

## IFOR team lauds PM's commitment to peace

A 24-member delegation of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR) called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her Ganobhaban residence yesterday, reports UNB.

The objectives of the organisation are to promote peace and non-violence, uphold justice and reconciliation, and search for concrete alternatives to violence.

The members of IFOR are dedicated to establish peace and amity among comity of nations and various faiths.

The IFOR members praised the Prime Minister for her commitment to peace and non-violence, and restoring peace in the Chittagong Hill Tracts through signing an accord with the tribal leaders.

National Professor Kabir Chowdhury, on behalf of IFOR, lauded the role of Prime Minister for her total commitment to peace.

He said the unilateral declaration of the Prime Minister not to call hartal is highly praise-worthy and targeted to promoting peace and stability in the country.

The IFOR members also welcomed Bangladesh's support to the UN resolution for non-violence.

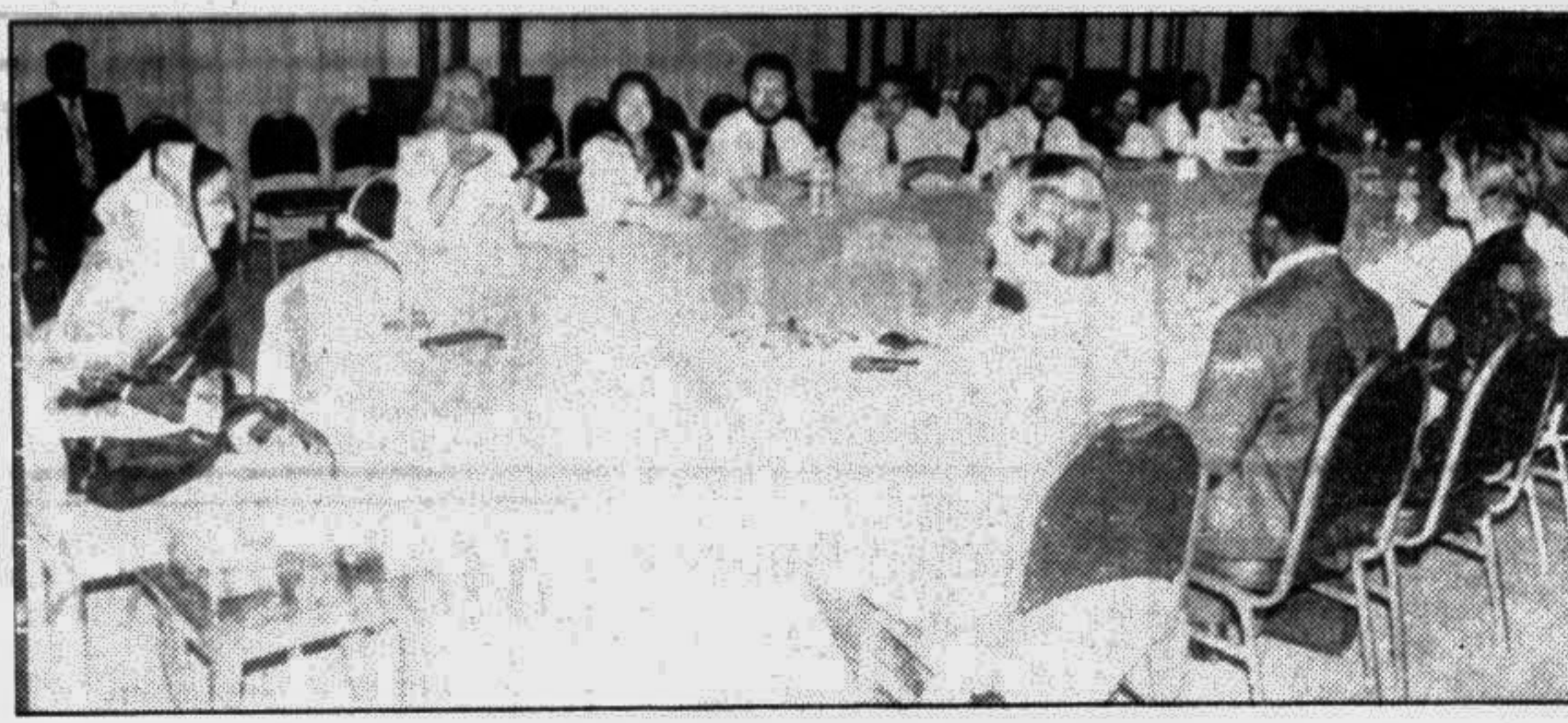
The Prime Minister said Bangladesh believes in peace. Without peace, she said, progress is not possible.

"We had suffered a lot due to the existence of authoritarian regimes," she said and added "we had to have a long movement to revive the rights of the people and build up a society free from hunger and poverty."

Bangladesh has a total commitment to the peace, said the Prime Minister adding father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman wanted to modify the society by freeing it from the clutches of poverty and hunger.

But Bangabandhu could not finish his task as he was brutally assassinated along with his family members, Hasina said adding that "now the task has bestowed upon me to fulfill the dreams of the father of the nation through economic emancipation of the people."

IFOR delegates from Japan, USA, India, Zimbabwe, the Netherlands and Bangladesh were present in the meeting.



A delegation of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR) called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Gonobhaban yesterday. —PID photo

## Call to break silence against repression on women, children

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at a seminar in the city yesterday expressed grave concern over the recent rise of violence against women and children and stressed the need for effective measures to put an end to such repression.

The seminar titled "Eradication of violence against women and children" organised by Zonta International District XXV was addressed, among others, by Prof Surraya Hakim, Zonta District chairperson, Dilruba Ahmed, Area Director, Advocate Sigma Huda, Salma Khan, Meherun Nesa Islam, Dr Jhunu Shamsun Nahar, Dr Halida Khandoker, Shahida Azfar, UNICEF representative in Bangladesh attended the seminar as special guest while Hasna Moudud presented the keynote paper.

National Professor Syed Ali Ahsan in his speech quoted from the Holy Quran and said no religion other than Islam has given women a status. He was addressing the seminar as the chief guest and added that women are the preserver and creator of all generation and have a high degree of responsibility which cannot be denied.

Hasna Moudud in her presentation termed violence against women as a "social wound" and said these days violence against women has become a common and widespread social evil.

"Repression on women has always existed but never so crude, violent and exposed like an open social wound," she said.

The discussants put forward the view that time has come for breaking the silence through mass awareness.

They urged all law enforcing agencies to punish women and child abusers publicly to set an example.

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National Professor Syed Ali Ahsan addressing a seminar on 'Eradication of violence against women and children' organised by Zonta International District XXV at a local hotel yesterday.

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## 'Self-sufficiency in cement production by 2000'

The country will attain self-sufficiency in cement production by the year 2000 with establishment of five more cement industries, reports UNB.

At present 11 cement industries, including one in public sector, are producing 1.4 million tons of cement per year against the annual total demand of about 4 million tons.

This was revealed at a day-long seminar on 'Prospects of Cement Industries in Bangladesh' at a hotel yesterday. Commerce and Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed inaugurated it.

## Govt always tried to cooperate with opposition, says Zillur

CHITTAGONG, Nov 21: LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman has said that efforts were always being pursued to maintain congenial atmosphere to mutual cooperation, tolerance and democratic disposition with the opposition party, reports BSS.

The minister was addressing a cross section of people at a meeting organised by Raozan Thana Development Parishad on Friday.

## Nat'l Institute of Mental Health to be constructed soon in city

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Abdul Matin Khasru yesterday said that the government is constitutionally obliged to protect the human rights of the mentally retarded patients, along with others, reports BSS.

The present government under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is committed to ensuring health for all by the year 2000," he said while addressing a symposium on "Human Rights and Mental Health" as chief guest at CIRDAP auditorium in the city.

Presided over by president of Bangladesh Association of Psychiatrists Mohammad Abdus Sobhan, the function was addressed, among others, by Prof Mohammad Nazmul Ahsan, Dr Kazi A Hamid, Prof Headayetul Islam, Dr Shamim Matin Chowdhury, Advocate Abdul Baset Majumder, Chairman of Bangladesh Bar Council Barrister Amirul Islam and Bar Council leader Advocate Abdus Salam Talukder. The symposium was organised jointly by Bangladesh Bar Council and Bangladesh Association of Psychiatrists.

Abdul Matin Khasru said a National Institute of Mental Health will be constructed soon in Dhaka at a cost of Tk 35 crore. He said the government alone cannot do everything, rather the government and non-government organisation should work together for protection of the rights of the mentally retarded persons.

The minister said what is more important is implementation of the law than making of the same.



Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan addressing a seminar titled 'Wisdom of importing hybrid rice seeds: Bangladesh scenario' at the National Press Club yesterday. The seminar was organised by the Agriculturists Association of Bangladesh (AAB). —Star photo

## Mauritius donates Tk 24 lakh for flood victims

The government of Indian Ocean island state Mauritius has donated 50,000 US dollars (over Taka 24 lakh) for the flood affected people of Bangladesh, official sources said, reports BSS.

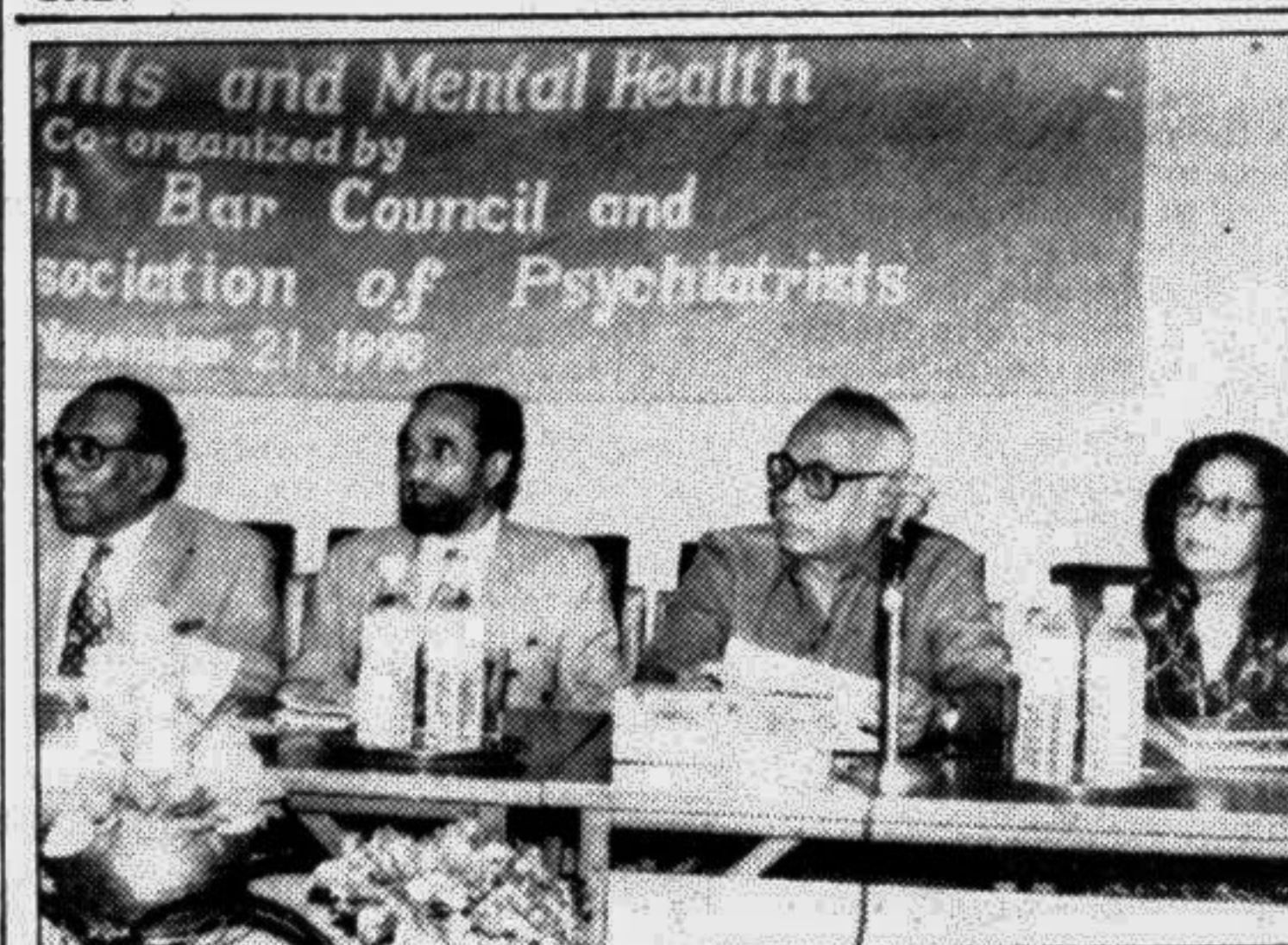
The Mauritius High Commissioner to the United Kingdom Sir Sateam Boolell, QC handed over a cheque for that amount to A H Mahmood Ali, Bangladesh High Commissioner to UK at the latter's office in London on Friday.

In a letter sent on the occasion, the Mauritius government said "through this contribution is only a token effort, we wish your country all the best in coping with the calamity and for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the devastated areas," a message received in the city yesterday said.

High Commissioner Ali conveyed thanks and appreciation of the government and people of Bangladesh to the government and people of Mauritius for their kind gesture.

## PP Altaf Hossain's death condoled

State Minister for Jute A K Faezul Huq yesterday expressed deep shock at the death of Public Prosecutor of Dhaka Advocate Altaf Hossain, reports UNB.



A symposium on human rights and mental health, jointly organised by the Bangladesh Bar Council and the Association of Psychiatrists, was held at the CIRDAP auditorium yesterday. —Star photo

## ICMAB results

The Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh has published the results of the ICMAB examination held in August at Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi, Comilla and Abu Dhabi (UAE) centres, says a press release yesterday.

The names and roll numbers of the students who have completed different levels in the examination are given below:

Level-V (Final) Course Completed-6 (Six)

Abdullah Al Mahmud (1007), Md Murtoaba Ali (1035), Sayed Golam Ahmmed (1371), Ranjan Kumar Nandy (1498), Md Mizanur Rahman (1644), Mohammed Rafiqul Alam (2874).

Level-IV (Final) Completed Roll Nos 6 (Six): 1007, 1495, 1498, 1574, 1865, 2901.

Level-III (Intermediate) Completed Roll Nos 27 (Twenty Seven): 1003, 1024, 1088, 1107, 1261, 1271, 1322, 1402, 1472, 1494, 1574, 1576, 1601, 1652, 1713, 1718, 1751, 1807, 1831, 2013, 2021, 2084, 2088, 2094, 2955, 3046, 3058.

Level-II (Intermediate) Completed Roll Nos 50 (Fifty): 1246, 1271, 1322, 1412, 1457, 1465, 1472, 1485, 1491, 1494, 1512, 1513, 1528, 1554, 1565, 1566, 1591, 1605, 1610, 1652, 1691, 1692, 1696, 1713, 1718, 1733, 1749, 1751, 1818, 1831, 1870, 1873, 1882, 1899, 1947, 1957, 1988, 1990, 2005, 2084, 2117, 2121, 2122, 2898, 3042, 3061, 3067, 3068, 3072, 3077.

Level-I (Intermediate) Completed Roll Nos 139 (One hundred thirty-nine): 1034, 1246, 1275, 1280, 1380, 1488, 1497, 1517, 1523, 1529, 1542, 1595, 1603, 1621, 1623, 1627, 1648, 1659, 1660, 1668, 1690, 1703, 1722, 1726, 1744, 1747, 1749, 1758, 1771, 1772, 1778, 1787, 1788, 1799, 1801, 1836, 1849, 1878, 1879, 1901, 1906, 1911, 1924, 1934, 1945, 1947, 1951, 1957, 1960, 1963, 1965, 1968, 1970, 1974, 1979, 1983, 1984, 2010, 2028, 2035, 2055, 2062, 2068, 2076, 2080, 2081, 2092, 2101, 2109, 2117, 2120, 2124, 2125, 2128, 2129, 2144, 2157, 2162, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2171, 2173, 2175, 2176, 2180, 2182, 2185, 2195, 2197, 2220, 2247, 2249, 2255, 2256, 2272, 2273, 2301, 2313, 2340, 2401, 2405, 2409, 2412, 2413, 2415, 2422, 2445, 2451, 2460, 2478, 2485, 2514, 2524, 2530, 2533, 2564, 2607, 2639, 2645, 2725, 2787, 2788, 2792, 2911, 2912, 2940, 2957, 2970, 2995, 3018, 3070, 3078, 3079, 3080, 3084, 3087, 3090, 3097.

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## PM's 'no hartal' call figures prominently in NY daily

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's recent declaration of "no hartal" in future and holding of next general elections in the year 2000 got prominent coverage in the Journal of Commerce, a business daily published from New York, reports BSS.

An article published on Friday's (Nov 20) issue of the daily said, "Bangladesh is taking steps to end recurrent nationwide strikes that have been damaging to the economy and frightening to foreign investors."

Gordan Platt in his story headlined "Bangladesh Seeks to End Strikes to save its Economy", touched upon reaction of the chamber leaders on the Prime Minister's unilateral proposal on strike, leader of the opposition Begum Khaleda Zia's meeting with diplomats and comments of State Minister for Information on the issue.

Quoting Bangladesh mission in New York, Platt wrote that "The government believes that by shunning hartals (strikes), it will be able to attract more foreign investments," a message said.

The article said "The latest two-day stoppage occurred earlier this month, when opposition leaders protested the verdict in the trial of those charged with the murder of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the country's first prime minister and most of his family."

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A solo presentation by renowned Tagore Song artist Saadi Mohammad at the National Museum auditorium yesterday organised by 'Sababrati', a cultural organisation. The programme was organised to generate funds for rehabilitation of the flood affected people. —Star photo

## Fake Major held

CHUADANGA, Nov 21: Police arrested a man here yesterday who introduced himself as an officer in the army, reports UNB.

Ashabul Huq (37), son of Mobarak Mondal of village Putimari in Alamdanga thana, introduced himself as a major and asked the police to bring him to the border.

## Gazipur PWD Division, Gazipur Tender Notice (2nd Call)

- Tender No : 18/98-99.
- Name of work : Providing palisading and earth filling around the international pond at Tongi Fire Service and Civil Defence Station in the Dist. of Gazipur during the year 1998-99.
- Estimated cost : Tk. 6,05,248/-
- Earnest money : Tk. 12,105/-
- Time allowed for completion of work : 30 (thirty) days from the date of issue of work order.
- Price of tender schedule : Tk 425/- (Tk. four hundred twenty-five) only per set & spot legal plan Tk. 100/- per set.
- Place of selling & receiving of the tender : Office of the undersigned including all Executive Engineers' offices under Savar PWD Circle, Dhaka.
- Last date of selling : During office hours up to 7/12/98.
- Date of receiving & opening of tender : Up to 12:00 Noon on 8/12/98 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM.
- Eligibility of contractors/firms : Category applicable as per financial limit of approved enlisted contractor of Public Works Department.
- To compete in the tender pre-conditions, terms and conditions with special terms and conditions along with relevant informations are laid in the tender schedule which may be seen accordingly.
- The undersigned reserves the right to reject or accept any or all of the tenders without assigning any reason.

Md Rafiqul Islam  
Executive Engineer,  
Gazipur PWD Division, Gazipur.

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

Dhaka Public Works Division No-4  
15, Abdul Ghani Road, Dhaka

## Auction Notice

No-165/1998-99

- It is for information of the members of the public that sealed tenders are invited from enlisted contractors/contractors' firms, solvent traders for sale of old goods of the following buildings under Public Works Division No-4, Dhaka. Tenders will be received till 12:00 Noon on 2/12/98 by the office of the undersigned, Dhaka Public Works Division No-3, Medical College Public Works Division and Eden Building Public Works Division and will be opened the same day at 12:15 PM before the tenderers present.
- Name of work : (1) Removal by demolishing existing semi-pucca shed no. 14 fallen in the layout of the proposed construction of Bangladesh Supreme Court annex building; sale in auction on the basis of as and where it is (Survey report no-11/H/C dated 8/2/98). (2) Removal by demolishing existing semi-pucca shed no. 15 fallen in the layout of the proposed construction of Bangladesh Supreme Court annex building; sale in auction on the basis of as and where it is (Survey report no-12/H/C dated 8/2/98). (3) Removal by demolishing existing semi-pucca shed no. 16 fallen in the layout of the proposed construction of Bangladesh Supreme Court annex building; sale in auction on the basis of as and where it is (Survey report no. 10/H/C dated 5/2/98).
- Participants in tender will have to write the total cost of each tender in words and figures separately in the place fixed in the tender schedule and 10% (ten per cent) of the quoted cost as the security money in the form of BD/Pay Order for any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, Dhaka Public Works Division No-4, Dhaka, will have to be deposited with the tender for each work. Otherwise tender will be regarded as rejected.
- Terms and conditions in auction notice, rules and regulations can be obtained free of cost from the office of the undersigned, Executive Engineer, Public Works Division-3/Eden Building Public Work Division/Medical College Public Works Division and the Sub-Divisional Officer of this division.

Md Akhtarul Alam  
Executive Engineer  
Dhaka Public Works Division, No 4,  
Dhaka Phone No-9557108.

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**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board  
Office of the Director, Procurement, Telephone Exchange Building, Gulshan, Dhaka-1212

No DPF-4/IT/98-99/191 Dated: 15.11.1998  
Subject: International Tender Notice for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Digital Switching Equipment, Battery, Power Plant and Operator Board etc for Replacement of Magneto/CB/Auto Exchanges by Small (200-500) Lines Digital Telephone Exchanges at 77 (seventy-seven) thanas in Bangladesh on Turn-key Basis.

## International Tender Notice

Sealed (by gala) tenders are hereby invited from international bonafide manufacturers/suppliers for supply, installation, testing and commissioning of Digital Switching Equipment, Battery, Power Plant and Operator Board etc. for Replacement of Magneto/CB/Auto Exchanges by Small (200-500) Lines Digital Telephone Exchanges at 77 (seventy-seven) Thanas in Bangladesh on Turn-key Basis. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased from the office of the Director, Procurement, by any interested eligible bidder or his representative on submission of a written application in their official pad and on payment of non-refundable Taka 5,000 (five thousand) on all working days after seven days from the date of publication of this invitation in the national dailies. No tender schedule/document will be sold on the date of opening of tender. No tender document will be sold by post.

The bidder whose offered model is field proven in PSTN of manufacturer's own country and at least 4 (four) other foreign countries is eligible to participate in this tender.

Bids must be submitted in two envelope system, under this procedure bids must be submitted in two separate sealed envelopes one for "Technical" and other for "Price". Bids security must be enclosed with the technical offer.

Bids will be received on 11.01.99 up to 14-00 hours (BST) and opened at 14-10 hours (BST) on the same date in presence of bidders/their representatives (if like to be present), in the office of Director, Procurement, Telephone Exchange Building, Gulshan, Dhaka-1212. Earnest money/bid bond amounting to Tk 1 (one) crore or equivalent foreign currency must be enclosed with the technical offer. This bid bonds shall be issued by scheduled bank in Bangladesh and should be valid for 30 days beyond the validity of the bid. The bid bond will not accrue any interest. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.

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