

Khaleda condoles Abdur Rashid's death

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday expressed deep shock at the death of party leader Mirza Abdur Rashid, reports UNB.

In a message, she prayed for salvation of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members.

In a separate message, BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan also condoled the death of Abdur Rashid.

Abdur Rashid, who was elected Member of Parliament from Pabna-2 in 1979, died of old age ailment at a city clinic on Wednesday at the age of 80.

BCL dissolves its DMC unit committee

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) National Executive Committee has dissolved the Executive Committee of its Dhaka Medical College (DMC) unit and formed a new Convening Committee with Bidyut Barua as its convenor, reports BSS.

According to a BCL press release yesterday, Saheed Uddin Ahmed and Sudip Ranon Dey were made joint convenors of the 11-member committee. The other members are: Lipon Kanti Barua, Bishnuapada Dey, Bijoy Datta, Mostafa Kamal Ratan, Musharraf Hussain Bipul, Iftekharuddin Sujon, Ashraf Uddin Khan and Jobaer Ashraf.

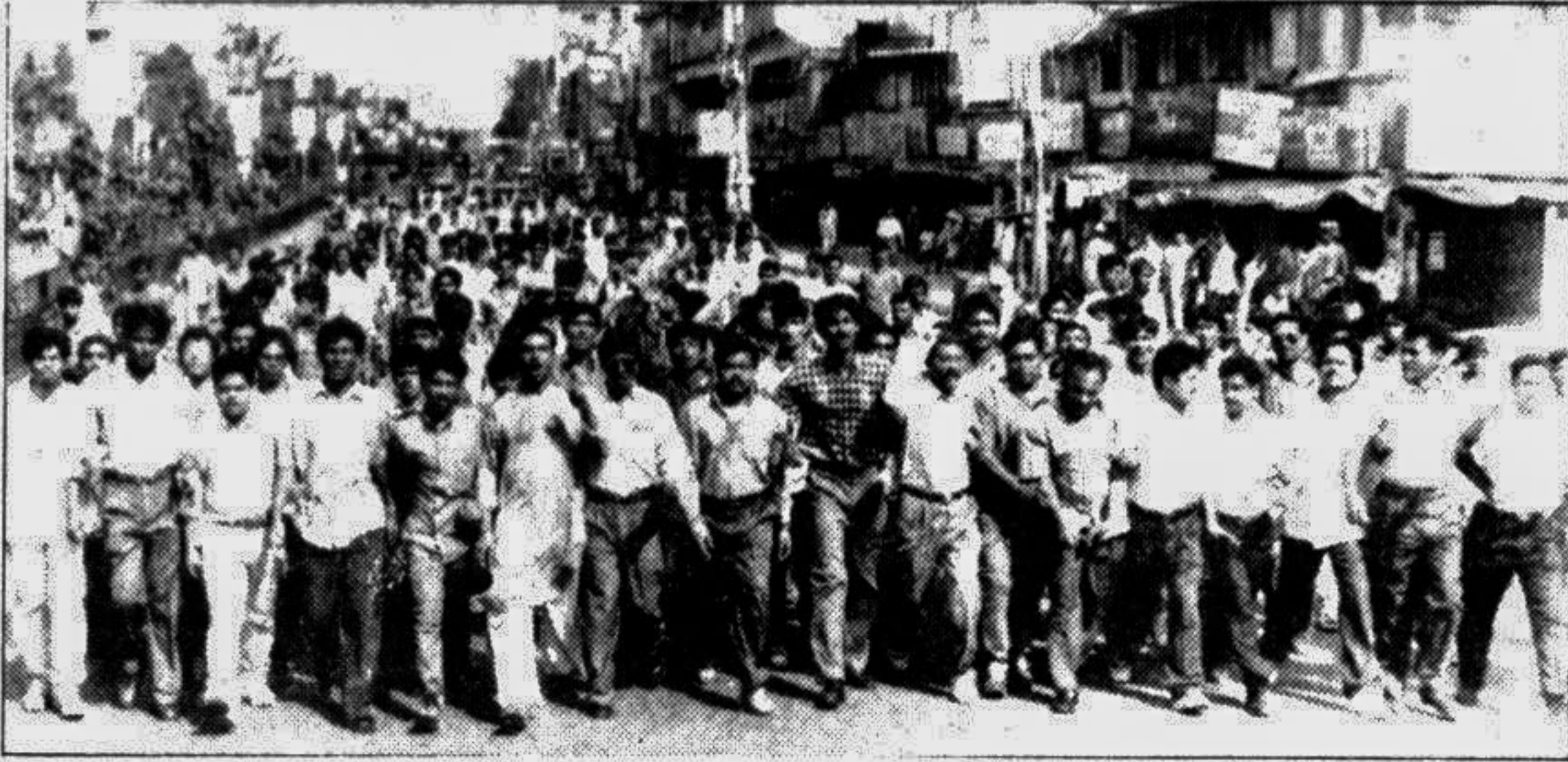
Cadet College Council meet held

CHITTAGONG, Oct 22: A meeting of the Bangladesh Cadet College Council was held at the Faujdarhat Cadet College today, reports BSS.

Important matters related to various problems of the college and their possible solutions, one going and future development projects for expansion of cadet college education in the country and other related matters came up for discussions at the meeting.

Chairman of the Cadet College Council and Defence Secretary Syed Yusuf Hossain presided over the meeting.

The chairman, governing bodies, cadet colleges and adjutant general, Bangladesh Army, Major General Mohammad Matur Rahman, Bir Protik, high civil and military officials including representatives from the army, navy and air force as well as the principals of all cadet colleges took part in the deliberations.



Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of BNP, brought out a procession during hartal hours in the city yesterday. —Star photo

Call to phase out production, use of poly bags

Speakers at an open discussion in the city yesterday suggested creation of public awareness and recycling of used polythene bags to minimise the environmental hazards caused by the bags, reports BSS.

They also suggested phasing out production and use of polythene bags under short, medium and long term programmes.

One and a half crore polythene bags are used all over the country daily including 60 lakh in the Dhaka City alone. These bags are produced in 530 industries across the country. Of them, 250 are located in and around the capital city.

In recent years, polythene bags became popular in Bangladesh due to their low cost, availability, one time use, light and water proof quality. But the bags are harmful to the environment because they are not biodegradable, and decrease soil fertility where it is dumped as sunlight can not

pass, and creates obstacles to sewerage system.

Organised by Environment and Social Development Organisation (ESDO) and the British Council, the discussion on "Polythene: A Threat to Life and Environment," was held in the British Council auditorium in the city.

Speakers at the discussion were professor of Geography and Environment Department of Dhaka University KB Sajjadur Rashid, Prof. of Chemical Engineering AKM Abdul Quader, chief engineer of Dhaka WASA Kazi Mohammad Sheesh, Executive Director of ESDO Hossain Shahriar, Deputy Director of Environment Department, Reazuddin, Deputy Project Director, STIDP-11 of LGED ABM Ashraf Ullah and governance and gender adviser of the British Council Farah Kabir. Country representative of IUCN Prof. Ainiun Nishat was the moderator.

Display centre for Bangladeshi publications in Calcutta

A display centre will be opened at the Bangladesh mission in Calcutta to make the people of West Bengal familiar with Bangladeshi books, periodicals, newspapers and other publications, reports APB.

The permanent centre will be set up at the Deputy High Commission premises at Suhrawardy Avenue in Calcutta.

The centre is likely to be inaugurated before the opening of the upcoming International Book Fair in the West Bengal capital, an official handout issued in the city yesterday said.

The government has taken the initiative to meet the increasing demand for Bangladeshi books and journals, newspapers, audio-cassettes, CD, tourist maps in different parts of India including West Bengal.

The centre would help create a new market for the country's publications in India.

"Parama," a publishing house of Bangladesh, will run the display centre. A memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Deputy High Commission and Parama was signed recently in this regard.

Tofael

Responding to certain remarks about him made by former President Ershad at a press conference Tuesday, Tofael alleged that Ershad is one of the prime beneficiaries of the Bangabandhu killing.

The Commerce Minister renewed his claim that Ershad came to Dhaka from New Delhi on August 26 without permission of his higher authorities.

Tofael said he (Ershad) had secret meeting with the killers at Bangabhaban before he was ordered to leave the country by the then army chief General Zia.

"How he (Ershad) could get quick promotions elevating him from Colonel to Major General and Deputy Army Chief after the killing," the minister wondered. In this context, he mentioned the book of Colonel Shafaet Jamil, who said Ershad came to Dhaka in August and was rebuked by Zia and had secret meeting with the killers.

Asked about the Rakkhi Bahini, Tofael said, "I was not its chief, I was nobody in Rakkhi Bahini" which was a paramilitary force headed by Brigadier Nuruzzaman. Since Nuruzzaman was outside the country, Major Hassan was its acting chief.

"I was a political person and in no way connected with Rakkhi Bahini. But since I was the Political Secretary of Bangabandhu, I had contact with them," Tofael said.

On August 15, he said after getting a call from Bangabandhu, he had telephoned many people including army chief Shafiqullah, General Zia and Rakkhi Bahini HQ to send forces at the residences of Bangabandhu and Sheikh Fazlul Huq Moni.

Later, he said, on his own initiative, he went to Rakkhi Bahini HQ and tried to build up resistance but failed.

"Today, someone can question my failure but can't question my sincerity and integrity," he said.

Criticising statements being made by Ershad and his associates, Tofael said those who are the beneficiaries of the killings got scared for trial and were talking rubbish to confuse the situation.

The commerce minister narrated how he was tortured "physically and mentally" by Bangabandhu's killers after August 15 to seek his allegiance by offering ministerial post along with Zillur Rahman.

Rebuking Ershad, he said how a man could be painted as a conspirator who had to suffer 33 months of prison life house arrest, torture at police control room and radio station from August 15, 1975 before he was released by the Supreme Court.

He said Zillur Rahman, Abdur Razzak and the People's Editor Abdur Rahman were also arrested and tortured with him either at the police control room or in jail.

Suspension order of Ctg customs official stayed

The High Court Tuesday ordered stay of the suspension order of Mohammad Mafzur Rahman, Principal Appraiser, Chittagong Customs House for three months.

The division bench of the HC comprising Justice KM Hasan and Justice Mohammad Abdul Quddus also directed the government and others to show cause as to why the suspension order should not be declared to have been made without lawful authority and is of no legal effect.

It was stated in the writ petition that Mohammad Mafzur Rahman refused the instruction of the Assistant Commissioner, Jetty, Chittagong Customs House to collect bribe of Tk. 2 lakhs from the Clearing and Forwarding Agent of the B/E No. 83815 dated September 14, 1998 and also lodged a written allegation in this regard with the Commissioner of the Chittagong Customs House.

But the Commissioner instead of taking any legal action against the Assistant Commissioner, suspended the Principal Appraiser (current charge), Mohammad Mafzur Rahman, it said.

Senior Advocate Abdul Baset Majumdar with Advocate HS Dev Brahman and Anupam Biswas moved the writ petition.

The demand for the trial of war criminals was raised from a rally, organised by the council on Wednesday at the central Shaheed Minar premises in the city.

Major (ret'd). Rezaul Karim Reza, Sadeq Ahmed Khan, Nasiruddin Ahmed, Vashkar Rasa, Advocate ZI Khan Panna, Pulak Chowdhury and Syed Dindar Bakht addressed the rally chaired by Ishtiaq Aziz Ulif.

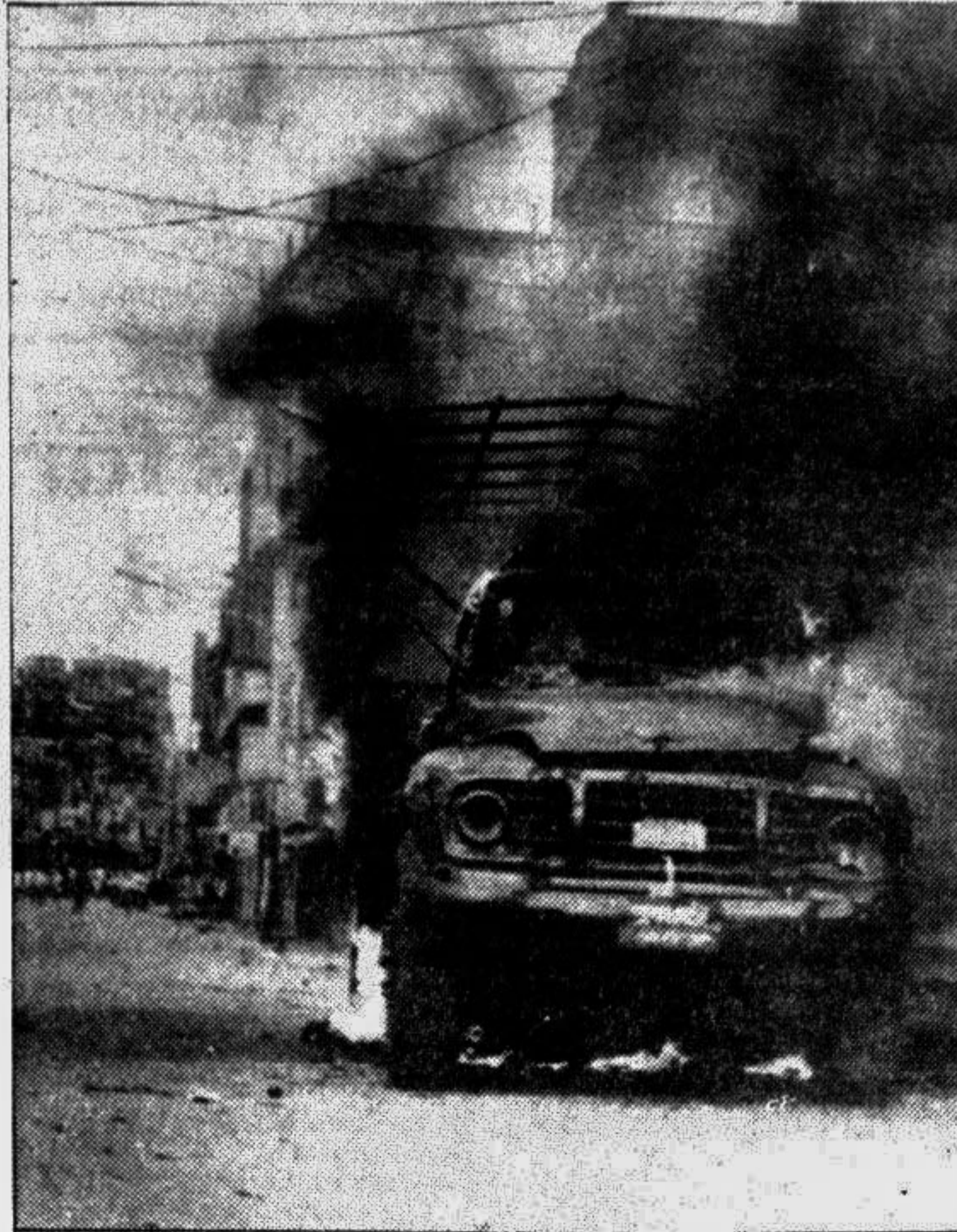
Trial of all war criminals demanded

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The Mukti Juddha Sangsad Kendriyo Samannaya Parishad brought out a procession in the city on Wednesday demanding trial of all war criminals including Golam Azam.



Pickets set fire to a police van at Nawabpur Road during opposition called half-day hartal in the city yesterday. —Star photo

TEO, ATEO posts Date for submitting application extended

The last date for submission of application forms for the posts of Thana Education Officer and Assistant Thana Education Officer has been extended up to December 15 from November 2, reports UNB.

Distribution of forms will remain suspended for the time being due to shortage of forms. The distribution will resume from specific branches of Sonal Bank on October 25, a PID handout said.

Nat'l Rover Moot begins in Thailand

A four-member Rover Scout team led by Abdur Rahman, Deputy Regional Commissioner, Bangladesh Scouts, Rover Region and Assistant Professor, Jagannath University College, left for Thailand on Wednesday to attend the 14th Thai National Rover Moot that began yesterday, says a press release.

The other three Rovers are: Akmal Hossain, Ishtiaq Mahmud and Al Riad Mahmud Hossain.

BRTA team leaves for Singapore today

An eight-member team of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) leaves Dhaka today for Singapore to visit Modern Vehicle Inspection Centre there.

The visit has been sponsored by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) as part of their orientation programme on the modern motor vehicle management.

ADB is helping BRTA set up five modern vehicle inspection centres — two in Dhaka and one each in Chittagong, Khulna and Rajshahi.

The team is led by Ammulah Choudhury, Director, Engineering Department of BRTA. Others included Mostafizur Rahman and Lokman Hossain, two assistant directors of BRTA.

Wills Int'l Cup commemorative postage stamp

Bangladesh Post Office will issue a commemorative postage stamp of Taka 6.00 denomination on the occasion of Wills International Cup Cricket Tournament on October 24, reports BSS.

A first day cover valued Tk 6.00 will also be issued and a special cancellor will be issued, said a press release.

The stamp and first day cover will be sold from all head post offices including four GPOs of Bangladesh. The commemorative postage stamp will subsequently be sold from all post offices, including the extra departmental ones.

Although October 24 is weekly holiday, the counter of concerning all head post offices including GPOs will remain open from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm on that day.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of Executive Engineer Local Government Engineering Department, Natore

Second Rural Roads and Markets Improvement and Maintenance Project (RRMIMP-2) (Rural Development Project : Infrastructure in Greater Rajshahi, Bogra, Pabna & Dhaka district).

Notice Inviting Tender

No-01/98-99 (RRMIMP-2) Dated: 15-10-98

1. The Govt of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association, hereinafter referred to as the IDA, towards the cost of the second Rural Roads & Markets Improvement & Maintenance Project (RRMIMP-2) and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payment under the contract shown in table SI No-02.

2. The Local Govt Engineering Department (LGED), Govt of the People's Republic of Bangladesh as represented by the Executive Engineer, LGED, Natore District, invites sealed tenders from pre-qualified tenderers of RRMIMP-2 for furnishing the necessary labour, materials, equipment and services for the construction & completion of the following:

Contract No	Name of the scheme	Time for completion (days)	Pre-qualification level (Road)	Earnest money (Tk)	Price of tender document (Tk)
R-96/98-99	Improvement of RHD Bildahar Road, from Ch 0+000 to 5+200 KM. Thana: Singra, Natore.	350 days	S, A & B	2,50,000.00	5,000.00
R-97/98-99	Improvement of RHD Bildahar Road, from Ch 5+200 KM to 10+500 KM. Thana: Singra, Natore.	430 days	S & A	3,80,000.00	5,000.00
R-98/98-99	Improvement of RHD Bildahar Road, from Ch 10+500 KM to 15+850 KM. Thana: Singra, Natore.	450 days	S & A	4,00,000.00	5,000.00
R-99/98-99	Improvement of RHD Bildahar Road, from Ch 15+850 KM to 21+105 KM. Thana: Singra, Natore.	450 days	S & A	4,00,000.00	5,000.00

- Interested prequalified tenderers may obtain further information from & inspect the tender documents at the office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Natore/Naogaon/Rajshahi/Pabna or at the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi or at the office of the Project Director, RRMIMP-2, LGED Bhaban, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Argagon, Dhaka-1207.
- A complete set of tender documents may be purchased by any interested prequalified tenderer on the submission of a written application to one of the above & upon payment of a non-refundable fee which is mentioned in the table SI No-02 Column No-6. Additional sets of documents may be purchased each at the same price. The tender documents will be available during office hours up to 02-11-98.
- All tenders must accompany a fixed amount as earnest money as determined by the Project Manager in the form of Bank Draft, Pay Order, Call Deposit, Demand Draft or Bank Guarantee from a scheduled bank in Bangladesh in Taka in favour of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Natore.
- All tenders must be delivered to the office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Natore/Naogaon/Rajshahi/Pabna or at the office of the Project Director, RRMIMP-2 on or before 1-00 PM on 04-11-98.
- Tenders will be opened in the presence of those tenderers, representatives who choose to attend at 1-30 PM on 04-11-98 at the office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Natore/Naogaon/Rajshahi/Pabna District or at the office of the Project Director, RRMIMP-2.
- No tender document will be sold on the date of submission of tender or on the previous working day.
- Tenderers may also submit tender by Registered Mail with acknowledgment due, which must reach the concerned offices before the dead line of receipt of tender. Late received tender will not be accepted.
- The VAT, Income Tax, Retention money etc will have to be deducted from the gross bill amount as per govt. rate before the deduction of the price of the salvaged materials & equipment charge.
- The intending tenderer or his official representative to request to attend an important pre-tender conference which will be held at the office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Natore at 10:30 AM on 03-11-98.
- The contractor has to give a list of works in hand (LGED) & other organization.
- The contractor has to quote item-wise rate in words and figures, otherwise the tender will be rejected.
- Payment will be made upon availability of fund. No payment will be made without reimbursement.
- The contractor will have to bear the cost of laboratory and field test at his own cost including transport cost. Quoted rates of each individual item of works should be inclusive of all cost relevant to necessary laboratory test to be performed as per specification. Should there be any conflict in wording or implied action in any clause of tender document (Vol I, II, III & IV) regarding laboratory test then the above stated explanation shall apply.
- The tenderers shall submit attested copy of pre-qualified enlistment valid for the fiscal year 1997-98 along with tender.
- Department is not bound to provide construction equipment for the above mentioned works.
- No tender will be valid without VAT registration certificate.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Executive Engineer LGED, Natore.

বাংলাদেশ পেট্রোলিয়াম এক্সপ্লোরেশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড BAPEX Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration Company Limited (A Subsidiary Company of Petrobangla)

"গাছ লাগান; গাছের পরিচর্যা করন এবং পরিবেশ বীচান" — প্রধানমন্ত্রী

International Re-Tender Notice

BAPEX invites quotations from the reputed well services company/representative for hiring 3rd party Well Services against the following international tender for Salda Nadi Drilling Project under cash foreign exchange.

Sl. No	Tender No.	Description	Opening Date & Time	Closing Date & Time	Price of Document, Non-refundable
1.	BAPEX/PD/INT/TEN/123/97	Wire Line Logging Services.	10-11-1998 11.15 hrs.	10-11-1998 11.00 hrs.	Tk. 30000.00 US\$ 75.00

Tender documents for wire line logging services containing detailed specification with terms and conditions will be available with BAPEX Accounts and Finance Division, Ibrahim Mansion (4th floor) 11, Purana Paltan, Dhaka from 26-10-98 on all working days between 9.00 AM. to 12.00 Noon on payment. The tender documents will be provided at free of cost from MCD (Material Control Division) BAPEX to the prospective bidders those who have purchased the tender No. BAPEX/PD/INT/TEN-123/97 against earlier invitation.

The quotation will be received and opened as per respective date & time mentioned above in the tender box placed in Material Control Division, BAPEX, HBFC Building (9th floor) Purana Paltan, Dhaka up to 11.00 AM and will be opened on the same day 11.15 AM in presence of bidders available.

Tender documents will not be sold on the day of opening. BAPEX reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

General Manager (MCD)

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, Sunamganj Public Works Division, Sunamganj

Tender Invitation Notice

No-18/1998-99

- Tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are invited from approved contractors of Public Works Directorate mentioned against work (those who are registered in accordance with the Value Added Tax Law 1991) for the work mentioned in the undermentioned group list. Tenders can be submitted till 29/10/98 at 12-noon in the tender box kept at the office of the undersigned and Executive Engineer, Public Works Division Sylhet/Moulvibazar/Habiganj and the office of the Divisional Commissioner of Sylhet and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the tenderers who are willing to remain present (if anyone remains present). Each tender will have to be deposited in a sealed envelope by mentioning the name of work/group on it.

Group	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time	Class of contractors
1.	Construction of Sunamganj district jail 1 (one) under project for construction of 19 district jails in Bangladesh (Subhead: Construction of barrack no 1 (one) for male convict).	Taka 56,72,930/=	Taka 1,13,460/=	10 (ten) months	Special class I and class I building contractors
2.	Do (Subhead: Construction of barrack no 2 (two) for male convict)	Taka 56,72,930/=	Taka 1,13,460/=	10 (ten) months	Special class I and class I building contractors
3.	Do (Subhead: Work of internal drainage and water supply of barrack no 1 (one) for male convict)	Taka 5,06,965/=	Taka 10,150/=	10 (ten) months	Class I and class II sanitary contractors
4.	Do (Subhead: Work of internal drainage and water supply of barrack no 2 (two) of male convict)	Taka 5,06,965/-	10,150/=	10 (ten) months	Class I & class II sanitary contractors

2(a) Tender documents for work containing tender and schedule for group nos 1 and 2 and Form No 2911, schedule for work, additional terms and conditions and rules, regulations, design (if applicable) can be purchased from all zone offices of Public Works Directorate, Public Works Sylhet Circle office and all Public Works Divisions under Chittagong Public Works Zone and office of the Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet and all the offices of Sub-Divisional Engineers under this Division during office hours on payment of Taka 775/- (seven hundred and seventy-five) taka per set which is non-refundable.

2(b) Tender documents containing Form No 2911, schedule, additional terms and conditions, rules and regulations, design (if applicable) for group nos-3 & 4 can be purchased from all Divisional Offices under Sylhet Public Works Circle and all offices of Sub-Divisional Engineers under this Division during office hours on payment of Taka 425/- (four hundred and twenty-five) for per set which is non-refundable.

Interested contractor/contractors firm can purchase tender document till 28/10/98 during office hours on any day-by himself or his representative (in case of representative with the authorisation letter with the specimen signature attested by the contractor) by producing registration book. But the tender signed excepting by contractor will not be considered.

If more than one tenderer becomes the lowest tenderer by quoting the same rate, then one will be selected among them through lottery and the lottery will be held on 3/11/98 at 12:00 noon in the office room of the undersigned in presence of tenderers concerned (if anyone remains present).

Mahmud Hasan Siraji
Executive Engineer
Sunamganj Public Works Division, Sunamganj.

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