More than 1,000 people, accused in various criminal cases. had thronged the High Court division of the Supreme Court, seeking anticipatory bail in two days before the court went on a long vacation last month, reports UNB.

The unusual rush has raised the eyebrow of legal experts and senior officials of the Law Ministry who expressed concern at the pressure on the High Court. Some 1,000 to 1,200 bail pe-

titions were taken up on September 26 and 27 before the High Court went on a long vacation from September 28. The benches continued till late in the evening on those two days. said a senior official of the Law Ministry requesting anonymi-

The Registrar of the High Court declined to give the number of bail petitions heard on those days and of the accused granted bail

Attorney General Mahmudul Islam told UNB that he was not aware of the number, but said: "We have moved the Appellate Division to oppose the bails in many cases.

The Law Ministry official said most of those who secured bail were involved in criminal cases like rape, murder, illegal arms and defaulting bank

They were granted bail as per the law. But what worried us was the huge number that thronged the High Court on the

eve of the vacation and the situation that demanded continuation of the bench till late in the evening," said the official.

The Law Ministry official replied in the affirmative when asked if the situation warrants notice of the Supreme Judicial Council.

Headed by the Chief Justice. the Supreme Judicial Council have two senior-most judges of the Appellate Division as mem-

Article 96(4) of the Constitution stipulates: The functions of the Council shall be - (a) to prescribe a code of conduct to be observed by the judges: and (b) to inquire into the capacity or conduct of a judge or of any other functionary who is not removable from office except in like manner as a Judge.

### Commemorative stamps on Mini World Cup likely

Bangladesh Post Office is likely to issue commemorative stamps on the Wills International Cup Cricket Tournament, known as Mini World Cup. Bangladesh Cricket Board sources said yesterday, reports

The day and night knock-out tournament begins on October 24 involving all the nine Test playing countries.



Muldhara, an organisation of writers, journalists and cultural activists distributed relief materials at Rampura in the city yesterday. The organisation raised funds for the flood victims through a charity concert recently.

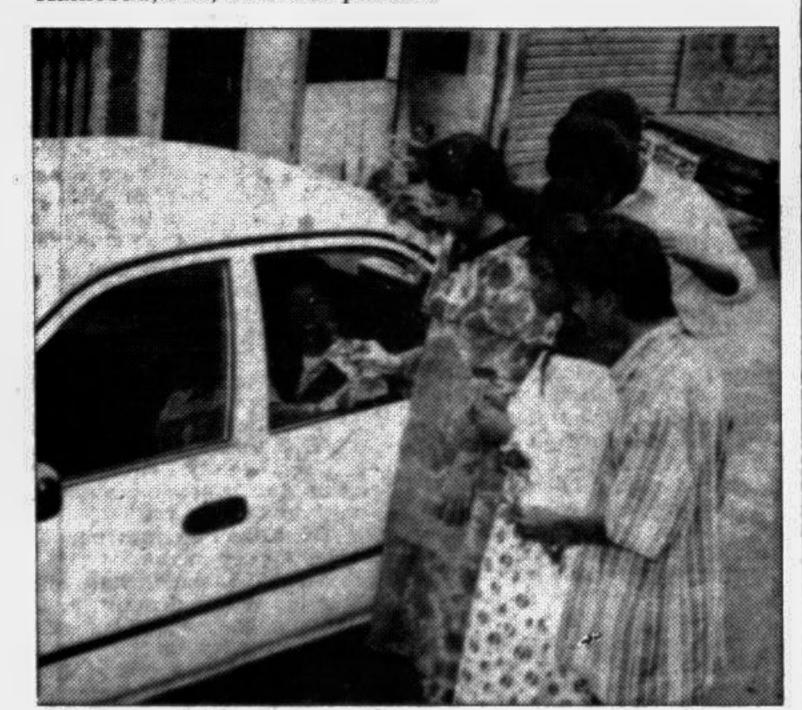


Members of VOA fan clubs in Dhaka distributed relief materials including dry foods and clothes, among flood victims of Parganderia village. The distribution was supervised by Syed Asaduzzaman Bachchu, Coordinator for VOA fan clubs in Bangladesh, and Shafiqur Rahman, convenor, VOA Fan Clubs Relief Committee.

- VOA Fan Club photo



Haitham Ahmed Belhasa and Essam Y Al-Alami, managing director and general manager respectively of Belhasa Group of Companies of United Arab Emirates, distributing relief materials among the flood-affected people of Murad Nagar, Comilla, on Monday. Kazi Shah Mofazzal Hossain Kaikobad, MP, was also present.



Children of Ghashphool Khelaghar Ashor selling flowers at Rayer Bazar area in the city yesterday to raise funds for an oral saline project for the flood-affected people.



Visitors at an exhibition of building techniques and materials which opened at Ramna Park in the city yesterday. Housing and Public Works Ministry has organised the exhibition marking World Habitat Day '98.

— Star photo

# World Habitat Day observed

World Habitat Day was observed in the country yesterday as elsewhere in the world to uphold this year's theme "safer

cities", reports BSS. Inaugurating the programmes of the day. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina declared the outlines of her government's future plans for building safer cities in the country with well-planned healthy environment, scenic beauty, smooth traffic system and developed residential facil-

The prime minister also released commemorative stamps to mark the occasion.

The day's programme began with a rally and a walkathon from the Shishu Park to the Osmany Memorial Hall in the morning. The walkathon was led by LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman, Public Works, Housing and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim and State Minister for Land Rashed Musharraf took part.

The rally and walkathon were organised by the Ministry of LGRD and Cooperatives and the Ministry of Housing and Public works in collaboration with a non-government organisation, "Rehabilitation and Development Organisation for the Landless". It began at the Shishu Park and ended at the Osmany Memorial Hall.

Another programme of World Habitat Day was a threeday exhibition on building ma terials and technologies at the Ramna Park. It was inaugurated by Public Works and Housing Minister Mohammad Nasim

\*Another seminar on "safer cities" was also organised by RAJUK in the morning which was inaugurated by Public Works and Housing Minister Mohammad Nasim,

# Donations to PM's relief Fund continue

More organisations and individuals yesterday donated cash and cheques worth over Taka 31.83 lakh, one thousand Indian rupees and 451 US dollars, and huge quantity of relief materials to the Prime Minister's Relief and Welfare Fund for the country's flood victims, report agencies.

Employees and officers of Primary and Mass Education Division donated Tk 27.01,271. Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Tk 291.500 and Bangladesh Homeopath Medical College and Ismat Kadir Gama donated Tk 50,000 each to the fund.

Probhat Sarkar from Calcutta donated 1,000 rupees, Dr CH Ahsan 350 US dollars and MR Chowdhury gave 101 US

Among others, Syed Saad Ali donated Tk 16,211. Preparatory Grammar School of Mirpur Tk 15,000, Kamrunnessa Girls High School Tk 12,100, Bangladesh Dental Association Tk 11,500, World Opportunities International of Dhaka Tk 10,000 and Eskaton Club Tk

Other donors included Bangabandhu Parishad of Potia, A Ahasan, Taldighi High School of Mymensingh, Barahatia Parangia Senerhat High School of Chittagong, Officers Association of Agrani Bank of Kushtia, Naikkhaangchari Thana Awami League of Bandarban and Directors of Barapukuria Coal Mine Co Ltd.

Businessmen of Sylhet donated 1,000 packets of oral saline, 105 packets of milk powder and 3,500 pieces of wa-ter purification tables and Kapilmuni Bazar Jame Mosque donated two packets of relief materials.

# Satellite townships

From Page 12 Hasina said under the Tk 164 crore project, barrack houses is being built for the homeless and the number will be enhanced to five thousand.

The Prime Minister said the government has taken up the Tk 30 crore Rural Infrastructure Development Project to construct 10,000 low-cost dewelling houses.

The government has also decided to set up a Housing Fund with an initial capital of Tk 50 crore to Provide credit to the homeless, slum dwellers and persons affected by river erosion, for construction of houses, she said.

She said the slum dwellers, who voluntarily return to their villages, will be rehabilitated. They will also be provided with small credits for self employment, she added. Decisions have been taken to

construct flats under govern-

ment initiatives and allot them among various professionals including artists, litterateur and journalists, she said. Under the 'Urban Infrastructure Improvement Project' allotment of 4,282 plots among low and middle income group

ready been made while allotment of 4,360 plots in Dhaka is under process. Besides, 4:000 plots will be allotted in Bogra, Kushtia, Patuakhali, Faridpur, Sylhet, Noakhali and Tangail districts,

people in Chittagong has al-

the premier said. RAJUK will soon take up development work of a residential area called 'Purbachal' at north eastern part of Dhaka. Government approval has also been accorded for setting up of another residential area called 'Jhilmil' at Dhaka-Mawa road

under RAJUK. Constructed under government initiatives 500 flats would be allotted among low and middle income groups on hirepurchase basis.

Housing and Public Works Minister Mohammad Nasim called upon the investors to build multi-purpose flats to solve the housing problem of the city dwellers.

Dhaka City Mayor Mohammad Hanif said the city had already over-crowded. The city with a capacity of five million people is now giving rooms to 9 million people.

The mayor said the Dhaka City Corporation is running some medical centres in the city and will install 120 more to extend healthcare services to the dwellers.

UNDP representative David E Lockwood highly praised the enthusiasm and heroism of the people in facing the devastating flood and also mentioned the peoples' participation in saving the DND embankment from threat of gushing flood waters.

He said government-NGO. people-government partnership is essential for Bangladesh for moving forward. "The government departments must learn to work better with each other and with the people who they are mandated to serve."

Lockwood said the UN system, along with the government and other development partners, is preparing to address the vast reconstruction and rehabilitation needs of the country.

In order to make cities safer. it is important to define and respect fundamental human rights in the state and society though enforcement of law, he said.

# AL-BNP clash in Hafiza made DG, Magura: 30 hurt

MAGURA, Oct 5: At least 30 people were injured in a clash between the supporters of Awami League and BNP at village Satyapur in Sadar thana this morning, reports UNB..

Witnesses said it was a power clash between the supporters of Awami League leader Hafiz Master and BNP leader Motahar Ali to establish superiority.

During the clash, both groups used dangerous weapons and ransacked a number of

Police have been deployed in the area to avert further clash.

# Govt urged to grant division in jail to three leaders President of the Supreme

Court Bar Association Habibul Islam Bhuiyan yesterday urged the government to grant division in jail to the three former ministers, including BNP MP KM Obaidur Rahman, reports

According to the jail code, they are entitled to division in jail, said Bhuiyan, a retired judge of the Supreme Court. Talking to newsmen at 29 Minto Road last night, he said Obaidur Rahman, Nurul Islam

Manjur and Shah Moazzem Hossain were arrested on suspicion. "They were not accused in the November 3, 1975, jail killing case as their name were not mentioned in FIR," he

Bhuiyan said the government arrested them to divert public attention from its failure in running the country and tackle the post-flood situation.

# Bangladesh Film Archive

Additional Principal Information Officer of the Press Information Department Hafiza Akhter has been made Director General of Bangladesh Film Archive, reports BSS.

Bangladesh Film Archive Director, in charge of Director General, Mahbubul Alam has been made Director of the National Mass Media Institute with immediate effect, an information ministry notification said yesterday.

# Hartal observed in Sylhet

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET, Oct 5: A six-hour hartal was observed in the town today at the call of a local Madrashah-based organisation, Sahaba Sainik Parishad.

The parishad called the hartal demanding immediate arrest and punishment of writer Taslima Nasrin.

A big rally was also held at the Court-point area during the hartal hours. Moulana Habibur Rahman, Chief of the Sahaba Sainik Parishad, and Principal of Kazirbazar Madrassah, was in the chair.

### Obituary

Munshi Iqbal Hossain, a steno-typist of the Ministry of Defence died at the Combined Military Hospital (CMH), on Sunday. He was 43, says an ISPR press release.

He was undergoing a bi-pass surgery. His body was sent to his native village at Bhabar Para under Kotwali thana in Meherpur district after namaje-janaza at Mirpur-14 Housing Staff Quarter premises.

Flood-affected people of Ward No 29 of Dhaka City Corporation gathered in front of the Jatiya Press Club on Sunday to complain against the ward commissioner as they were not - Star photo being provided with adequate relief materials.

### AP photo exhibition begins in city

A travelling photo exhibi-tion of the Associated Press of America opened in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

The United News of Bangladesh (UNB) and Drik Picture Library jointly sponsored the exhibition.

Some rare photos on the world events, starting from the second World War to the contemporary world, were on display depicting war, peace, love and hatred of the modern civilisation.

A total of 51 photos have been put at the 10-day exhibition titled "Moments in Time" at the Drik Picture Library in Dhanmondi

Barrister Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed inaugurated the exhibition. UNB Chief Editor Enayetullah Khan, Donna Bryson, South Asia New Editor of AP, Dr Shahidul Alam of Drik and Prof Harun-Or-Rashid, president of Asiatic Society of Bangladesh spoke on the occasion.

Organisers said similar exhibitions were held in some countries of Europe, South America and Asia marking the 150th founding anniversary of AP, the first and the largest news agency in the world.

The exhibition will remain open from 3 pm to 8 pm every day till October 15.

### Workshop on agri development project study begins today

A two-day national workshop on Northwest Region Integrated Agricultural Development Project Identification Study' begins in the city today, reports UNB.

A team of national consultants will conduct the workshop, which will be inaugurated by Planning Division Secretary Abdul Hamid Chowdhury at 9:30 am at the seminar room of LGED Bhaban (Level-4), Agar-

The Agriculture Ministry and Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations have jointly organised the workshop to share the ideas and findings of the study.

The study was conducted to identify a broad-based agricultural development project which will help raise household income and living standards of the rural population of the Northwest, said a press release.

### UP chairman killed in road mishap in Mymensingh

MYMENSINGH, Oct 5: A UP chairman was killed and a man critically injured in a road accident near Shambhuganj Bridge in Sadar thana on Sunday night, reports UNB.

Hospital sources said Mofi-

dul Islam. Chairman of Tarakanda Union Parishad, and his companion Abdul Latif were seriously injured when a microbus rammed into his motorbike at 9 am. They were rushed to My-

mensingh Medical College Hospital where Mofidul Islam succumbed to his injuries at about 12 am.

Police seized the microbus, but the driver fled the scene. A case was filed.

## Food distribution thru' 40 lakh VGF cards to continue

for next 3 months The government will dis-tribute food stuff among the distressed people for the next three months through 40 lakh VGF cards, reports UNB.

This was informed at a meet ing of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Disaster Management and Relief Ministry held at the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday with its President Sayed Kamal Bakht in the chair.

The meeting discussed the extent of damage caused by the recent floods and post-flood rehabilitation programmes, espe-cially the VGF card distribution system.

It was also informed that the deputy commissioners have been directed to start Food For Work and Test Relief programmes for construction and maintenance of rural infrastructures.

Besides, Tk 25 crore have been sanctioned as house building grant for the affected families, it was informed.

Committee members State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Talukdar Abdul Khaleque. M Waziuddin Khan, Kazi Keramat Ali, M Abdur Rouf Chowdhury, Begum Farida Rouf, AKM Mostafizur Rahman, Abu Yusuf M Khalilur Rahman, Joynul Abedin Faroog and Shahiduzzaman attended the meeting.

# Number of KCC wards to be raised to 37

KHULNA, Oct 5: The number of wards of the Khulna City Corporation (KCC) will be increased to 37 from the existing

31, reports UNB. The quota of reserved seats for women will also be increased from 6 to 12, said a notification of the Ministry of

LGRD and Co-operatives. The notification further said that the number of wards and reserves seats for women have been increased forthwith through an ordinance of the Election Commission.

Sources said the next election of KCC will be held in the next year.

## Body recovered from roadside at Tongi

GAZIPUR, Oct 5: Police today recovered the body of one Ali Akbar, 50, from the side of a road near Tongi Bazar here, reports BSS.

Police said, Ali Akbar left his home last night and did not return home. The body was found in front of the Telephone Shilpa Sangstha (TSS) this morning. However, the cause of the death could not be ascertained immediately.

The body was sent to Gazipur Sadar Hospital for autopsy.



brated at Kamalapur Bouddho Bihar in the city yesterday Star photo through special prayers.

### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer

Facilities Department, Ministry of Education Comilla Zone, Comilla

# **Tender Notice**

No-02/SSS/Development/FD(CZ)/98-99

Dated: 27/9/98

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from A-1 Class enlisted contractors of this Facilities Department and renewed during 1997-98 fiscal year for construction one-storey academic building in the following non-government secondary schools under a development project titled 'Development of Selected Secondary Schools (Government and non-government)'.

14/10/98 (till office hours).

15/10/98 (till 1 PM)

a)	Descri	ption of work.			
Group No		Name of district	Name of thana	Name of school	
	01.	Comilla	B-Para	Dulalpur High School.	
	02.	Do	B-Para	Shidlai Nazneen High School.	
	03.	Do	Nangolkot	Chawkuri High School.	
	04.	Do	- Nangolkot	Islampur High School.	
b	Estimated cost for each : Taka 17,50,000/-			1882 P. (1981)	
C	Time limit for completion of : 06 (six) months.  each work				
d	) Cost	of each tender sched	lule : Taka 750/-	Taka 750/- (non-refundable).	

Date and time of opening Amount of earnest money

Last date and time of selling

Date and time of receiving

If the tenderer quotes the same rate of estimated cost or quotes higher rate, earnest money at the rate of 2% of estimated cost will have to be given. If the rate lower than estimated cost is submitted a total of 10% including 8% additional will have to be

submitted with tender. All sorts of earnest money will have to be submitted in favour of Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Comilla Zone, Comilla from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh. Apart from the office of undersigned all zone offices of Executive Offices where tender Engineers of this department under Chittagong and Sylhet documents will be sold and divisions, Chief Engineer, Facilities Department, Shikkha Bhaban, Dhaka, offices of Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong/Sylhet and Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department, B'baria district, Tender documents will be sold and received as per abovementioned date and time.

15/10/98 at 1:30 PM in presence of contractors (if any).

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Terms and conditions At the time of purchasing tender documents, receipt of depositing fee till 1997-98 fiscal year, original copies of registration book and VAT registration certificate will have to be produced and at the time of submitting tender attested copies of all these papers will have to be submitted along with tender.

If any error is found in the information provided by contractor, any time, then the tender will be regarded as rejected and even if the work order is issued, the work order will be cancelled. Copies of certificate of income tax payment for the fiscal year 1995-96, 1996-97 (for whom it is

applicable) will have to be submitted with tender. Participating contractors will have to submit bank statement for 1997-98 with tender. The balance for one day of concerned contractor will have to be Tk. 3 lac.

Attested photocopy of registration book of licence will have to be submitted with tender. Contractor /contractors, firm who could not complete their work within the stipulated period allotted during last fiscal year without any specific reason and progress of the work is not satisfactorily will not

be able to participate in tender.

Tender of contractor/contractors' firm will be treated as rejected if any wrong information is provided. in Eligibility Evaluation Form Income Tax and Value Added Tax (VAT) will be deducted from bill of all kinds as per government rule. Tender will be considered as outright rejected if the lowest rate is less than over 5% of the estimated

The contractor cannot claim any financial benefit if the name of institution is changed or dropped under any unavoidable circumstances. Bill will be paid subject to availability of fund. Contractor will be obliged to complete the work within

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

Md Fazlur Rahman **Executive Engineer** 

Facilities Department, Comilla Zone, Comilla.