

# US air strikes on Sudan, Afghanistan condemned

By Staff Correspondent

Different organisations yesterday strongly protested and condemned the US air strike on Sudan and Afghanistan on Thursday.

In a statement Workers' Party of Bangladesh (WPB) condemned the attacks and said the "US administration has not been given the responsibility of policing anywhere in the world."

Expressing resentment at the attacks, WPB said the "tendency of the United States not to show any respect to the sovereignty of any state will lead the world to barbarism." "US administration is trying to take back the world to the medieval era and wants to create a situation of lawlessness," the statement said.

WPB urged all democratic forces across the world to protest the "heinous activities of the US imperialism."

Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh in another statement said the US has introduced itself as an international terrorist state by attacking two Muslim states in the name of nabbing terrorists.

"These attacks on Sudan and Afghanistan is not only inhuman, unjust and unexpected but also opposed to the international regulations as declared by the UN."

"The attacks are potential threat to global peace and the conscience of the international

community cannot accept this kind of inhuman international terrorism," the statement said.

Democratic Lawyers' Association (DLA) said, "Recent bomb attacks by the terrorists on the American embassies in Tanzania and Kenya cannot be in any international standard of inter-state behaviour an excuse for Americans to launch an open aggression against a sovereign country, particularly, when they are small and poor."

"In the present day uni-polar situation of the international relations, a great responsibility devolves on the Americans to see that peace is not disturbed for US interest. The trampling down of the UNO charter by a big power like America in such a rude manner will certainly encourage others to resort to terrorist path," the DLA statement said.

Democratic Committee Against Fascism (DCAF) yesterday brought out a procession and held rally in the city protesting the US attacks on Sudan and Afghanistan. DCAF processionists chanted slogans, "Crash down the US imperialism" and called upon people to set offensive against the US all over the world.

Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (Zaman) in a statement said "peace-loving people across the world are panicked at the attacks on Sudan and

Afghanistan." Describing the US as "the patroniser of terrorist activities across the world" BSD urged all peace-loving people to be united and protest the domineering attitude of the United States.

Bangladesh Shanti Parishad (BSP) in another statement said, "The air strike on the two countries is a gross violation of independence and sovereignty and also against international law and UN charter which was even persuaded by the US against other countries," in the recent past.

In another statement, a total of 14 eminent citizens condemned the air strike on Sudan and Afghanistan.

"Terrorism in all forms invite condemnation but when it is carried out under the auspices of a state, we do not have words enough to condemn it," they said.

"It is noteworthy that the US promotes undemocratic forces in various countries of the world who are known to be engaged in terrorists activities," the statement said.

"We call upon the government of Bangladesh to condemn this aggressive action of the US in an appropriate form," it said.

Among others, Prof Anisuzzaman, Dr Abdullah Al Muti, Ali Aqsd, K M Sobhan, Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, Khan Sarwar Murshid and Maleka Begum signed the statement.

## Daily Star correspondents' confce today

By Staff Correspondent

A day-long conference of the district correspondents of the Daily Star will be held at the Women's Voluntary Association (WVA) auditorium at Road No 27, Dhanmondi Residential Area in the city today.

Elaborate programme has been chalked out on the occasion. The conference has been divided into two sessions.

Mahfuz Anam, Editor of The Daily Star, will address in the morning session. The welcome address will be delivered by Syed Fahim Munaim, Managing Editor at 10:30 am. The conference will be moderated by Tawfiq Aziz Khan, Executive Editor of the daily.

The opening remarks will be given by Nurul Kabir, Senior Reporter and it will be followed by a discussion on spot coverage of events by Morshed Ali Khan, Senior Reporter of the daily.

In the afternoon, a working session will be held with News Editor, Joint News Editor, Chief Reporter, Assistant Editor (Business), Advisory Sports Editor, Chief Photographer and National Page in-Charge. The closing remarks will be made by the Executive Editor.

## Road accident 2 killed, 6 injured in Barisal

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Aug 21: Two persons were killed and six others injured in a road mishap at Gariarpar area of Kashipur, outskirts of the Barisal town this morning.

Witnesses and police said, at about 10:30 am today a passenger tempo (Dhaka Da 2254) on way to Barisal met the accident and fell into the roadside ditch when a motor cycle from opposite direction hit it when it tried to give side to the speeding motor cycle.

One Alauddin Ahmed, 60, a retired police officer, was killed on the spot when another one died at the SBMC Hospital.

Six other passengers were injured. Two of them have been admitted to SBMC Hospital.

## Train mishap Engineer killed in Sirajganj

From Staff Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 21: An engine was killed when he fell down from a train near Muladuli station in the town on Thursday, reports UNB.

The victim, identified as Mahmudul Hasan, 48, a Senior Sub-Assistant Engineer of Bangladesh Railway, died on the spot as he tried to get down from the running train at the station.

Railway sources said he went to Muladuli on board the Sunderbans Inter-City train to supervise the repair work of the railway track there.

Hasan reportedly ask the driver to slow down the train and tried to disembark from it, but he went under the wheels.

A case was filed with the police in this connection.

## BNP Secy-Gen asks PM

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Besides, the government signed several accords on national importance like the Ganges water sharing treaty with India and the CHT deal, bypassing parliament, he said.

He added that BNP lawmakers have been continuously harassed by the ruling party.

Bhuiyan disagreed with the view that the resignation letters of BNP members were being taken to stop defection or horse trading of BNP MPs.

He said that depositing the resignation letters was an expression of "no-confidence and disappointment" at the way the present parliament was being conducted.

Replying to a question on whether BNP will join the upcoming session of parliament beginning September 7, he said: "We have not taken my decision on not joining the session."

Asked if the submission of resignation letters and joining the upcoming session reflect any contradiction, Bhuiyan replied, "Our depositing the resignation letters to the party chief does not mean submission of resignation from parliament," he said.

Asked why BNP parliamentary party was not consulted before taking such a major decision, he replied: "It's a political decision and it was taken by the party's Standing Committee, the highest policy-making body."

Bhuiyan said BNP chairperson Begum Zia has been authorised to take the final decision on ultimate resignation from parliament in consultation with all concerned.

He said all BNP MPs have been asked to submit their resignation letters by the end of this month.

When his attention was drawn to reports that all the BNP MPs do not agree to this decision, he said: "It's a government propaganda."

The BNP secretary general brought a series of allegations against Sheikh Hasina's government, saying she has totally failed to run the country.

He said the government has failed to revamp the national economy, improve the law and order, resolve the crises of power, gas and electricity and arrest the price-hike of essentials. It has lost control over the administration, including police, he added.

The government, he added,



Long lines of trucks parked on both sides of the road near Aminbazar bridge in the city cause disruption of traffic movement. — Star photo

## Flood-hit farmers to get fresh loans: Kibria

HABIGANJ, Aug 21: Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria today said the recovery of loan from the flood-affected farmers will remain suspended for the time being and fresh loans will be provided to them, reports BSS.

"Agricultural loan will be provided to the farmers and the share croppers so that they can recover from the effects of the flood, he told the flood-affected people here at Dhighalbak High School ground.

The minister said the government has already introduced additional 300 vulnerable group development (VGD) cards for two months for the flood-hit families of each union. If needed, the time of VGD cards will be extended, he added.

Kibria called for constituting volunteer committees in each thana to stand by the flood-affected people.

Later, the minister distributed cheques as loan among the youths in Nabiganj and Bahubal thanas and sewing machines to the directors of Palli Matrikendra.

Kibria also visited different flood-hit areas of Nabiganj thana and distributed relief goods.

Enamul Huq Mostafa Shahid MP, district administrator Ahmed Fazle Rashid and general secretary of Habiganj District Awami League Dr Musfiq Hossain Chowdhury were present.

## 'Consensus on nat'l issues needed for development'

Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury yesterday underscored the need for reaching a consensus at least on some issues of national interest, reports BSS.

Nothing positive is possible for a country, as well as a nation without unity, which is a pre-condition for national development," the Speaker said while addressing as chief guest a seminar on "Harmony for peace and prosperity" at a city hotel.

The seminar, organised by the Lions Club of Dhaka Angels, was chaired by its president Mohammad Abdul Mannan. Former Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Abdul Mannan presented the key-note paper.

Sultan Mohammad Mansur Ahmed, MP, Mohammad Abdul Awal, Khondker Mozammel Huq, Anisul Huq, Firuzur Rahman, Shaful Islam Khan and Salahuddin Abdullah participated in the discussion.

## Obituary

Begum Rowshan Habib (Rina), wife of Dr Habibur Rahman, ex-professor of Biochemistry and Chemistry Department of University of Dhaka and daughter of late Mahmudul Amin, ex-Commissioner of Taxes of erstwhile East Pakistan, died of cardiac problems, in California, USA on August 16. She was 65, reports BSS.

She was laid to rest in California on August 18.

Mrs Habib left behind her husband, one son and two daughters.

All her relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for the departed soul.

She was the sister of Rafiqul-Ameen and late Barrister Badrul Ameen.

## Qulqhwani

Qulqhwani of Ezharul Huq, an eminent educationist, will be held today after Asr prayers at 99/2, East Rajabazar residence of his eldest son-in-law, Dr Danial Mian, report BSS.

A former principal scientific officer of Atomic Energy Commission, relatives, friends, students and well-wishers have been requested to attend the qulqhwani.

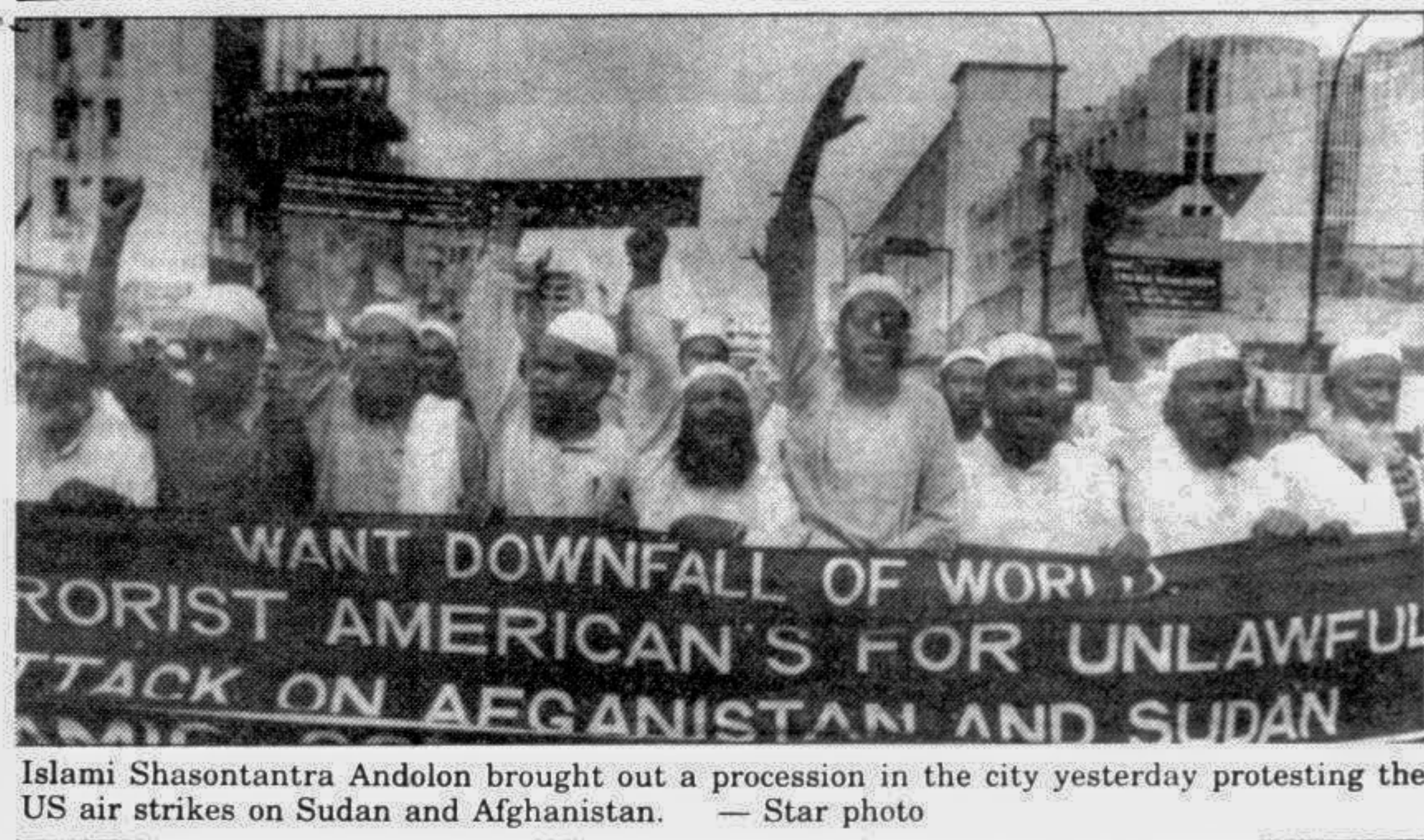
The late Ezharul Huq was the Principal of Rajbari College, Siddheswari Girls' College and Mathbaria College.

## Death anniversary

The 10th anniversary of death of eminent journalist, educationist, and woman leader Begum Khwaja Selima Khatun will be observed today, says a press release.

Popularly known as 'Mina Apa' Selima Khatun was editor of the weekly 'Banhi' and vice-president of Jessore Press Club. She also served as headmistress of Kuada Girls' High School in Jessore.

In observance of her death anniversary, Khatun-e-Quran and a milad mahfil will be held after Asr prayers today at the Bijoyganj office of the financial fortnightly 'Arthokatha' edited by her son Syed Rana Mustofee.



Islami Shasantantra Andolon brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting the US air strikes on Sudan and Afghanistan. — Star photo

## BAF observes 27th death anniversary of Ft Lt Matiur

JESSORE, Aug 21: Bangladesh Air Force on Thursday observed the 27th death anniversary of Shaheed Ft. Lt. Matiur Rahman, Bir Shrestha, with due respect and solemnity, reports BSS.

A milad mahfil was arranged at the BAF base Matiur Rahman here marking the martyrdom of the valiant freedom fighter who tried in vain to bring an air force plane from Pakistan to join nation's War of Liberation in 1971.

An ISPR press release said, prayers were offered for the eternal peace of the departed soul and also for the continued peace and prosperity of the country.

Officer commanding of the local air base Air Commodore Lutfur Rahman, officers and airmen participated in the prayer.

## Five-day 12th Calcutta Travel, Tourism Fair '98 begins

Bangladesh is taking part in the 12th Calcutta Travel and Tourism Fair-98 which began on Thursday, a message received in Dhaka said, reports BSS.

Omk Spang, Minister of State for Tourism, Government of India, inaugurated the five-day fair at the Netaji Indoor Stadium in West Bengal state capital.

Over one hundred participants from all over India and countries like Bangladesh, Nepal, Singapore and Sri Lanka are taking part in the fair which has been described as the biggest event of its kind, the message said.

West Bengal Minister for Tourism, Youth Service and Environment, Manabendra Mukherjee, formally opened Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation's stall at the fair. Bangladesh's Deputy High Commissioner Sheikh Jalal Ahmed and General Manager of BPC, Rashidul Bari were, among others, present.

## Daily Sangram Ctg bureau office ransacked

CHITTAGONG, Aug 21: Unidentified miscreants ransacked the Chittagong bureau office of The Daily Sangram on Thursday night, reports UNB.

The miscreants broke open the door of the office on Sirajuddoula road in the city's Andarkilla area and decamped with valuables worth about Tk 38,000, including telephone sets, calculator and cameras, said a press release of the paper.

Police arrested one Khokon Miah today after a case was filed with the local police.

## DUJA withdraws decision on BCL

Dhaka University Journalists' Association (DUJA) has withdrawn its decision to boycott Bangladesh Chhatra League, reports UNB.

A consensus to this effect was reached between the leaders of DUJA and BCL at a meeting on Thursday.

DUJA took the boycott decision a few days back when BCL Publicity Secretary gave threat to two DU journalists.

BCL general secretary Ishak Ali Khan Panna assured that his party will maintain a good relation with DU correspondents in future.

## Woman killed in road accident in Lalmonirhat

LALMONIRHAT, Aug 21: An elderly woman was killed and 40 people were injured in a road accident today at Dhumerkathi, 28 km off Rangpur town, on Rangpur-Kurigram highway, reports UNB.

Police said Sashibala, 65, a pedestrian, died on the spot when a Rangpur-bound minibus knocked her down before ramming against a roadside tree.

Of the injured passengers, six were admitted to Sadar Hospital and 28 to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.



Bangladesh Wholesale Sugar Merchant Association distributed relief goods among the flood victims in Keraniganj yesterday.



BDR distributed prepared food among the flood victims at the Hazaribagh relief camp on Thursday.

## Mannan Bhuiyan condemns attack on BNP activists' residences

BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan has condemned and protested the attack on the houses of BNP activists in Laxmipur by "Awami terrorists," reports UNB.

In a statement yesterday Bhuiyan said Haji Mohammed Selim, a UP Chairman of Ham-sadi union and district Juba League leader, was killed as a sequel to intra-party conflict.

He condemned this killing and said that local unit of Awami League is trying to shift the blame on the BNP leaders and workers to hush up its internal conflict.

## Jamaat condemns US air attacks

Jamaat-e-Islami secretary general Matiur Rahman Nizami has condemned the US air attacks on Afghanistan and Sudan, two sovereign Muslim states, reports UNB.

"Through this air attack, the United States identified itself as international terrorist state to the world community," Nizami said in a press statement yesterday.

**Office of the Project Director/Chief Engineer River Bank Protection Project (RBPP) BWDB, Bogra**

### Invitation for Bids (Re-Bids)

International Competitive Bidding (ICB)

Date: 10/08/98  
IFB No. 03/1998-99

Credit No 2791-BD

- The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a Credit from the International Development Association in various currencies towards the cost of River Bank Protection Project. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this credit will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for Procurement of Vehicles.
- The Project Director/Chief Engineer, River Bank Protection Project, BWDB now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of 3 Nos. Double cabin 4-WD Pic-up.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents at the office of the Project Director/Chief Engineer, River Bank Protection Project, BWDB, Sadharan Bima Bhaban (1st Floor), College Road, Bogra-5800. Tel # 051-73195, Fax #051-6036.
- A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application up to 27/09/98 to the Manager, Janata Bank, BSCIC Branch, Bogra and to the Manager, Sonali Bank, WAPDA Building Branch, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk 1200.00 (Taka one thousand two hundred) or US\$ 26.00 (Twenty Six) only per set of Bidding Documents.
- The provisions in the instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the World Bank Standard Bidding Documents Procurement of Goods (SBD) (including Corrigendum No. 1 dated October 6, 1996). The Sample Forms (except price schedules) of the SBD are also unchanged.
- Bids must be delivered to the office of the Project Co-ordinator, RBPP, PMU, BWDB, 28, Bangabandhu Avenue, Dhaka-1000. Tel # 02-9555673 on or before 12:30 on 28/09/98 and must be accompanied by a security of 2 1/2% (Two and a half per cent) in the form and manner detailed in the Instruction to Bidders.
- Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 12:45 hrs on 28/09/98 at the office of the Project Co-ordinator, RBPP, PMU, BWDB, 28, Bangabandhu Avenue, Dhaka-1000. Tel #02-9555673.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD  
Road Division, Comilla

### Notice Inviting Tender

- Tender Notice No : 15/EE, RHD, Road Division, Comilla during the year 1998-99.
- Name of work : Supplying of Stone Chips, Pea-Gravels, 1st Class/PJ bats & sand (FM 0.30) at different stackyard under Gouripur Road Sub-Division, Comilla during the year 1998-99.
- Estimated cost : Tk 9,00,900/-
- Earnest money : Tk 45,050/- in BD/Pay Order in favour of EE, RHD, Road Division, Comilla.
- Name of office where tender bids will be received : Addl Chief Engineer, RHD, Comilla Zone, Comilla/ Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Comilla/Monitoring and Evaluation Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka and office of the undersigned.
- Name of office of availability of tender bids : Office of the undersigned/EE, RHD, Road Divn, B'baria/ Chandpur/Planning and Design Divn, Comilla/Procurement (Civil) Divn., Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka & SDE's office under this Division.
- Time allowed for completion of work : 25 (twenty-five) days.
- Last date of selling of tender bids : 30.8.98 up to office hours.
- Last date of dropping of tender bids : 31.8.98 up to 12-30 PM.
- Date & time, place of opening of tender bids : 1.9.98 in the office of the EE (RHD), Comilla.
- Date of lottery : 2.9.98.
- Eligibility of contractor : 'A' to 'D' in general category contractor of RHD.

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