

## News

## ● What's on today.... ●

**Literary evening :** The Commonwealth Writers prize, Eurasia Region in collaboration with the British Council has organised a literary evening with writers. Venue: British Council auditorium. Time: 3 pm.

**Musical Concert :** Expatria, Dhaka's vocal octet, will perform at the concert. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre. Time: 7:30 pm.

**Cultural programme:** A cultural programme and a reception will be held in observance of International Students' Day. The High Commission of India has arranged the programme to mark the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. Bangladeshi artists who have studied in India will perform at the programme.

Venue: Indian Cultural Centre auditorium, 754 Satmasjid Road, Dharmundi. Time: 6 pm.

**Poetry recital:** Swanam has arranged a poetry recital session. Venue: TSC auditorium, Dhaka University campus. Time: 6:30 pm.

**Workshop:** A 7-day workshop on 'stage direction' will begin. Organiser: Centre for Asian Theatre. Haukur J Gunnarsson, Artistic Director, Haalogaland Theatre, Norway, will conduct the workshop. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Dharmundi.

**Workshop :** A workshop on 'Implementation of Child Rights Convention of the United Nations and its Article No: 23' will be held. Organiser: National Forum of Organisations Working with the Disabled (NFWOD). Venue: IDB Bhaban auditorium, Shere Bangla Nagar. Time: 9:30 am.

**Discussion :** A discussion meeting on Sheikh Fazlul Haq Moni will be held to mark his 59th birth anniversary. Organiser: Bangladesh Awami Juba League. Venue: Paltan Maidan. Time: 3 pm.

**Workshop :** Water Resources Planning Organisation (WARPO) has organised a workshop on 'National water management plan'. Venue: LGED Conference Room, Agargaon. Time: 2:30 pm.

**Seminars :** A day-long national seminar on 'Flood 1998 and Management of Floods in Future' will be held. Organisers: Core Study Group, Committee on Study on Floods & Water Management and National Committee for Relief & Rehabilitation. Venue: TSC, Dhaka University campus. Time: 9:30 am.

**Discussion meet:** Ataur Rahman Khan Jatiya Smriti Sangsads has organised a discussion meeting in observance of the seventh death anniversary of the national leader. Venue: National Press Club auditorium. Time: 3:30 pm.

**BELA discussion :** Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA) has organised a discussion meeting to mark the first death anniversary of its founder Dr Mohiuddin Faroque. Venue: BIAM auditorium, 63 New Eskaton. Time: 4 pm.

**Memorial lecture :** The Society of Surgeons of Bangladesh will hold Asir Memorial Lecture. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel Ballroom. Time: 9 am. The lecture will be followed by the inaugural ceremony of the 6th International Surgical Congress and SSSC meeting.

**VHSS workshop:** A 2-day workshop on 'AIDS and Media', organised by the Voluntary Health Services Society (VHSS), will begin. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 4 pm.

**Reception :** Cultural section of the Chinese Embassy will accord a reception to the winners of the art competition for children organised by Bangladesh-China Friendship Centre. Venue: Embassy Hall.

**Launching of Fellowship programme:** Newly introduced Fellowship Programme of the Partners in Population and Development will be formally launched through presentation of fellowship award letters to the first batch of trainees. Venue: NIPSOM auditorium, Institute of Public Health Compound, Mohakhali. Time: 3:30 pm.

**Rotary club meet :** The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka New City will be held. Venue: Vintage Restaurant. Time: 5:45 pm.

**Rotary club meet :** The weekly and annual meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Rotary club meet :** The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Ramna will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5:30 pm.

## HERE and THERE

### Workshop on solid waste management

A day-long workshop on "Solid Waste Management and Administrative & Financial Reform of Dhaka City Corporation" was held at the Nagar Bhaban conference room of the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) yesterday, a says a press release.

It was jointly organised by Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS), Centre for Urban Studies (CUS) and DCC with support from the Urban Management Programme (UMP) of the United Nations.

The Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Md Hanif was the chief guest.

BCCS officials, representatives from related government agencies and departments, NGOs, Civil Society Groups, academics, researchers and development partners participated.

Papers were presented on Solid Waste Management by Dr N M Kazi and Mr Mujibur Rahman of BCAS while Prof Amritur Islam Chowdhury and Prof Nazrul Islam of CUS spoke on financial and administrative reform of DCC respectively. The workshop was chaired by Dr Saleemul Huq, executive di-

rector of BCAS and Rashidul Alam, chief executive officer of DCC.

### Instt of Childhood Education

A meeting of the ex-trainees of the Institute of Childhood Education (ICE) was held on the institute premises on Sunday.

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the institute has conducted

short training for more than

300 teachers from 50 K G schools.

The meeting had a discussion

on textbook and home task

given in K G schools.

The principals (ex-trainees) also discussed the need of the Child Centered Activities Based Education through entertainment initiated by ICE.

To change the attitude of parents and some of the conservative teachers, a 17-member committee headed by Dr K M Sirajul Islam, Rector, ICE was formed.

The committee is expected to

explore the possibilities of social mobilisation through a national conference.

It was also decided that ICE

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Diploma in Early Childhood Education from February 2.



President Shahabuddin Ahmed giving away the Sword of Honour to the best all-round Flight Cadet at the Graduation Parade of the Bangladesh Air Force Academy in Jessore yesterday. — ISPR photo

### 30,300 more adult literacy centres to be set up

The government will set up an additional 30,300 adult literacy centres which will benefit nearly nine lakh people in 91 thanas of 50 district of the country, reports BSS.

This was disclosed by State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Prof Zinnatunnesa Talukder while inaugurating an orientation course at the LGED auditorium in the city yesterday.

She said the government has initiated a massive programme throughout the country to eradicate illiteracy from society. Magura district has already been declared free of illiteracy. She said adding, mass awareness against illiteracy has also been created.

Prof Zinnatunnesa said the government is also actively considering post-literacy programmes for adults and asked the NGOs to properly conduct the adult education centres.

Director General of the Department of Non-formal Education Khandoker Shahidul Islam was also present.

### Rule of law must for promotion of business: Holzman

US Ambassador to Bangladesh John C Holzman yesterday emphasised the need for establishment of rule of law in society for promotion of business and prosperity of the nation, reports BSS.

"Rule of law and respect for individual rights are in the best interest of business because they form the necessary bedrock for long term growth and development in any economy," Holzman said while addressing a meeting of American Chamber (AmCham) commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at a city hotel yesterday.

Chaired by president of AmCham Forest E Cookson, the meeting was also addressed by Abdul Awal Mintoo, president of Bangladesh Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI).

Holzman observed that human rights and business environment are very closely linked as "protection of human rights and a climate for doing business go together."

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### 3 killed in city road accidents

By Staff Correspondent

Three persons were killed in two road accidents in the city yesterday.

A rickshaw puller was killed on the spot when a bus hit his vehicle at Kalyanpur yesterday morning. Police identified the victim as Abdur Rashid Lablu, aged 35.

Police seized the bus but the driver, however, managed to escape.

In another accident, two teenagers were run over by a speeding truck at Tejgaon. Both youths died on the spot.

When contacted last night, Tejgaon police said the victims were yet to be identified.

All the bodies were sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

### 4 hill bodies submit memo

BANDARBAN, Dec 7: Four hill organisations today submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner demanding formation of a judicial inquiry committee to probe the October 30 incidents, reports UNB.

In their memorandum, the organisations — PCJSS, Pahari Chhatri Parishad, Pahari Gano Parishad and Hill Women's Federation — said four people were killed, 18 people abducted, three women raped by the gunmen of Murong tribal.

### Tubewells donated for flood victims

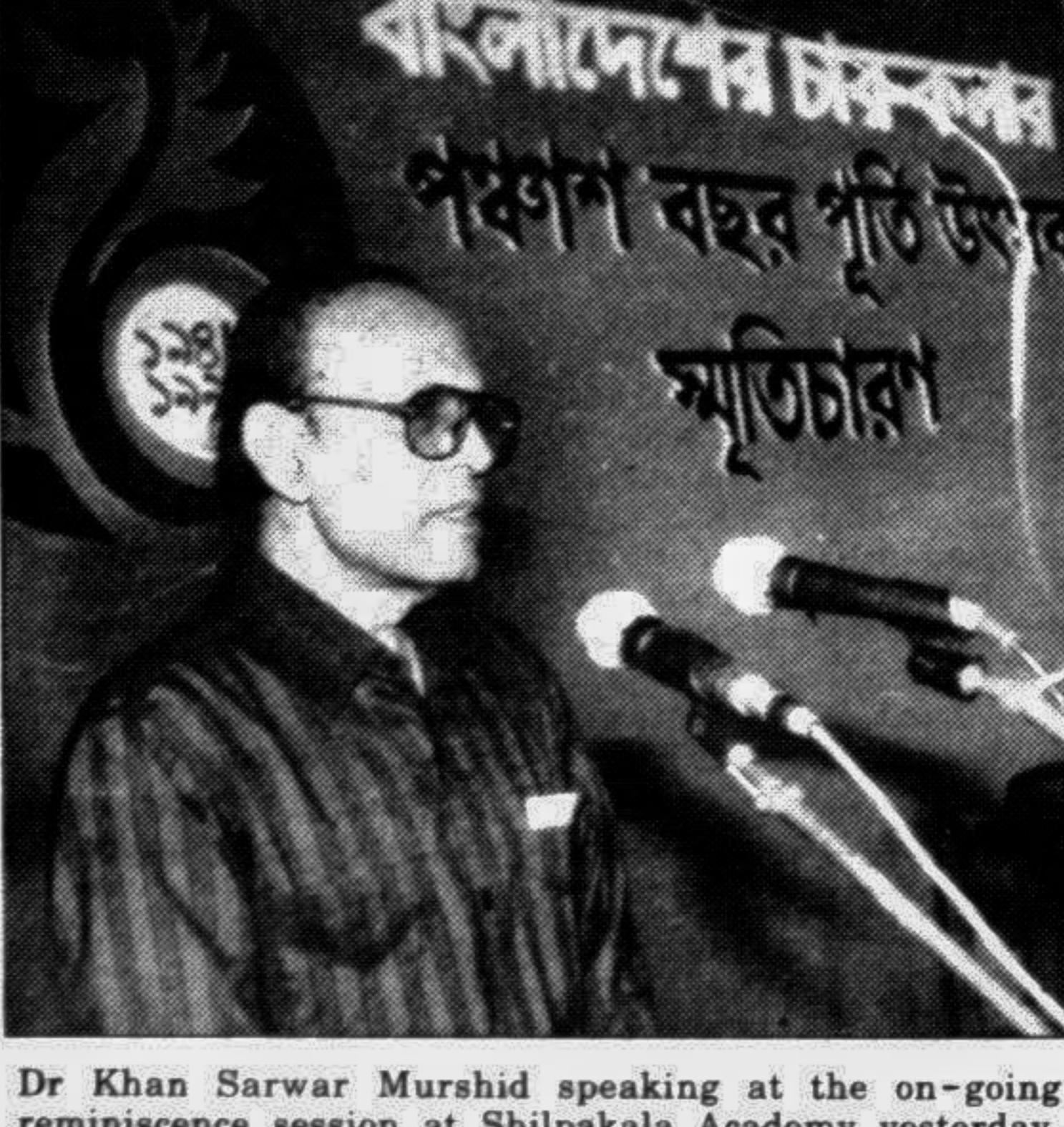
Dacca Caterers Ltd, a London-based company donated 50 tubewells for post-flood rehabilitation programme of BRAC. M. Tarique Islam of the company handed over a cheque of equivalent amount of Aminul Alam, Deputy Executive Director of BRAC, in the city yesterday, says a press release.

The tubewells will be installed at the poor households and a few mosques and schools in some selected villages of Jamalpur district, which was one of the worst affected areas during the recent floods.

Dr Khan Sarwar Murshid speaking at the on-going

remembrance session at Shilpkala Academy yesterday, organised to mark the 50 years of fine art movement in Bangladesh.

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### 'Hartal becomes ineffective due to excessive use'

CHITTAGONG, Dec 7: Chief adviser of the former caretaker government Justice Habibur Rahman today denounced the excessive use of hartal and walkout from parliament, saying misuse of these political weapons has made them 'ineffective', reports BSS.

The government is not above criticism... but these democratic means have lost their effectiveness due to their massive use to oppose the government," he said while inaugurating the 10-day long traditional *Muktijuddher Bijoy Mela* (Victory Fair) at M A Aziz Stadium here.

Justice Rahman said no government is always right even if it is a 'wise government' and therefore its criticism is needed for the sake of democracy.

"But the government and the opposition must agree on basic issues for the interest of the country," he added.

Thousands of people witnessed the ceremony as Justice Rahman opened the fair by releasing balloons and pigeons amidst full-throated slogans of the Liberation War *Joy Bangla*.

Mayor of Chittagong Alhaj A B M Mahiuddin Chowdhury hoisted the national flag. Daughter of the first Prime Minister Tajuddin Ahmed Advocate Shimim Hossain Rimi ignited the Victory Flame, installed at the function venue.

The members of the martyred families, disabled freedom fighters and independence war veterans were among those who joined the colourful ceremony.

### Begum Mustafa Ali dead

By Staff Correspondent  
Begum Syed Mustafa Ali died in a hospital in Paris on Sunday night. She was 77.

Begum Ali had been suffering from bronchitis and was flown to Paris on Friday for treatment. Her mortal remains will arrive on Thursday, accompanied by her son Syed Moazzem Ali, Bangladesh Ambassador to France.

Begum Mustafa Ali was the mother of late SM Ali, founder editor of The Daily Star and recipient of the Padma Vibhushan in 1995, and Prof Fauzia Ali, Principal, Chittagong Women's College.

Her *namaj-e-janaza* will be held at Baitul Fazal Mosque at Mohammadpur.

She will be buried at Banani graveyard the same day.



### 'People of Tripura inspired FFs during War of Liberation'

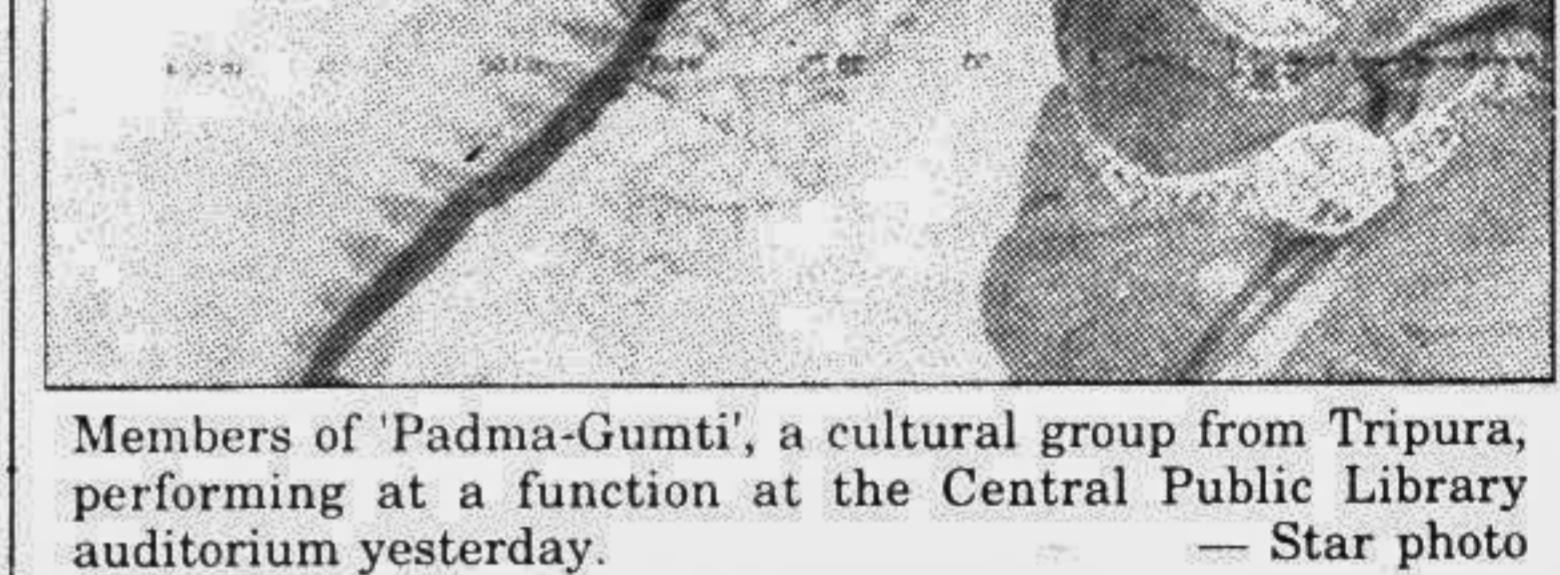
Home Minister Rafiqul Islam said cooperation of the people of the Indian state of Tripura greatly inspired the freedom fighters during the crusade against anti-personnel landmines.

Dr Chris Smith informed that the two-day meeting aims at ascertaining how South Asia reacts to the concern of the international community about the issue.

Bangladesh is the first country in the region to sign the Ottawa Treaty.

Replies a query, the CDS expressed concern about the use of landmines by India and Pakistan.

Members of 'Padma-Gumti', a cultural group from Tripura, performing at a function at the Central Public Library auditorium yesterday.



### BOU DCA results announced

Results of first semester of Diploma in Computer Application (DCA), 981 term, under Bangladesh Open University (BOU) have been announced. The examinees have been requested to collect their results from examination centres or Regional Resource Centres (RRCs), says a press release.

### DU History Alumni Assoc confce on Mar 5

The third conference of the Dhaka University History Department Alumni Association will be held on March 5 at Iskaton Ladies Club, says a press release.

Former students of the History Department who would like to attend the conference are requested to contact the Department Office (Phone: 9661900-59 Extension 4330) by January 7.

Viewers may expect to see

thrilling story line set in future on earth and spectacular special effects in this series.

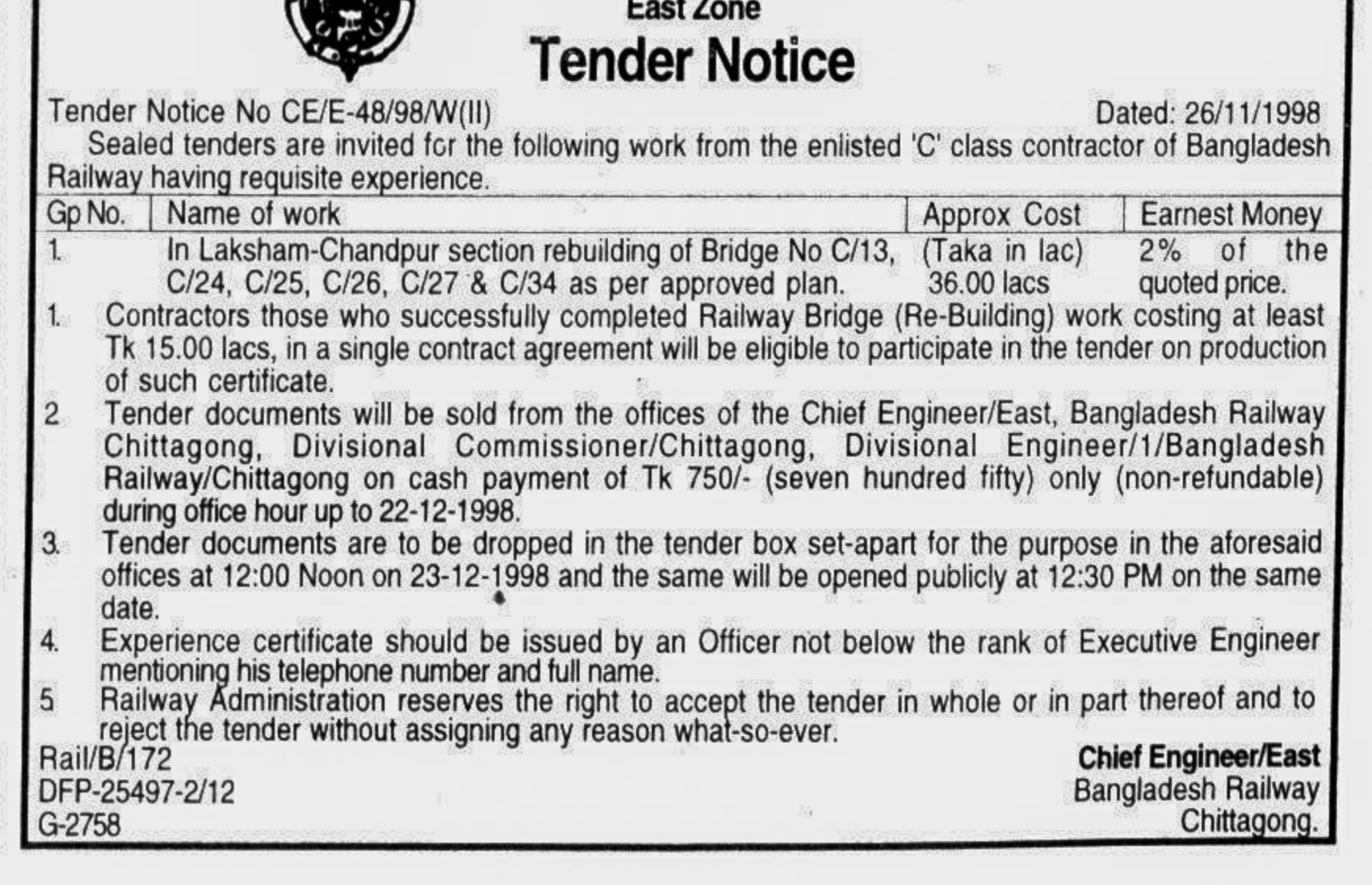
According to the plot of the series, an advanced alien race would visit the earth and would

apparently extend friendly gestures and cooperation with human beings. But slowly, the true nature and intention of the aliens unfold to the humans and the conflict between the two races begin.

Starred by Kevin Kline, Lisa Howard, Richard Chevallier, David Henries and others, the TV series would portray an earth which would be dominated by an alien race. It is produced by Stephen Roloff under Warner Brothers' banner.

Managing Director of CITECH Vision Ltd, Shabbir Chowdhury said at a press preview that Warner Brothers has made 88 episodes of the series. "If it is a hit in Bangladesh, we plan to air all the series," he said.

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Sealed tenders are invited for the following work from the enlisted 'C' class contractor of Bangladesh Railway Engineering Department East Zone  
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1. In Laksham-Chandpur section rebuilding of Bridge No C/13, C/24, C/25, C/26, C/27 &amp