

# Metropolitan

## Dhaka for meaningful talks between developed and developing countries

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad has said Bangladesh wants a meaningful dialogue between the developed and developing countries for concrete policy outcome, reports UNB.

He was addressing the NAM Foreign Ministers' meeting at the UN General Assembly on Thursday, according to a message received in the city yesterday.

Referring to the decision of the last summit on enhancing the South-South cooperation, Azad described that Bangladesh had been endeavouring to improve cooperation among the developing countries.

He also mentioned that the Non-Aligned Movement is passing through a watershed period. The economic progress achieved over the years in some developing countries has been wiped out, throwing them in complete economic and social crisis, he said and urged the developed countries to take special attitude to the need of LDCs to get them out of the clutch of poverty and economic crisis.

No meaningful cooperation is possible where poverty is the main challenge, he said, stressing the need for preferential trade support, sharing development experience, transferring technology and constructive cooperation among LDCs.

Apart from this, the Bangladesh Foreign Minister said, NAM could play an important role among the members of the Movement as well as strengthening the multilateral principles for disarmament.

Welcoming the decision to make Bangladesh host country for the next NAM Summit in 2001, Azad sought cooperation and support of the member countries for making the summit in Dhaka a success.

Referring to the devastating floods in Bangladesh, the Foreign Minister said the government is trying to address it under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, supported by friendly countries and international community.

Earlier in the morning, the minister attended the meeting between the Troika of the Non-Aligned Movement and the European Union, as a member of NAM Troika.

The meeting was also attended by Foreign Minister of South Africa Alfred Nzo, Colombian Foreign Minister Guillermo Fernandez de Soto, and Australian Foreign Minister Walford Schuessler.

Samad Azad also held bilateral meetings with his counterparts of Chile, Turkey and Brunei Darussalam and discussed matters of mutual interests.

## Tower Hamlets Council starts collecting fund for flood victims

The Tower Hamlets Council along with OXFAM, GTV and Guild of Bangladesh Restaurants has started collecting funds in London for the flood affected people in Bangladesh, reports UNB.

The funds will be distributed through the OXFAM.

The OXFAM and the Tower Council have opened a special account number for the flood appeal fund.

Welcoming the effort, Baroness Pola Monjila Uddin urged all Bangladeshis to contribute to the fund, according to a faxed message from London.

## Cultivation of vegetables at DU hall

Students of Sir AF Rahman Hall of the Dhaka University had started cultivation of vegetables on the hall premises, reports UNB.

Political advisor to the Prime Minister, Dr SA Malek, inaugurated the vegetable cultivation project at DU campus yesterday.

Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, Provost of the hall Prof Harun-or-Rashid, house tutors and hall students were present on the occasion.

Dr Malek urged all to take initiative for growing vegetables and other crops in fallow lands.

## JS body discusses formation of computer council

Parliamentary standing committee on Science and Technology Ministry held a meeting at the Sangsad Bhaban yesterday with its president Dr H M B Iqbal in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting discussed the process of constituting computer council, manpower, administrative structure and development projects.

The committee advised the authorities concerned to take steps for expansion of use of computers and information technology in the country considering their importance in the socio-economic development.

Besides, it observed that the computer training should be made compulsory at secondary and higher secondary levels.

Members of the committee Khan Tipu Sultan, Ramesh Chandra Sen, Dr Muhammad Asadur Rahman, Abdul Alim and M Zahurul Islam were present at the meeting.

## What's on today....

**Ghazal evening:** Surtuli Sanget Bidya Niketon, a cultural organisation, has arranged a Ghazal evening by Dr Harun-or-Rashid in aid of the flood victims. The proceeds will be donated to Prime Minister's Relief Fund. Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, 754 Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:30 pm.

**IPM meeting:** The 130th meeting of the executive council of the Institute of Personnel Management Bangladesh will be held. Venue: IPM office. Time: 6 pm.

**American Alumni Assoc meet:** A meeting of the executive committee of the American Alumni Association will be held. Venue: USIS, Momen Shahi House, Rd 27, Banani. Time: 4 pm.

**Seminar:** Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) and Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS) has jointly organised a seminar on 'How to enter the software export market'. The seminar is sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce and co-sponsored by the Ministry of Science and Technology. Chief guest: Finance Minister SAMS Kibria. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 9:30 am.

**Extended meet:** The extended general meeting of the Bangladesh Private Clinic Association will be held on post-flood rehabilitation and relief activities. Venue: 19 E, Road 9, Green Road, Dhanmondi.

**Bandhan discussion:** Bandhan, a voluntary organisation will hold discussion on 'aid to the flood victims'. Poet Mofazzal Karim, founder president of the organisation, will preside the function. At the function, Chief Election Commissioner Muhammad Abu Hena, founder chief of Bandhan, will hand over Bandhan: Esha Khan Memorial Award '98 to 'Abol Tabol', a child organisation of Rajbari for its unique contribution for distressed humanity. Venue: BIRDEM Hospital auditorium, Shahbagh. Time: 4:15 pm.

**Discussion:** Vidyasagar Society has organised a discussion on thought and ideals of Ishwarachandra Vidyasagar on the occasion of his 178th birth anniversary. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Rd 7, Dhanmondi. Time: 4 pm.

**Rotary club meet:** The Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka will hold a joint meeting with its Rotaract and Interact Clubs. Venue: VIP Lounge, National Press Club. Time: 5:30 pm.

## Weather

### Thundershowers likely

Light rain on thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over Chittagong, Barisal, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and weather is likely to remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

According to Met office, day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 36.4 degree Celsius was recorded at Kutubdia and the lowest 24.3 degree Celsius at Srimangal.

The sun sets today at 5:51 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:49 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	35.6	27.0	78	75
Chittagong	34.8	25.2	68	77
Khulna	36.0	27.8	74	58
Rajshahi	35.6	27.8	81	83
Barisal	35.5	26.0	72	85
Sylhet	34.6	26.6	81	71
Cox's Bazar	35.2	26.5	72	69

## Tk 20 cr needed to produce 10,000 skilled programmers

Around ten thousand competent software developers could be trained with proper utilisation of the existing physical computer infrastructures in different educational institutions including universities in Bangladesh if Taka 20 crore is invested in this field, software experts told BSS in the city.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina recently expressed her vision to train at least ten thousand proficient programmers immediately who will be able to reach the target to develop world class softwares, the experts observed.

According to noted computer expert Prof Jamilur Reza Chowdhury of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), around 350 full-time trainers will be needed to impart training to those software developers from the country's 67,282 university-level students.

He said the global market needs some 12 lakh skilled programmers every year.

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Prof Quader said three to six months of intensive training programme could make a student a mid-level software developer if he received basic computer education as an indivisible part of his academic course.

Secondary and higher studies directorate has launched a five-year project at a cost of Taka 26.68 crore to introduce computer science course in selected 154 government colleges.

All necessary steps have already been completed in 56 colleges and the project authorities are expecting to introduce the course in the current academic session for at least 5000 students in those institutions.

Another 25 government colleges will also introduce computer science course in the current year as those colleges earlier received computers and other accessories from a different project for improvement of science education in 80 selected colleges.

Education Ministry officials said students in 40 government and non-government colleges were learning computer science as part of their academic studies.

## BNP secy gen visits ailing Kazi Zafar

BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan visited ailing co-chairman of Jatiya Party Kazi Zafar Ahmed at a city clinic on Friday, reports UNB.

He was accompanied by City BNP Convenor Sadek Hossain Khoka, said a party press release.

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## BOU extends admission date

Bangladesh Open University has extended the admission schedule for its July-December semester of the Bachelor of Agricultural Education (B Ag Ed) Programme, says a press release.

Applications for admission to the programme will now be received up to October 27 while registration will take place between October 30 and November 12. Tutorial classes will begin on December 4.



বাংলাদেশ বিদ্যা উন্নয়ন বোর্ড  
দেশেই উচ্চ বিদ্যা  
বিদ্যার অর্থ সংগ্রহ করা

## দরপত্র সংশোধনী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

অর দরপত্র নং ৩০৩/৯৮/৯৮ তারিখ-২৪/০৮/৯৮ইং মোতাবেক গ্রীষ্ম সংরক্ষণ বিভাগ, বিউবা, ময়মনসিংহের কেওয়ারখালীস্থ "সি"-২ ইউনিট বাসভবন মেরামত ও রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ সংক্রান্ত দরপত্র অবিদ্যমানতার কারণে বিক্রয় ও গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ নির্ধারিত করা হয়েছে ০৪/১০/৯৮ইং ও ০৫/১০/৯৮ইং খার্ব করা হইল। ০৫/১০/৯৮ইং তারিখ দরপত্র যথাযথি গ্রহণ করা হইবে। সমন্বয়িত অপরিসীম থাকিবে। বিদ্যা উন্নয়ন বোর্ডের "সি" শ্রেণীর ত্রিকারাগরণ দরপত্র সংশোধন করিতে পারিবে।

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## Qulkhawni

Qulkhani of Dr. M. Abdullah will be held at the residence of his second son M. A. A. Zakariah in Road # 1, House # 26, Sector # 6, Uttara after Maghrib Prayers on Saturday 26th September 1998. Relatives, friends and well wishers are requested to attend.

## LAND

A leading Real Estate Developer is looking for different sizes of land in Dhaka at Dhanmondi, Gulshan, Banani, Uttara & other Prime Areas for their next projects.

Only genuine Owners of Land may please contact :

**CREATIVE PROPERTIES LIMITED**  
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## Office of the Executive Engineer

BIWTA, Chandpur

### Tender Notice

Sealed tenders in prescribed form are invited from enlisted contractors of Engineering Division of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority for undermentioned work. Tenders will have to be submitted in the tender box kept at office of Superintending Engineer, BIWTA, Dhaka Circle, 141-143, Motijheel Commercial Area, BIWTA Bhaban, 7th floor, Dhaka and Executive Engineer, BIWTA, Shaheed Javed Sarak, Chandpur till 12 noon of 7-10-98 (Wednesday) and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of participants in tender (if anyone remains present). Earnest money as mentioned against each work in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of BIWTA will have to be attached with tender.

Schedule will have to be procured from Accounts Office of the Authority in Dhaka and Chandpur on payment of money as the cost (non-refundable) of schedule. Papers related to tender will be available from Accounts Office of the Authority in Dhaka and Chandpur everyday during office hours (except the day of opening tender).

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

Serial no	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Cost of schedule	Time limit for work
1.	Yearly repair work of 3rd and 4th class barrack of A.C.D.E type quarter of residence, IB, office building, garage, godown and guard shed of Chandpur Estate.	95,000/-	2,400/-	400/-	Urgent work. Work will have to be completed within 20 days of issue of work order and the duration of work will remain in force till 30-6-99.
2.	Yearly repair and preservation work of Sengao main centre office and residence.	76,000/-	1,900/-	400/-	Do

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Rabindra Ranjan Shaha  
Executive Engineer  
(Acting)  
BIWTA, Chandpur

## Bangladesh Railway Eastern Zone International Sale Tender Notice

No: 98/09 Dated: 15.9.98

The Controller of Stores/East, Bangladesh Railway/CRB, Chittagong invites quotation for the sale of following un-serviceable steel materials:

Sl No	Tender No	Short description of materials	Quantity approx.	Location of materials	Date of selling of documents	Date of opening
1.	SUR/98/23	SM Scrap Comp wheel, axle tyre	182.212 MTons	Old Sale Depot/PHT	28.9.98 to 11.10.98	12.10.98
2.	SUR/97/59	(a) SM Scrap Comp U/S Rails, Switches & x-ings of sizes (b) P-Way fittings scrap	98.400 MTons 10,000 MTons	SSAE/WAY/CTG & CGD	-do-	-do-
3.	SUR/97/60	SM Scrap Comp Girder, Joist & others	35.500 MTons	BCI, DLX, JLX & DA	-do-	-do-
4.	SUR/98/41	(a) SM Scrap Comp 2nd hand U/S Rails of sizes (b) Surplus P-Way fittings	27.460 MTons 9,240 MTons	Track Supply Depot/KNR	-do-	-do-

**ELIGIBILITY OF TENDERERS:-**

- Any foreign importer having requisite permission from their respective govt importing above scrap steel materials.
- Bangladeshi exporter having Export Registration.
- Any govt body/sector corporation or private organisation of Bangladesh, having melting furnace and re-rolling mills of sufficient capacity for melting/re-rolling the tendered quantity within 90 (ninety) days from the date of taking delivery materials.
- Tender documents can be obtained from the office of the Controller of Stores/East, Bangladesh Railway/CRB, Chittagong, Controller of Stores/West, Bangladesh Railway/Rajshahi and Asstt. Controller of Stores, Bangladesh Railway/Dhaka on all working days except Fridays & holidays from 9-00 AM. to 13-30 PM on cash payment of Tk 750/- per set for Sl Nos 1 & 2 and Tk 400/- per set for Sl Nos 3 & 4 (non-refundable) plus postal charges Tk 30/- (thirty) if required to be despatched to out station. Tender documents will not be sold on the opening date of tender.
- Tenders should be addressed to the Controller of Stores/East, Bangladesh Railway/CRB, Chittagong and must reach or be dropped in the tender boxes in the office of the Controller of Stores/East, Bangladesh Railway/CRB, Chittagong, Controller of Stores/West, Bangladesh Railway, Rajshahi & Asstt Controller of Stores, Bangladesh Railway/Dhaka by 12-00 Noon on the opening date and will be opened at the same places and dates at 12-30 PM in presence of tenderers, if any.
- Tenders received after the date and time specified in Paragraph-4 (four) above shall be rejected.
- If the dropping & opening date, as mentioned in this tender notice, falls on a gazetted holiday, the tender will be dropped & opened on the immediate following working days.
- Other information will be available in the tender documents.

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Controller of Stores/East,  
Bangladesh Railway/CRB  
Chittagong

## Mongla Port Authority

Mongla, Bagerhat

No: MPA/XEN/D-5/195/P-2/98-1842 Dated: 24.9.1998

### INTERNATIONAL TENDER FOR MAINTENANCE DREDGING IN THE PUSSUR RIVER (CHANNEL) OF MONGLA PORT

## Corrigendum Notice

Due to devastating flood in the country the date of submission of the tender for maintenance dredging in the Pussur river (Channel) of Mongla Port has been shifted from 27.09.98 to 12.10.98.

The following amendments in the above referred International tender document may kindly be noted:

Last line of Para 5.1 (Lodging of Tenders) of page-4 in the tender document i.e. "on 25th September, 1998", will be replaced by "on 12th October, 1998."

All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

Chief Engineer (C & H)  
Mongla Port Authority  
Mongla, Bagerhat

No. MPA/BDRP/PR/555  
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## Directorate General Defence Purchase

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

### Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders in foreign currency are invited from bonafide manufacturers/dealers/suppliers/indentors (enlisted firms and firms applied for enlistment in DGDP) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Navy.

Sl No	Name of items & qty	Date of selling From - To	Date of opening	Currency	Tender no
a.	Synthesised Walkie Talkie Set (VHF) Qty-100 in no	5-10-98 - 16-11-98	17-11-98	FC	5725
b.	HF SSB Tx/Rx 100 Watt Qty - 30 in no				5726
c.	HF SSB Tx/Rx 100 Watt (Mobile) Qty - 15 in no				5727
d.	HF SSB Tx/Rx 400/500 Watt Qty - 10 in no				5728
e.	A M / F M V / UHF Transceiver Qty - 08 in no				5729
f.	Synthesised Repeater Station (Mobile) Qty - 03 in no				5730
g.	ESM Elint Receiver & ESM Comint Receiver Qty-01+01				5731

2. Tender schedule with detailed specifications/conditions will be available on payment as per I/T selling rate (not refundable) during office hours between 0800 hours and 1300 hours. The tender can be dropped latest by 1000 hrs and opened at 1005 hours on the specified date of opening in the presence of tenderers (if present).

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Commander BN  
for Director General

## PWD Notice Inviting Tenders

No. 02 (C) 1998-99

1. Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from the enlisted contractors/firms under PWD for the undermentioned works and will be received by the Divisional Commissioner, Khulna and undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division-II, Khulna/Bagerhat/Satkhira/Eden Building Division, Dhaka/Division-II/Dhaka up to 12:00 noon of 20.10.98 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the contractor (who may like to remain present). Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.

Gr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed for completion of work	Eligibility of contractors/firms
1 (one)	Development of 4 (four) nos. existing Police Training Centre one at Khulna (S H: Const. of 5-storied constable barrack building including internal sanitary & water supply arrangement & internal E. I work).				Enlisted special class-I (one) contractors/firms of PWD.
a)	Civil work	Tk. 29385791/-			
b)	Sanitary work	Tk. 2067252/-			
c)	Electrification work	Tk. 1607448/-			
		Tk. 33060491/-	Tk. 661210/-	18 (eighteen) months	

3. Detailed contract documents consisting of Bangladesh Form No. 2911, schedule of items, specification, additional terms and conditions etc. can be seen and obtained from the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Khulna and the undersigned and the Executive Engineer, PWD Division No. II, Khulna/Bagerhat/Satkhira/Eden Building Division, Dhaka/Division No. II, Dhaka, Jessore/Magura/Kushtia/Jhenidah/Narail/Meherpur/Chuadanga/Faridpur/Rajbari/Barisal/Bhola/Patuaakhali/Madaripur/Sariatpur/Barguna/Jhalakathi/Pirojpur/Gopalganj/Rajshahi Zone/Chittagong Zone/Dhaka Zone during office hours on payment of usual charges (non-refundable). The tender form may be purchased by the contractor by showing of registration book himself or his/his representative on production of authorisation letter bearing the signature of the representative duly attested by the contractor any working day during office hours up to 19.10.98.

4. At the time of purchasing tender contractors will have to show the original VAT certificate obtained from National Board of Revenue (Custom & Excise) and attested copy of VAT certificate will have to be furnished along with the tender schedule, otherwise the tender will be summarily rejected.

5. At the time of purchasing tender contractors will have to show the original Tax Payer Identification Number (TIN) certificate and will have to furnish along with the tender schedule, otherwise the tender will be summarily rejected.

6. a) If the rate is found same in more than one of valid lowest tenderer for the abovementioned work then the contractor will be selected through lottery to be held in the office chamber of the undersigned on 9.11.98.

6. b) Work order of this work will be issued after receiving of fund.

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Executive Engineer  
PWD Division No. 1, Khulna.