at the meeting organised by the 'Freedom Movement Memorial Committee, Friends of Bangladesh' in cooperation with the Bangladesh High Commission on the occasion of his 23rd death anniversary.

Where's she?

From Page 1 There was no sign Monday of Ms Lewinsky outside her apartment at the Watergate complex. She was not seen outside the office of her lawyers. And there were no reports of her eating at any of the downtown restaurants she has frequented in recent months. In fact, family friends would not even confirm if the former White House intern, a native of California, was in Washington. In Los Angeles, the lights were on late Monday inside the Brentwood neighbourhood home of Ms Lewinsky's father, Dr Bernard Lewinsky. But unlike days when Ms Lewinsky is known to be in town, no reporters were camped out at the home.

Bangabandhu murder case AL leaders were silent about Aug 15 killings out of fear: SPP

"A man may be killed by an army, but his idea and philosophy can't be killed... thousands of army can't stop even one idea. This was observed by advocate Serajul Huq, the chief prosecutor in the Bangabandhu Murder Case, while placing his argument before the District and Sessions Judge's Court yesterday, reports UNB. The prosecutor ridiculed a defence suggestion that none was killed in Bangabandhu's 32 Dhanmondi residence on August 15. "If that was the reality, I along with so many people would have been the happiest person on earth," he said. It sounds like "a man is killed, but he is not dead," he added. Referring to some other suggestion of the defence counsel to the prosecution witnesses during the lengthy cross-examination, Huq said, "Cross-examination is not for manipulation of errors but to find out the truth." Some of the defence queries and suggestions to the witnesses, the prosecutor said, were meaningless. "Those were empty, Zero + Zero + Zero = Zero. Was it necessary to ask an illiterate witness about number of wheels of a tank?" Referring to a revelation from the deposition of PW-50 DSP Nurul Islam, the lawyer said, "I have never heard in the Army Act that a man could be killed after he raises his hands up." DSP Nurul Islam in his deposition had said army men in black and khaki uniforms coming near the veranda of Bangabandhu's house asked him, Sheikh Kamal and another police man to raise their hands up. All three obeyed. But Major Bazul Huda fired at Sheikh Kamal. Referring to the deposition by another prosecution witness who had said there was a dead silence after 10-year-old boy Russel was gunned down by a brute, the prosecutor said, "Sometimes silence is more eloquent than the sound of a gun. After the death of Russel, all became silent." Turning to some other defence suggestions, Huq said the counsel tried to establish that the army men returned the fire of Sheikh Kamal and Sheikh Jamal who shot from inside the house. "Even if we concede to this idea, my question is why did they come to that house?" About the suggestion that Awami League leaders like Captain Mansur Ali, Tajuddin Ahmed had accepted the killing and none raised their voice against it, the prosecutor said, "Awami League leaders were silent because there is a word called fear. It is fear that refrained them from raising their voice." None of them had accepted the killing, Huq contended. "If that was so, why then Mansur Ali, Tajuddin and others were killed inside the jail?" "It is not correct," said the prosecutor refuting the defence suggestion that the political leaders had accepted the killing and the change on August 15, 1975. About the change of the government on August 15, the prosecutor said, "A mere change in paper does not make any change in the state. Lord Clive told Mir Zafar that he would be made the Nawab." He termed as wild and fabulous the defence suggestion that all the inmates of the house committed suicide by exploding grenades. Referring to another defence suggestion that the army came to abduct Sheikh Mujib, the prosecutor pointed to Havilder Qudus Sikder, PW-4, who had told the court that accused Bazul Huda entered the house and killed Sheikh Kamal. Then climbing upstairs Major Nour and Major Huda gunned down Bangabandhu. Huq said, "The intention is a matter of mind, but circumstantial evidence spells out the intention. Intention is something large and somebody has to read that. There was no other intention except to kill him (Bangabandhu). They came to kill him and they killed him." Major Mohiuddin (lancer) along with his troops pushed Bangabandhu towards the stairs, and Major Huda and Major Nour asking them to step aside instantly fired at Bangabandhu, contended the prosecutor pointing to the deposition of the prosecution witness Havilder Qudus. He described the deposition of Qudus as 'natural and spontaneous description of the incident.' After killing Bangabandhu, both the officers came out of the house. Then entered Major Aziz Pasha with Havilder Moslemuddin and killed all other inmates of house in the first floor. All these show that different sets of people were entrusted with different tasks, Serajul Huq said. Referring to Qudus' deposition, he said Major Aziz Pasha asked one Havilder to take Russel to his mother when the minor boy wanted to go to his mother. "What a heart rending mystery!" said Huq terming Maj Aziz Pasha as the finest killer and a most cruel man. He compared Pasha with Sheamar, the killer of Hazrat Imam Hossain in Karbala. Referring to Farook's coming in front of Bangabandhu's residence on August 15 morning, the prosecutor said he (Farook) came there to ascertain whether the operation was successful. When Farook asked something, the Major Huda was quoted to have said all were finished. Probably Farook had asked "Kam thuk se hua?" (Has the task been carried out rightly). Huq jokingly said in Urdu. "The chief prosecutor was assisted by additional PP Qumrul Islam and Adv Mosharrar Hossain Kajal. He will continue his argument when the hearing resumes at 10 am today.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার প্রকল্প ব্যবস্থাপক-২, সওজ এর কার্যালয় যমুনা সেতু একসেস রোডস প্রকল্প সড়ক ভবন, রমনা, ঢাকা

নিলাম আস্থানের বিজ্ঞপ্তি

চুক্তি নং-৪ এর ২য় নিলাম আস্থানের বিজ্ঞপ্তি ১. বিক্রয় নং : ০১/৯৮-৯৯ইং অর্থ বৎসর, প্রকল্প ব্যবস্থাপক-২, সওজ, যমুনা সেতু একসেস রোডস প্রকল্প, সড়ক ভবন, রমনা, ঢাকা। ২. কাজের নাম : ১৯৯৮-৯৯ইং অর্থ বৎসরে প্রকল্প ব্যবস্থাপক-২, সওজ, যমুনা সেতু একসেস রোডস প্রকল্প-এর চুক্তি নং ৪ এর নবীনাথ-চান্দা সড়কের সার্ভে রিপোর্ট অনুযায়ী বিভিন্ন জাতের পাছ ও ঝড়ি নিলামের কাজ এবং মিরপুর সড়কের কটাক নং-৪ এর সার্ভে রিপোর্ট অনুযায়ী বিভিন্ন জাতের পাছ ও ঝড়ির নিলাম। ৩. উদ্ধৃত মূল্য : প্রাপ্ত তালিকাভুক্ত। ৪. বায়নার টাকা : উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ১০% (শতকরা দশ ভাগ) প্রকল্প ব্যবস্থাপক-২, সওজ, যমুনা সেতু একসেস রোডস প্রকল্প, ঢাকা-এর অনুকূলে যে কোন তফসিল ব্যাঙ্ক হইতে ডাফ্ট/পে-অর্ডার, ট্রেজারী চালান আকারে জমা দিতে হইবে। অত্র দপ্তরে যে সকল ঠিকাদারের স্থায়ী জামানত আছে তাহাদেরকেও উক্ত মূল্যের সাথে ১০% (শতকরা দশ ভাগ) টাকা উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের জামানত দিতে হইবে। অন্যথায় দরপত্র বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে। ৫. ঠিকাদারের যোগ্যতা : সড়ক ও জনপথ অধিদপ্তরের তালিকাভুক্ত "এ" হইতে "ই" শ্রেণীর ঠিকাদার/প্রকৃত কাঠ ব্যবসায়ী/আর্থী ব্যক্তি বা প্রতিষ্ঠান। ৬. কাঠ ও ঝড়ি উত্তোলনের সময় : শিথিল আদেশের তারিখ হইতে ২৫ (পঁচিশ) দিন। ৭. যে সকল কার্যালয় : প্রতি স্টেট সিভিলিয়ান মূল্য টাকা ১,০০০/- (এক হাজার শীশতক) (অফিসব্যবস্থা)। বাহা নিম্নের দপ্তরগুলি হইতে করা যাইবে। ১। প্রকল্প ব্যবস্থাপক-১/২ এবং ৩, সওজ, যমুনা সেতু একসেস রোডস প্রকল্প, সড়ক ভবন, রমনা, ঢাকা। ২। বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, ঢাকা। ৩। প্রকল্প ব্যবস্থাপক-২, সওজ, যমুনা সেতু একসেস রোডস প্রকল্প-৪, চট্টগ্রাম। ৪। নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, প্রাথমিক বিভাগ, সেতু ও নকশা বিভাগ, সড়ক ভবন, রমনা, ঢাকা। ৮. নিলাম দরপত্র : ১। প্রকল্প পরিচালক (অঃ প্রঃ প্রঃ), সওজ, যমুনা সেতু একসেস রোডস প্রকল্প, সড়ক ভবন, রমনা, ঢাকা। ২। তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, মনিটরিং ও ইন্সপেকশন সার্কেল, সড়ক ভবন, রমনা, ঢাকা। ৩। বিভাগীয় কমিশনারের কার্যালয়, ঢাকা। ৪। প্রকল্প ব্যবস্থাপক-২, সওজ, যমুনা সেতু একসেস রোডস প্রকল্প, সড়ক ভবন, রমনা, ঢাকা। ৯. নিলাম তফসিল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ : ২৪.০৮.৯৮ইং (অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে)। ১০. নিলাম দরপত্র গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় : ২৫.০৮.৯৮ইং বেলা ১২.৩০ মিনিট পর্যন্ত। ১১. নিলাম দরপত্র খোলার নির্ধারিত তারিখ ও সময় : ২৭.০৮.৯৮ইং বেলা ১২.৪৫ মিনিট পর্যন্ত। ১২. যদি একাধিক দরদাতা একই দর উদ্ধৃত করেন সে ক্ষেত্রে দরটির মাধ্যমে সিদ্ধান্ত গৃহীত হইবে। ১৩. সর্বোচ্চ দরদাতাকে কার্যাদেশ পূর্বের উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ৩% (শতকরা তিন ভাগ) আয়কর হিসাবে অভিজিত জমা দিতে হইবে। ঠিকাদারের নাম ঠিকানা/নিলাম ডাককারীর নাম ঠিকানা এবং স্বাক্ষর : মোঃ আবদুল মুকতারির প্রকল্প ব্যবস্থাপক-২, সওজ, যমুনা সেতু একসেস রোডস প্রকল্প, সড়ক ভবন, রমনা, ঢাকা। ডিএফপি-১৭৫৪৮-১৩/৮