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### Government of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Narayanganj PWD Division, Narayanganj Notice Regarding Cancellation of Tender

1. Name of : Installation of 75 mmx150mm dia Deep Tubewell with PVC pipe & construction of 10,000 gallon capacity underground water reservoir within the compound of Mondal Para Fire Station at Narayanganj during the year 1998-99 Eng.
2. Name of work : Dated: 23.11.98 Eng.
3. Estimated cost : It is hereby informed to all concerned that the Tender as described above which was issued vide this office Memo No 1161 dt 23.11.98 Eng is hereby cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances.
4. Earnest money : Executive Engineer Narayanganj PWD Division Narayanganj
5. Date and time of the receiving and opening of the tender : DFP-26665-20/12 G-2872

### Tender Notice

1. Tender Notice No : 6/1998-99.
2. Name of work : Re-Excavation of Hazaribigha & Khalifabari Khals in P-41/1 & Dalua Khal in P-41/2 under Sweet Water Rehabilitation of BWDB, Infrastructures for Irrigation, during 1998-99 (3 Nos. Group).
3. Estimated cost : Tk. 10,68,538/-, Tk. 11,93,726/- & Tk. 16,15,630/-
4. Earnest money : 2% (Two and half per cent) of the estimated cost as normal earnest money and 1% (one per cent) of the estimated cost as tender earnest money to be submitted by the FD holders with the tender with each group as mentioned in the tender notice.
5. Date and time of the receiving and opening of the tender : Tender will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Superintendent Engineer, Dhaka O&M Circle, BWDB, Dhaka, Commissioner, Barisal Division, Barisal, Executive Engineer, O&M Division, BWDB, Barisal/Patukhali on 28.12.98 & 29.12.98 during office hours and up to 12.00 hours on 30.12.98 and the same will be opened by the respective officer on 30.12.98 at 12.30 hours in presence of the intending tenderers.
6. Eligibility of the contractor : A & B Class contractors of BWDB.
7. Name and address of the officer where tender documents and other information will be available : Office of the undersigned as well as from the office of the Commissioner, Barisal Division, Barisal, Manager, Sonali Bank, WAPDA Colony, Sagordi, Barisal, Manager, Rupali Bank, Patuakhali, Manager, Sonali Bank, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka & Manager, Janata Bank, Croke Branch Barguna up to 29.12.98.
8. Name & Address of the Advertiser : Abul Hashem Executive Engineer Barguna O&M Division BWDB, Barguna.

### Office of the Executive Engineer, Khulna O&M Division-I, BWDB, Khulna

### Tender Notice

1. Tender Notice No : Number 08, 09 and 12 of 1998-99.
2. Name of work : The following 3 Nos. work under Khulna-Jessore Drainage Rehabilitation Project:  
No. 8) Construction of Access Road (H B B) between Salua to Magurkhali in Polder 27/1, PS Dumuna.  
No. 9) Construction of Asphalt road between Koyia Bazar and Lower Shoilimari river in Polder 28/2, PS Batighata (works divided in 2 (two) groups)  
No. 12) Excavation & Re-excavation of main khal in connection with Teabunia Regulator in Polder 27/2, PS Dumuna (works divided in 5 groups).
3. Estimated cost : No. 8) Tk 43,92,681.00 only.  
No. 9) Tk 60,95,098.00 each only.  
No. 12) Maximum Tk 19,58, 965.00 to minimum Tk 16,36,541.00 only.
4. Earnest money : 8) Tk 1,09,817.00 only.  
9) Tk 2.50% of quoted amount.  
12) Maximum Tk 48,974.00 to minimum Tk 40,914.00 only.  
1% fixed deposit of FD holders only of BWDB contractors.
5. Price of tender documents (non-refundable) : 8) Tk 750.00 only for each set.  
9) Tk 2,000.00 only for each set.  
12) Tk 750.00 only for each set.
6. Date & time of receiving and opening tender : a) Receiving 12.00 hours of 29.12.98. Intending tenderers may also submit the tender from 27.12.98.  
b) Tender will be opened on 29.12.98 at 12.15 hours.
7. Eligibility of contractor/firm : "A" and "B" class contractors/firms of BWDB during 1998-99.
8. Name & address of the office where tender documents will be obtained up to 28.12.98 : a) The Commissioner, Khulna Division, Khulna.  
b) Sonali Bank, KDA New Market Branch, Khulna.  
c) Sonali Bank, WAPDA Branch, WAPDA Building, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka 1000.  
d) Sonali Bank, Goalchamat Branch, Faridpur.  
e) Sonali Bank, Main Branch, Jessore/Bagerhat.  
f) Jamata Bank, Bankal Branch, Satkhira.  
g) Sonali Bank, Nutan Bazar Branch, Rupsa, Khulna.
9. Name of the receiving offices and other information will be available : a) The Commissioner, Khulna Division, Khulna.  
b) Office of the Executive Engineer, O&M Divn-I, Khulna/Khulna-II/Bagerhat/Jessore/Satkhira-I and Faridpur.  
c) Office of the Superintendent Engineer, Dhaka O&M Circle, BWDB, Dhaka.
10. Address of the Advertiser : Executive Engineer, Khulna O&M Division-I, BWDB, Khulna. Phone: 762408 (Office).

### JS body for fast implementation of development projects

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Planning Ministry yesterday underscored the need for quick implementation of the projects undertaken for the country's socio-economic development and poverty alleviation, reports UNB.

Presided over by committee chairman H N Ashiqur Rahman, the meeting also discussed implementation and progress of the priority projects. Those were included in the Annual Development Programme (ADP) in 1997-98 fiscal.

It also asked the authorities concerned to take necessary steps for implementation of the projects of national importance in due time.

Appointment of full-time project directors in important projects also came up for discussion.

Committee members Minister Nuruddin Khan, Rezaul Karim Hira, Prof Ali Ashraf, Prof Zannatul Ferdous, Nurul Amin Talukder, G M Fazlul Haque and Abu Leis Moh Mubini Chowdhury attended the meeting.

Secretaries of the Planning and Statistics Divisions and senior officials concerned were present.

### President, PM's greetings to Akihito, Obuchi

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday felicitated Emperor of Japan Akihito on the occasion of his birth day, reports BSS.

In separate messages the president and prime minister of Bangladesh conveyed their best wishes for good health, happiness and long life of the emperor and for the continued peace, progress and prosperity of the friendly people of Japan.

Justice Shahabuddin hoped that the existing bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two countries would be further strengthened and consolidated in the years to come.

The Prime Minister in her message to the Prime Minister of Japan Keizo Obuchi said, "I have great pleasure in extending to you and through you to the government and the people of Japan our sincere greetings and felicitations on the happy occasion of the birth day of the emperor."

### Algerian envoy presents credentials

New ambassador of Algeria to Bangladesh, Aissa Seferdjeli, presented his credentials to President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at the Bangabhaban yesterday, reports APB.

Welcoming the new envoy, President Shahabuddin said that the existing relations between Bangladesh and Algeria were excellent and the two countries shared common Islamic heritage and culture.

He recalled with gratitude that Algeria was among the first Arab countries to accord recognition to Bangladesh.

Algeria had also sponsored Bangladesh's admission to the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) during its 4th summit held in Algiers in 1973 which was participated by the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, he added.

President Shahabuddin said both the countries have identical views and perceptions on many regional and international issues, particularly those related to the Muslim Ummah.

He said both Bangladesh and Algeria are co-operating with each other in various regional and multilateral fora like the UN, OIC and NAM.

Reciprocating a similar sentiment, the Algerian ambassador hoped that the existing friendly relations between the two countries would be deepened further in coming days.

### BSS Journalists Welfare Assoc meet held

Biennial general meeting of BSS Journalists Welfare Association was held in the BSS news room yesterday with association president A S M Habibullah in the chair, reports BSS.

General secretary Swapan Kumar Saha and treasurer Mujibul Huq Bhuiyan presented their annual reports, which were unanimously accepted.

Later the election of the executive committee of the association for the next term was held with Election Commissioner Hasanuzzaman Khan in the chair.

Chief News Editor A S M Habibullah and News Editor Swapan Kumar Saha and Senior Sub-Editor Mujibul Huq Bhuiyan were re-elected as president, general secretary and treasurer respectively.

The other office-bearers are: Vice President - Mofakharul Anam, Joint Secretary - Qayyum Khan Milon, Executive Committee Members - Haroon Habib, S M Zahurul Alam, Shamsul Alam Belal, M Anwar Uddin, Sajjad Hossain Sabuj and Mumtaz Bilkis Banu.

DMP's appeal for arms registration



The visiting Chief Justice of South Africa Ismail Mahomed called on President Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday. Chief Justice A T M Afzal was also present. — PID photo

### PM's directive to evaluate disbursement process of micro credits

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has directed all concerned to evaluate the disbursement process of micro credits given by different government agencies and the NGOs, reports UNB.

"There should be an assessment and evaluation about the disbursement of micro credits, their return and utilisation," she told a meeting in the PM's office yesterday, reviewing the poverty alleviation project of Kishoreganj.

The UNDP-sponsored Kishoreganj Poverty Alleviation Project is an experimental programme for alleviating poverty through people's participation.

The Prime Minister said

poverty alleviation is the number one agenda in the working plan of the government which is trying to make the people self-reliant to free the nation from poverty.

She said micro credits are being disbursed through different government channels and also through the NGOs, but these should be evaluated from time to time for ensuring maximum utilisation.

"A total assessment is needed to have a clear picture of how much has been given as micro credits after the independence and what is the output."

The Prime Minister also emphasised on the cooperative basis marketing system in the rural areas to ensure highest

price for the agricultural and other products coming through the use of micro credits in the villages.

Project in-charge Badiur Rahman briefed the Prime Minister about the activities of the government-run poverty alleviation project in the remote villages of Kishoreganj district.

IGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman, Finance Minister SAMS Kibria, State Minister for Disaster Management Talukder Abdul Khaleq, Cabinet Secretary Kazi Shamsul Alam, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister Dr SA Samad, ERD Secretary Dr Masihur Rahman and officials concerned were present at the meeting.

### What's on today....

**Film show:** 'Siddhartha' by Conrad Rooks will be shown. Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society. Venue: Indian High Commission Auditorium, Road-2, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:30 pm.

**BCPS lecture:** Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS) has organised a lecture series under its CME programme today. Dr Rezwan Islam, Dr Md Shahidur Rahman and Prof Nazmun Nahar will deliver lectures. Venue: BCPS auditorium, Mohakhali. Time: 10 am.

**Closing ceremony:** The closing ceremony of the War Film Week '98 organised by Dhaka University Film Society will be held. Chief guest: State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed.

**Seminar:** A seminar on 'Fish Disease' jointly organised by the Department of Zoology, Dhaka University, and the Zoological Society of Bangladesh, will be held. Chief guest: DU VC Prof A K Azad Chowdhury. Keynote speaker: Prof Kishio Hatai of Nippon Veterinary and Animal Science University, Japan. Venue: DU Zoology Department auditorium. Time: 9:45 am.

**Seminar:** The Department of Population-Environment of the Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) is organising a seminar on 'Population-Environment' for mid-level NGO Managers. Venue: Independent University premises at House-6, Road-14 Baridhara. Time: 3:30 pm.

**Discussion:** Bangladesh Literacy Society will hold a discussion on Twenty-three years of BLS. Venue: Hotel Abakash. Time: 3:30 pm.

**Rotary Club meet:** The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held. Venue: Gourmet Garden Restaurant. Time: 4:30 pm.

**Rotary Club meet:** The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka-Buriganga will be held. Venue: Sonargon Hotel. Time: 4:15 pm. Dr M Shamsher Ali will be the Guest Speaker. He will speak on "Significance of Ramadan."

### BARC governing body meet held

The 6th governing body meeting of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) held here yesterday reviewed the progress of its ongoing research projects, reports APB.

Presiding over the meeting, the GB chairperson and Agriculture and Food Minister Matia Chowdhury called for increasing linkages between research and extension for achieving autarky in agricultural produce.

Environment and Forest Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury and State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Satish Chandra Roy addressed the meeting as co-chairpersons.



Sirajuddin Ahmed, Additional Education Secretary, addressing the National Guiders' Conference at the Guide House auditorium recently, organised by Bangladesh Girl Guides Association.

### Implementation of 9 road dev projects in Ctg uncertain

CHITTAGONG, Dec 22: Implementation of nine road development projects in the district, involving over Tk 13,400 crore, is still hanging in the balance due to bureaucratic bottleneck, informed sources alleged, reports UNB.

The Chittagong Development Authority had undertaken the projects a few years back to ease traffic congestion, expand communication network and widen some city streets.

But no development activity has yet been undertaken although the CDA area has been extended by 212 miles during the period.

Sources said the project proposals sent up for approval in 1995 and remained shelved in the concerned ministry are — Expansion of the port connect-

### Five hurt in JU bus mishap

By JU Correspondent

At least five persons were seriously injured when a Jahangirnagar University student bus collided head-on with another passenger bus on Dhaka Aricha road near Radio Colony at around 7:55 pm yesterday.

The injured were identified as JU students Nazrul (Philosophy, MA), Bappi (Economics, second year) and Noor Hossain (Government and Politics, second year).

A helper of the university bus Zakir and a passenger of another bus Lipi (23) were also injured.

### Monajatuddin award ceremony tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

The award ceremony of Charan Sangbadik Monajatuddin Smriti Sangsad will be held at the Jatiya Press Club at 3 pm tomorrow, says a press release.

Fakhrul Alam, a former correspondent of Dainik Banglabazar Patrika, has been awarded the 'Charan Sangbadik Monajatuddin Smriti Puraskar-1997'. He covered the southern region. He will receive the prize worth Tk 25 thousand, one crest and a citation.

Justice Habibur Rahman, Chief Adviser of the 1996 Care-taker Government, will attend the award ceremony as chief guest while Prof Serajul Islam Chowdhury will be special guest.

Among others, Editor-in-Charge of The Sangbad Bazur Rahman, Editor of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam, BFUJ President Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, actor Mamunur Rashid, retired director of Press Institute Hedayet Hossain, Morshed, senior assistant editor of The Janakantha are expected to attend a discussion arranged on the occasion. Smriti Sangsad president, journalist Santosh Gupta will preside.

The Dhaka University Library is going to be linked with other libraries of the world through Internet as its computerisation is likely to start working next week, reports BSS.

The library will receive the latest technology and become up-to-date in the fields of computer application, both nationally and internationally, director of the computerisation project Dr Fazlul Alam said.

Necessary preparations for converting the existing manual information system into a computer-based information system (CBIS) are now in the final stage, he added.

The university authorities undertook the 'Dhaka University Library Automation Project (DULAP)' for modernising the library work on which officially began last July.

The Taka 124 lakh project is expected to be completed by June 1999.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) donated a major portion of the cost of the project i.e. Taka 87 lakh.

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### South African Chief Justice praises role of govt in tackling flood situation

Chief Justice of South Africa Ismail Mahomed called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday, reports UNB.

During the meeting, Mahomed conveyed the greetings of South African President Nelson Mandela to the Prime Minister and thanked the Bangladesh government for its support to South Africa during their struggle against apartheid.

The South African Chief Justice lauded Bangladesh for successfully tackling the flood and the post-flood situation, and also for signing the water sharing treaty with India and restoring peace in the Chittagong Hill Tracts region.

The Prime Minister expressed her happiness recalling the joining of South African President Nelson Mandela at the Independence Day festival of Bangladesh in 1997, where Palestine President Yasser Arafat and Turkish President Suleyman Demirel were present.

Hasina said her government signed the peace accord with the tribal leaders of CHT without the help of any third party and mentioned that the refugees re-

turned to their own country and also resumed normal life after depositing the arms.

The South African Chief Justice also praised the prevailing secular environment in Bangladesh and called it a "combination of patience and tolerance."

Reciprocating, the Prime Minister said "we are deeply religious but not bigots," and mentioned her party's long struggle for the restoration of people's right and for institutionalising democracy.

Referring to the century's worst flood, she said all sections of people and members of the administration and others worked unitedly against the calamity to save the people of the country.

Chief Justice ATM Afzal was present during the meeting.

### DUI EC body meet tomorrow

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) will be held on December 24 at 11 am at the Jatiya Press Club, reports BSS.

The meeting will finalise the voters list and the councillors list for the council session and election of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) to be held on January 30 and February 13 respectively.

DUJ General Secretary Azizul Islam Bhuiyan has requested all office-bearers, EC members and unit chiefs and deputy unit chiefs to attend the meeting.

### Anti-narcotics drive in Narsingdi

NARSINGDI, Dec 22: A team of the Department of Narcotics Control made several raids on different places in the district from December 1 to 15, reports BSS.

The team recovered 24 litres of home-made liquor, 80 litres of materials for making liquor, three grams of heroin and one kilogram of ganja during the raids.

The team also arrested two persons in this connection.

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No CE/E-56/98/W(II) Dated: 15.12.1998

Sealed tenders are invited for the following work from the enlisted contractors of Bangladesh Railway having requisite experience.

Name of work	Approx. Cost	Earnest Money
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1. Tender documents will be sold from the offices of the Chief Engineer/East, Bangladesh Railway, Chittagong, Divisional Engineer/3/Bangladesh Railway/Chittagong on cash payment of Tk. 400/- (four hundred) (non-refundable) during office hours up to 30-12-1998.
2. Tender document is to be dropped in the tender box set apart for the purpose in the aforesaid offices at 12.00 hrs on 31/12/1998 and the same will be opened publicly at 12.30 hrs. on the same date.
3. Railway Administration reserves the right to accept the tender in whole or in part there of and to reject the tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Md. Nurul Amin  
Addl. Chief Engineer/Bt./East  
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