

FEMA hands over recommendations on Upazila Parishad Bill

The Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) on Sunday handed over the recommendations emerged from the discussion meeting on 'Upazila Parishad Bill 1998' to Abdul Mannan MP, chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee for the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development (LGRD) at his Jatiya Sangsad office, says a press release.

Feroz M Hassan, secretary general of FEMA met Mannan with a 13-member delegation and handed over the report to him. Farukul Ghani, executive director, M Ataur Rahman, vice chairperson and Roushanara Ahmed of FEMA national committee and others were present.

During the handing over ceremony Feroz M Hassan said that these recommendations were formulated with a view to make the Upazila Parishad more representative, independent, transparent and definite in the administrative structure.

FEMA earlier organised a discussion meeting on October 17 in collaboration with MSS/SRG. Members of parliament, political leaders, academics, journalists, lawyers, NGO and civic leaders, representatives from the donor agencies and diplomatic missions participated in the discussion meeting and a substantive output emerged from the meeting. Members of parliament lauded that the recommendations would be helpful to improve the bill.

Biman's winter flight schedule

Biman Bangladesh Airlines has announced its winter flight schedule for international and domestic routes with effect from October 25 to March 28 next year, a Biman press release said on Tuesday, reports BSS.

Biman, as per the new schedule, will operate weekly 3 flights to Abu Dhabi, 1 flight to Bahrain, 5 flights to Bangkok, 2 flights to Brussels, 14 flights to Calcutta, 2 flights to Delhi, 2 flights to Doha, 9 flights to Dubai, 1 flight to Frankfurt, 2 flights to Hong Kong, 2 flights to Jeddah, 2 flights to Karachi, 4 flights to Kathmandu, 3 flights to Kuala Lumpur, 2 flights to Kuwait, 5 flights to London, 2 flights to Mumbai, 2 flights to Muscat, 2 flights to New York, 1 flight to Paris, 5 flights to Riyadh, 2 flights to Rome, 4 flights to Singapore, 1 flight to Tokyo and 1 flight to Yangon.

In the domestic route, Biman has partially announced winter flight schedule effective from October 25 to November 14 which is as follows: Weekly 11 flights to Jessore, 16 flights to Chittagong, 21 flights to Sylhet, 2 flights to Cox's Bazar via Chittagong, 2 flights to Calcutta via Chittagong and 7 flights to Rajshahi via Saidpur. Further winter schedule in the domestic sector will be intimated later.

More donations to PM's Relief Fund for flood victims

Malaysia yesterday donated 50,000 US dollars to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for the flood affected people, reports BSS.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina received a cheque for the amount from Malaysian High Commissioner in Dhaka Dato Zulkifly bin Abdul Rahman at her office.

She also received more than Taka 920,760 donated by different organisations and individuals at her office.

The donors included Bangladesh Bidi Shilpa Malik Samity - Taka 425,000, Fean Watts, Country Director and Manager of Bank of Nova Scotia - Tk 250,000, Bangladesh Covered Van Association - one lakh, Abdul Gafur of Magura - Tk 50,000, Soviet Alumni Association - Tk 50,000, Kalyanpur Estate Multipurpose Association - Tk 12,004 and Abdul Malek Gazi, Commander of Maheshpur Thana Command of Muktiyoddha Sangsad - Tk 10,000.

3-day solo art exhibition at DU begins today

By DU Correspondent

A three-day long solo art exhibition of Ismat Monir will begin today at the Jaimul Gallery of the Institute of Fine Arts (IFA), Dhaka University, on the occasion of the 23rd birthday of the late artist.

Organised by the friends, family members of late Monir and the students of the IFA, the exhibition will be inaugurated by Prof Bulban Osman, Director of the institute, at 10.30 am.

Ismat Monir, a third year student of the IFA, died in a road accident near the Farmgate area in the city on September 27.



Turkish Ambassador to Bangladesh Erdinc Ulumlu called on BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia at her Minto Road residence in the city on Monday. — Star photo

Road accident in city: Two die

By Staff Correspondent

Two persons died of road accidents in different areas of the city yesterday, according to police and medical sources.

Abu Hanif, 40, a tempo passenger, died of injuries he received when his vehicle turned upside down near the Kalabagan New Model School under Dhanmondi thana.

The Dhanmondi police said that the vehicle has been seized but the driver was still absconding.

In another incident, an unknown male, aged about 60, was runover by a passenger bus in front of Tejgaon Women's College yesterday morning.

New envoy to France presents credentials

French President Jacques Chirac has said that his government attaches "special importance" to the development and expansion of closer bilateral cooperation with Bangladesh, reports BSS.

The French President said this while giving a private audience to the newly appointed Bangladesh Ambassador to France Syed Muzammil Ali during his presentation of credentials to the president at the Elysee Palace in Paris on Monday, according to a message received in the city.

Two sub-committees on BCIC, Steel Mills Corpn formed

Two separate sub-committees on Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) and Steel Mills Corporation have been formed to look into the problems and overall management of the two state-controlled bodies, reports APB.

The sub-committees were constituted at a meeting of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industries at the Sangsad Bhaban on Tuesday with its president Dewan Farid Gazi in the chair.

The meeting named a 3-member committee with A K M Mosharrar Hossain as its convener to remove the anomalies in taxes and tariff structures which have caused losses to a number of units run by BCIC.

Another 5-member committee was formed with Hafiz Ahmed Majumder as its convener to oversee the overall management of the Steel Mills Corporation and different industrial units under BCIC.

Committee members Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed, M Rafiqul Anwar and Shahnaz Sardar attended the meeting.

Industries Secretary K M Ejazul Haque and officials were present, said a handout.

JS body discusses budget, strength of armed forces

A Parliamentary Committee on the Defence Ministry at a meeting on Tuesday discussed the strength, organisational structure, budget and training programme of the country's armed forces, reports UNB.

The meeting, chaired by the committee chairman Major General (Rtd) Shafiqullah, discussed the role and activities of the armed forces and programmes of the army training institutes.

It was apprised that the armed forces play their role in protecting the country's independence, sovereignty and integrity, assisting the law enforcing agencies in a special situation, combating natural disaster, taking part in relief operation, joining the UN peace keeping forces and contributing socio-economic development.

Committee members Chief Whip Abul Hasnat Abdullah, Col (Rtd) Sawkat Ali, Faruq Khan, Sheikh Helaluddin, Golam Mohammad Qader, Major (Rtd) Akhtaruzaman and Prof Rezaul Karim attended the meeting.

Defence Secretary Syed Yusuf Hossain, Army Chief Lt General Mustafizur Rahman and senior officials were also present in the meeting.

JS body formed to investigate irregularities in Nat'l Museum

A parliamentary sub-committee was formed at a meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Cultural Affairs Ministry on Tuesday to probe into the irregularities and mismanagement in the National Museum, reports UNB.

The sub-committee, headed by Advocate Abdul Latif, has been asked to submit its report to the Standing Committee before its next meeting.

The other members of the committee are Prof Panna Kaiser, Tasmina Hossain and Shamsul Alam Pramanik.

The meeting, presided over by committee president A S M Firoz, stressed on taking immediate steps to finalise the service rule of Bangla Academy.

It directed the concerned authorities to take necessary steps to preserve the collections at Ahsan Manzil and Shilpacharya Jainul Abedin Art Museum properly.

The meeting was also apprised of the progress of various projects being implemented under Shilpakala Academy.

Committee members State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader, State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Prof Zinatunnesa Talukdar, Mohammad Abdul Latif Biswas, Advocate Abdul Latif, Tasmina Hossain, Shamsul Alam Pramanik attended the meeting.

Cultural Secretary Dr S Zaman Majumder and concerned officials were present.

DU student dies at DMCH

By DU Correspondent

A final year masters student of the Dhaka University died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) on late Monday night.

Son of Mokhsed Ali Munshi of Harirampur thana in Manikganj, Quddus Ali was a student of the Department of Islamic Studies and a resident of the Mohsin Hall and stayed in room 253.

Quddus suddenly got sick at around 11 pm on Monday in his room. As he lost his consciousness, Quddus was taken to room 250. Fellow students from neighbouring rooms poured water on his head. Saliva and blood was coming out of his mouth and nose.

As his condition deteriorated, they took him to the DMCH at around 11:40 same day where the doctors at the emergency ward declared him dead.

Talking to The Daily Star, friends of Quddus at the hall said that Quddus returned the dormitory from his sister's residence at Mirpur at about 8:30 pm the same day.

Quoting the doctors, Quddus' friends said that he died either of poisoning or of brain hemorrhage which could only be confirmed after the report of viscera test.

The friends, however, claimed that Quddus died of brain hemorrhage. They said that the younger brother of Quddus also died in the same way in 1994.

Speakers for movement to create mass awareness

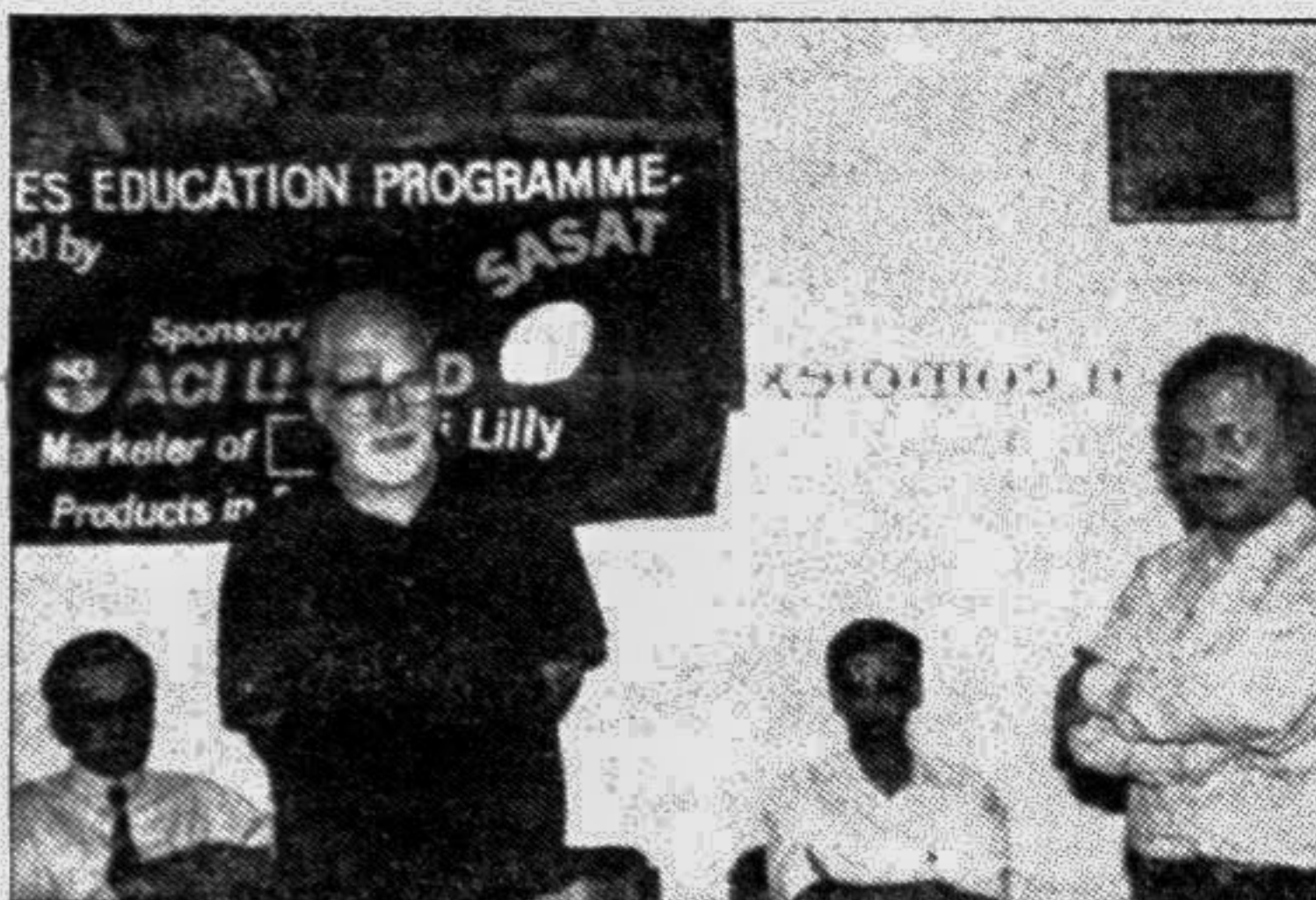
Speakers at a roundtable consultation yesterday underscored the need for launching a movement to create mass awareness aimed at introducing a uniform personal law, especially for women instead of piece meal approach, reports BSS.

The roundtable on "Reforms in personal laws in Bangladesh and the Feasibility of a Uniform personal code" was held at the British Council auditorium yesterday.

Law review, a human rights organisation, in association with the British Council, organised the function.

Chaired by Justice K M Sobhan, the roundtable was addressed, among others, by Barrister Salma Sobhan, Barrister Lutfor Rahman, Ayesha Khanam, Advocate Sultana Kamal, Farida Akhtar, Dr Shahana Huda and Barrister Tanja Amerc.

Dr Faustina Pereira presented the keynote paper on the topic.



Dr Michael Steffes, standing left, Professor of University of Minnesota, USA, addressing a discussion on 'diabetes' at the Bangladesh-Japan Friendship Hospital in the city yesterday.

Regulated life must to keep diabetes in check

By Staff Correspondent

Diabetic patients under insulin therapy should be provided with detailed information regarding the disease to help them take better care of themselves, Prof Michael Steffes of the University of Minnesota, USA, said at a discussion in the city yesterday.

Stressing on leading a regulated life, the visiting internationally reputed diabetologist and medical researcher said there was no alternative to controlling diabetes as an "effective cure for the disease is yet to be discovered."

The discussion on 'diabetes' was arranged by South Asian Society on Thrombosis and Atherosclerosis at the Bangladesh-Japan Friendship Hospital (BJFH) at Gulshan yesterday.

Presided over by Prof KM Iqbal of Bangladesh University Sheikh Mujib Medical University, the discussion was conducted by Dr Samir Kumar Saha, diabetologist and chief of the Heart and Diabetes Station of BJFH.



Robi Nuighi, left, a veteran leader of anti-British movement, met LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman at his office yesterday. — PID photo

Request for Expressions of Interest Consultant Services for Privatizing Biman Bangladesh Airlines

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has applied for a Credit from the International Development Association, and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this Credit to payments under the contract for consultant (firm) services for privatizing Biman Bangladesh Airlines.

The services, to be provided by a Financial Advisory Group (which may consist of one consulting firm or joint venture of consultants), include (i) legal, financial and operational restructuring of the carrier necessary for privatization, (ii) initial inclusion of a strategic partner (an airline of repute) through equity ownership participation and (iii) subsequent divestiture of remaining shares through the capital markets (and/or private placement).

Biman Bangladesh Airlines now invites eligible firms for expressions of interest in providing the services. Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform all of these services and have relevant international experience, that is privatization in general and more specifically airline privatization (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, and availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Firms may associate to enhance their qualifications.

The firm will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out by the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers January 1997, revised September 1997.

Interested firms may obtain further information at the address below from 0900 hrs to 1700 hrs, Bangladesh Standard Time (BST), Sunday through Thursday of the week.

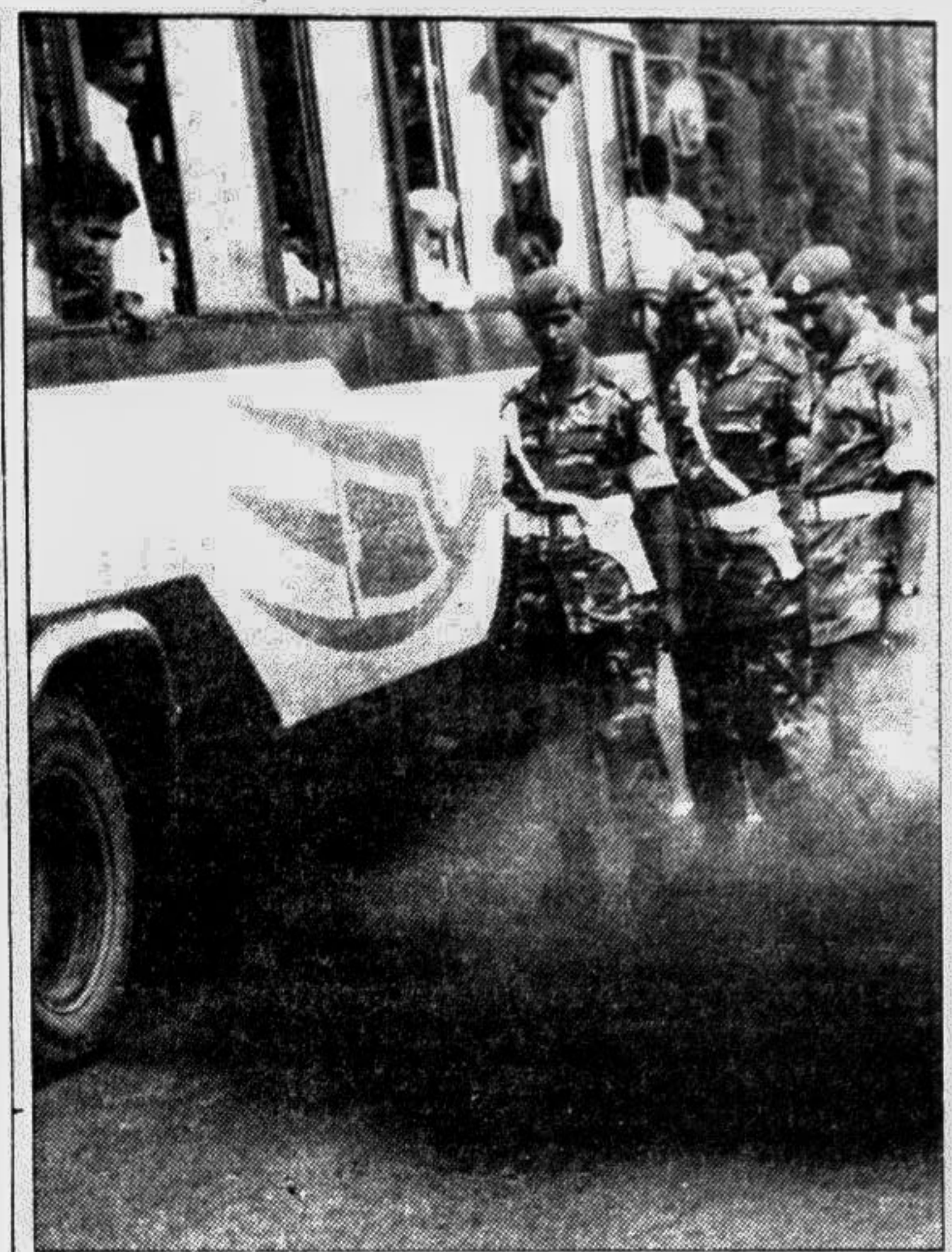
Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by 1700 hrs BST, of November 22, 1998.

General Manager, Corporate Affairs
Head Office, Balaka, Kurmitola, Dhaka 1229, Bangladesh
Telephone: (8802) 897386, 897400, Facsimile: (8802) 897471
Email: mdbiman@bdonline.com

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The government of Bangladesh and UNICEF yesterday held a mid-term review of projects in the current Country Programme of Cooperation for the period 1996-2000. The meeting was chaired by Qazi Shamsul Alam, Member (SEI & Prog), Planning Commission and Chairperson of the Joint Government UNICEF Advisory Group (JGUAG), and addressed by Shahida Azfar, Representative of UNICEF in Bangladesh. UN Resident Coordinator David Lockwood, representatives and other senior officials from UNICEF Headquarters and the Regional Office, and DGs and joint secretaries of the concerned ministries were present.



Armed forces personnel checking a vehicle for black smoke emission at Manik Mia Avenue as part of an anti-pollution drive launched by the Department of Environment in the city yesterday. — Star photo

BCIC Tender Notice

বিসআই'র পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

Managing Director, CUFL, Rangadia, Chittagong invites sealed tenders from the BCIC enlisted contractors for "construction of rest room of workshop of CUFL" at an estimated cost of Tk 9,37,485.25. Tender documents are available for sale from (i) Controller of Accounts, BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka (ii) Accounts Department of CUFL, Rangadia, Chittagong up to 09.11.98 on payment of Tk 500/- (non-refundable) each set. No tender paper will be sold on the date of opening of the tender. Tender will be received up to 11.00 AM on 10.11.98 simultaneously by (i) General Manager (Const), CUFL, Rangadia, Chittagong (ii) Sr General Manager (Const), BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka and will be opened immediately after closing. 2% of the quoted value shall be submitted as earnest money. Management reserves the right to accept or reject all or any tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.

BCIC-924-21/10/98
DFP-22510-22/10
G-2413

General Manager (Const)
for Managing Director

BCIC Tender Notice

বিসআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

Managing Director, Jamuna Fertilizer Co. Ltd., Tarakandi, Sarishabari, Jamalpur invites sealed tender for carrying of 12,700 MT bagged Urea from Santahar Buffer Godown to Charkai Buffer Godown (5000 MT) and Joypurhat Buffer Godown (7,700 MT) and 4,000 MT bagged Urea from Bogra Buffer Godown to Gaibandha Buffer (2,000 MT) & Kurigram Buffer Godown (2,000 MT) against Tender No. JFCL/MKTG-27/FMC/BUFFER (SANTAHAR)/1419 Dt. 18.10.98 & JFCL/MKTG-27/FMC/BUFFER (BOGRA)/1418 dated 18.10.98. Tender will be received simultaneously upto 11-00 AM on 18.11.98 in the tender box placed at the office of (i) General Manager (Comm.), Jamuna Fertilizer Co. Ltd., Tarakandi, Sarishabari, Jamalpur (ii) General Manager (FMC), BCIC, BCIC Bhaban (18th floor), 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000 and will be opened immediately after receipt of tender in presence of tenderers (if any). No tender documents will be sold on the opening day of tender. Persons/establishment having experience in carrying/handling bagged urea, bagged goods are eligible to participate in the tender. Tender documents with detailed terms & conditions may be purchased from (i) Controller of Accounts, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban (6th floor), 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000 (ii) General Manager (A&F), Jamuna Fertilizer Co. Ltd., Tarakandi, Sarishabari, Jamalpur on payment of Tk. 750/- (seven hundred fifty) per set (non-refundable) in all working days.

JFCL Management reserves the right to accept or reject any tender partly or fully without assigning any reason whatsoever.

BCIC 932-21/10/98
DFP-22518-22/10
G-2414

Mobarak Ali Akond
Manager (Purchase)
For Managing Director

রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় ১৯৯৯ ইংরেজী বছরের ৫০০০ পকেট ডায়েরী অফসেট মুদ্রণ করে সরবরাহের জন্য মানসম্মত ডায়েরী ছাপার কাজে পূর্ণ অভিজ্ঞতা সম্পন্ন প্রকৃত অফসেট প্রেসের নিকট থেকে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা হচ্ছে। সিডিউলের মূল্য হিসাবে যে কোন সিডিউল ব্যাক হতে নিম্ন যাকরকারীর অনুকূলে টাঃ ১০০/- (একশত) টাকার ব্যাক ডাফট (অফসেটযোগ্য) সহ নিম্ন প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্যাকে সিডিউল ক্রয়ের জন্য নিম্নস্বাকরকারী ব্যবহার আবেদন করতে হবে। আবেদনের সঙ্গে প্রথম শ্রেণীর কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সদ্য সত্যায়িত ট্রেড লাইসেন্স ও বেস ডিক্লারেশন এর বৈধ প্রমাণপত্র এবং নিম্ন প্রতিষ্ঠানে মুদ্রিত ডায়েরীর একটা কপি (অফসেটযোগ্য) দাখিল করতে হবে। ছুটির দিন বাদে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ের মধ্যে প্রেস প্রকাশনা ও জনসংযোগ দপ্তর (কক্ষ ১২২) হতে সিডিউল সংগ্রহ ও মুদ্রণ সংক্রান্ত যাবতীয় তথ্য এবং ডায়েরী নমুনা দেখা যাবে। সিডিউল ক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ৯.১১.৯৮ বেলা ১টা পর্যন্ত। দরপত্র আগামী ১০.১১.৯৮ তারিখ বেলা ১১-৩০ মিঃ পর্যন্ত রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কোর্সওয়ার্কের অফিসে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাগে দাখিল করতে হবে। ডাকযোগে দরপত্র দাখিল করা যেতে পারে, তবে তা নির্ধারিত তারিখ ও সময়ের মধ্যে অবশ্যই পৌঁছাতে হবে। দরপত্রে উল্লিখিত মোট মুদ্রণ খরচের ৩% জামানত হিসাবে নিম্নস্বাকরকারীর অনুকূলে ব্যাক ডাফট (অফসেটযোগ্য) এবং অতীত মুদ্রণ ও কাগজের নমুনা দরপত্রের সঙ্গে দাখিল করতে হবে। জামানতের অর্থ ছাড়া কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না। রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কর্তৃপক্ষ সর্বনিম্ন দর গ্রহণে বাধ্য নহে। মুদ্রণলয়ের মুদ্রিত সামগ্রীর নমুনা, কাজের মান, অতীত অভিজ্ঞতা ও প্রাতিষ্ঠানিক যোগ্যতার ভিত্তিতে ডায়েরী মুদ্রণের কার্যদেশ দেওয়া যেতে পারে। বিশেষ উল্লেখ্য যে, সিডিউল অনুযায়ী যথাযথভাবে মুদ্রণ সম্পন্ন হয়েছে এই মর্মে রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় ডিজিটেল টিম কর্তৃক প্রত্যয়ন পত্র দাখিলের পর মুদ্রণ বিল পরিশোধ করা হবে। ডায়েরী সরবরাহের সময় সমস্ত ডাটা/কম্পোজ কপি ডিসকেটে দিতে হবে ও মুদ্রণ প্রেট ফেরত দিতে হবে। কোন কারণ না দর্শিয়ে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কর্তৃক সংরক্ষিত।

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