

Weather

Night temperature may rise

Dry weather is likely to prevail over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office said night temperature may rise slightly over the country during the period.

Country's highest temperature 30.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Khulna and Teknaf and the lowest 10.0 degree Celsius at Sri Mongal.

The sun sets today at 5.40 pm and rises tomorrow at 6.42 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were as follows:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	29.0	12.4	64	66
Chittagong	29.0	15.0	76	58
Rajshahi	28.5	11.2	88	74
Khulna	30.4	13.0	80	74
Barisal	28.8	11.6	80	74
Sylhet	28.3	13.8	78	67
Cox's Bazar	30.2	17.4	70	59

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Dated: 12/1/99

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1. One post of **Chief Publication Officer**, scale of pay, NPS '97, Tk 2200-260-10840/-

The candidate should have advanced university degree in Mass Communication/Journalism/Public Relations or Extension Education with 3 years experience as Class I Officer in Publication/Information Division or Section preferably in a Research or Educational Institute.

Proven knowledge of English and Bengali language as well as knowledge of publications, editing and printing is essential.

or
Foreign Master's Degree in any branch of Journalism/Public Relations/Extension Education or Second Class M.A in Social Science preferably Economics or English language with 6 years experience as Publication Officer or Information Officer preferably in a Research or Educational Institute. A foreign diploma in Printing Publication shall be an added qualification.

The age of the candidate will not exceed 45 years.

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The candidate should have Master's degree with 3 years experience relaxable in case of candidates with at least two 1st divisions or with Master's degree in Journalism/ or Graduate with 5 years experience in relevant field. The age of the candidate will not exceed 35 years.

Application with complete bio-data giving details of division/class obtained and year of passing from SSC onwards alongwith two passport size photographs, attested copies of marksheet, academic certificates and nationality certificate from the chairman, union council/ward commissioner should reach the Secretary, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) by February 22, 1999.

Candidates already in govt/public organisation service should apply through proper channel.

Secretary
BIDS

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer

PWD Divn No. II, Rajshahi

PWD Tender Notice

No 24 of 1998-99 Eng.

Tenders in sealed cover are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No 2911 from undermentioned approved contractor of PWD for the undermentioned works. The tender will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Divn No. I, Rajshahi/Natore/Naogaon/Pabna and Sub-Divisional Engineer, PWD Sub-Division, Nawabganj up to 12:00 Noon on 08-02-99 Eng. in the tender box kept for the purpose in the room of their respective offices and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the tenderer who may like to remain present.

Earnest money must accompany with each tender in BD/SDR/PO or CD in favour of the undersigned from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh. Contract tender documents will be seen and obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Divn I/II, Rajshahi/Natore/Naogaon/Pabna and Sub-Divisional Engineer, PWD Sub-Div. II, Rajshahi and Nawabganj on payment of fixed charges (non-refundable) up to during office hours on 07-02-99 Eng.

S1 No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Class of contractor
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Sinking and installation of 75mm dia inverted deep tubewell, providing distribution pipe line and construction of pump house within the compound of establishment of Police Deptt. Investigation Centre at Kakhonhat of Godagari Thana in the Dist of Rajshahi	Tk. 4,89,604/-	Tk. 9,793/-	Special Class I (One)/Combined Class I (One)/Class I/Class II, approved Sanitary and Plumbing Contractor of PWD

Md Abdur Rahim
Executive Engineer
PWD Divn No. II, Rajshahi
Phone: 772350

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Preparations going on for holding the Ekushey Book Fair on the Bangla Academy premises in the city.

— Star photo

Bid to resist Poursabha polls to obstruct democracy: Leaders

Eminent political leaders yesterday described the coming Poursabha elections as one of the most vital parts of empowering the people at all levels and observed that any resistance to this polls would obstruct the trend of democracy in the country.

Giving their reactions while talking to BSS on opposition of BNP and its allies including Jamaat and Jatiya Party to the coming Poursabha elections, they said there arose no such situation that any local government elections should be boycotted or resisted.

Rather, the political leaders urged the countrymen to make the coming Poursabha elections a success by their all-out participation which would benefit the nation's hopes and aspirations for establishing democracy at all spheres of national life.

The political leaders-NAP chief Prof Mozaffar Ahmed, CPB General Secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim, Workers' Party leader Haider Akbar Khan Rono and JSD General Secretary Hasanul Huq Inu — maintained that such local government elections would in fact consolidate power of the people at all stages.

Senior politician and chief of national Awami Party (Mozaffar) Prof Mozaffar Ahmed said that his party had

already served circular to leaders and workers to take part in all local government elections. He said he would not treat any party, which asked its leaders and workers to boycott the coming Poursabha polls, as patriotic as the ideas and objective of such parties were always incomprehensible.

"They are not able to understand what they are doing in favour of the vested interest groups," he said adding, "if they could understand the right perspective, they would not have opposed the coming poursabha polls which is meant for consolidating power of the local government."

General Secretary of Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) Mujahidul Islam Selim said his party would discuss the issue with the left front and then take decision to take part in the coming municipal elections. "We may even support any independent candidate in these elections," he said.

The CPB General Secretary also said that his party would spearhead its struggle towards establishment of a congenial atmosphere for free and fair polls at all stages and to bring an end to the use of black money and muscle power in elections.

A polit bureau member of Workers' Party Haider Akbar Khan Rono said that his party

leaders and workers would take active part in the coming municipal polls although it would not be a party basis elections.

But he referred to his party's earlier proposition for bringing about reforms in election rules, system and process so that black money, muscle and any illegal hand of the administration could not influence the polls at any level.

General Secretary of JSD Hasanul Huq Inu described as unfair strategy the bid to boycott any elections with a certain political motive. Such motive in fact speaks of a design to perpetuate bureaucratic rule and authority at all spheres of national life, he observed.

Inu referred to the constitutional provision for systematic change of a government through elections under a caretaker government but he vehemently opposed any opposition to the coming municipal polls. "Any such move will in fact hamper the process of peoples' empowerment through their elected representatives in administration," he said.

The JSD leader said his party would take part in the coming municipal polls and urged people to ensure their all-out participation in such an important elections which would strengthen the local government.

Upcoming municipal elections Feb 23-25

Nomination papers collected despite threats of actions

Despite threats of punitive actions by central leaderships, leaders and workers of different opposition parties collected nomination papers to stand in the upcoming February 23-25 municipal election, reports UNB.

The date for filing nomination is January 26 and reports reaching UNB newsroom from different districts today (Sunday) said many opposition men collected nomination forms.

Opposition BNP, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami have directed their leaders and workers not to submit nomination papers and participate in election in any manner and called a dawn-to-dusk hartal for January 26 in a preemptive move.

Meanwhile, a section of the rank and file of different parties already started venting dissatisfaction over the decision of the central leaderships on boycott of the local-body elections. Asked about his personal opinion on the tricky scenario, elderly politician and Jatiya Party Vice-Chairman Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury yesterday said: "I personally feel — and it's purely my personal opinion — that all should take part in the local-body polls."

In a democratic state system, election is the only means for running government. And about election to the local bodies, this opportunity comes to the political parties at five years' interval, he said.

Chowdhury said participation in this type of election is a means to serve the people directly, and "I feel all political elements should avail of this opportunity to go near the people."

Furthermore, he said, so far election to the local bodies are concerned it has no relation with the political parties and candidates will participate individually without party banner.

He said so far he knew leaders and workers of all the opposition parties were going to the polls.

When asked about party chairman Ershad's whipping directive to the party MPs to boycott President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed's speech in Parliament today, he said: "I have no comments, because it is the matter of the parliamentary party."

Also a central BNP leader, who preferred not to be named, told UNB that the decision to boycott the local election is "wrong".

Terming the boycott decision adventurous he said: "Such decision will only give a smooth sailing for the Awami League in the upcoming poll as the prospective opposition aspirants who would thus contest the election violating the party directive may later switch sides to Awami League for a workable understanding keeping their individual identity in the event of their win in the voting."

BFUJ demands restoration of Khabar publication

Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) yesterday strongly criticised the owner of The Daily Khabar for exploiting its journalists and employees and demanded immediate restoration of publication of the newspaper along with payment of all arrears from August last year, reports BSS.

BFUJ President Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury and Secretary General Abul Kalam Azad and DUJ Acting President Shubho Rahman and General Secretary Azizul Islam Bhuiyan, in a joint statement, warned that the management of the newspaper would be held responsible for any eventualities unless the justified demand was met immediately.

They said it has become a "regular habit" of that newspaper owner to stop salaries of the employees and this time he has illegally suspended the publication of the paper just ahead of the Eid-ul-Fitr pending the salaries and festival allowances of the newsmen and other staff.

The journalist leaders brought charges of tax evasion

against the Khabar owner saying since its inception the newspaper never went through any audit as a result of which he got the scope of evading a huge amount of tax.

"This owner cum editor now possesses a huge asset by taking undue advantages from different regimes in the past," they said.

The union leaders alleged that the owner of the daily not only deprives the employees and journalists of their legitimate dues, but he is also trying to grab the bills of government advertisements in the name publishing the newspaper from a "secret place."

Meanwhile, the employees and journalists of the Khabar and its sister publications yesterday launched an action committee to realise their arrears and festival allowances, which were due from August last year.

They urged all professional bodies, journalists and intellectuals to raise voices against the inhuman behaviour of the management by suddenly stopping the publications without paying a single penny to the employees.

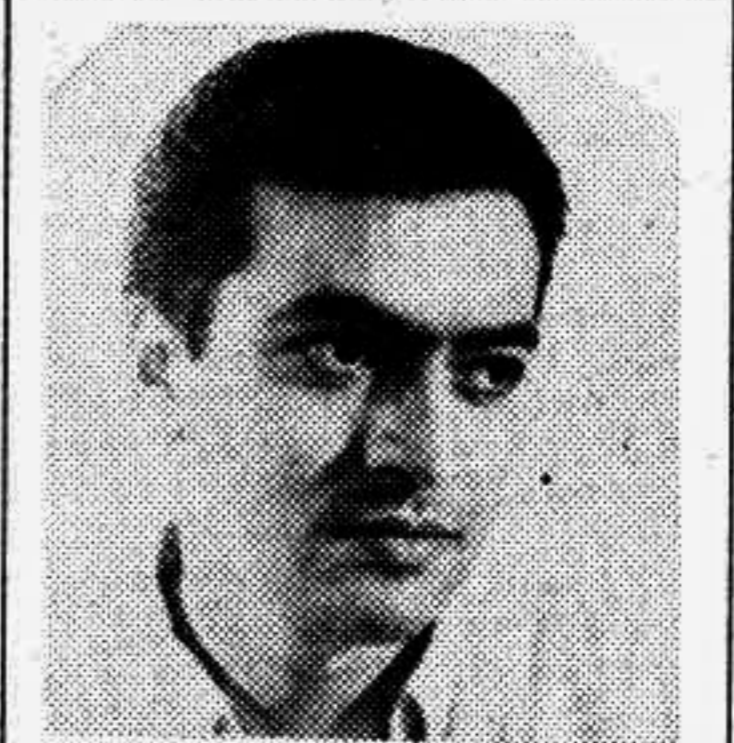
Make tomorrow's hartal a success: Ershad

Jatiya Party Chairman H M Ershad yesterday urged the people to make Tuesday's day-long countrywide hartal a success, reports UNB.

In a statement, he said they gave the hartal call as the government was poised to hold the coming local body elections by-passing the four-point demand of the opposition.

"We have to make the hartal a success to save the country from this inefficient government," Ershad said.

11TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY



The 11th Death Anniversary of Khalid Ibrahim will be observed to day (25-1-99) at his Banani Residence. All his Relations Friends and well wishers are Requested to attend the Milad Mahfil.

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SALE OF CARS

Waxed sealed tenders are invited in separate covers for the sale of the following Vehicles :

1. Dhaka-Metro-Bha-0083, Toyota celsior, 4000CC, 1995 Model in good running condition.
2. Dhaka-Metro-Cha-51-0301, Toyota Hiace Microbus, 2000 CC, Model 1992 in damaged condition.

The vehicle No.Dhaka-Metro-Bha-0083 can be inspected at the premises of Camellia House, 22 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1000 between 10.00AM to 4.00 PM from 25th January 1999 and the Vehicle No.Dhaka-Metro-Cha-51-0301 can be inspected at the premises of ICDDR, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212, between 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM from 25th January 1999 (to contact Mr. Mahmudur Rahman Director, ICDDR Employees Multi Purpose Co-operative Society),

Vehicle's tenders should accompany 10% of quoted price as Earnest Money, for each vehicle separately or combined in one instrument mentioning the quoted price individually, in the form of Pay Order drawn in favour of United Insurance Company Limited and will be received upto 1.00 PM on 31st January 1999

Tenders should be dropped in the tender box kept at the Company's Head Office at Camellia House (1st Floor), 22 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1000.

Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

For details please contact :
Phone No. 9662825 and 869336-8

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Department of Agricultural Extension

Horticulture Development Project

Food Crops Wing

Khamarbari, Dhaka-1215

Tender Notice

Memo No HDP/CONST/230/98-99/175

Dated: 11.1.99

01. Sealed tenders are hereby invited from pre-qualified civil construction firms of Horticulture Development Project (DAE) for the following works of Horticulture Development Project (DAE Component) implemented under the financial assistance of the Asian Development Bank. Loan No 1010-BAN (SF).

Group No	Site and description of work	Estimated cost
1.	Horticulture Centre (HDTC), Kallyanpur, Chapinawabgonj electrical work, Internal HBB road and Irrigation system.	Tk 20,80,345.60
2.	Horticulture Centre (HDTC), Natore electrical work, Internal HBB road and Irrigation system.	Tk 21,47,864.60
3.	Horticulture Centre (HDTC), Tebunia, Pabna electrical work, Internal HBB road and Irrigation system.	Tk 21,57,806.60
4.	Horticulture Centre (HDTC), Burihat, Rangpur electrical work, Internal HBB road and Irrigation system.	Tk 20,80,587.60
5.	Horticulture Centre (HDTC), Jamalpur electrical work, Internal HBB road and Irrigation system.	Tk 22,76,833.60
6.	Horticulture Centre (HDTC), Keyotkhali, Mymensingh electrical work, Internal HBB road and Irrigation system.	Tk 17,11,360.60
7.	Horticulture Centre (HDTC), Gaital, Kishorgonj electrical work, Internal HBB road and Irrigation system.	Tk 18,43,784.50
8.	Horticulture Centre (HDTC), Panchgachia, Feni electrical work, Internal HBB road and Irrigation system.	Tk 23,44,950.60
9.	Horticulture Centre (HDTC), Ramgar, Khagrachhari electrical work, Internal HBB road and Irrigation system.	Tk 32,19,429.50
10.	Horticulture Centre (HDTC), Rajbari electrical work, Internal HBB road and Irrigation system, dyke/embankment, digging of pond, pump house and earthen drain.	Tk 24,33,631.20
11.	Horticulture Centre (HDTC), Rahmatpur, Barisal electrical work, Internal HBB road and Irrigation system.	Tk 23,68,316.60
12.	Horticulture Centre (HDTC), Daulatpur, Khulna electrical work, Internal HBB road and Irrigation system.	Tk 25,69,084.60
13.	Horticulture Centre (HDTC), Baradi, Meherpur electrical work, Internal HBB road and Irrigation system.	Tk 18,21,093.60
14.	Horticulture Centre (HDTC), Natore dyke/embankment, digging of pond, pump house & earthen drain.	Tk 12,26,341.60
15.	Horticulture Centre (HDTC), Gaital, Kishorgonj dyke/embankment digging of pond, pump house and RCC culvert and earthen drain.	Tk 12,22,776.60
16.	Horticulture Centre (HDTC), Rahmatpur, Barisal dyke/embankment, digging of pond, pump house and earthen drain.	Tk 22,55,586.20
17.	Horticulture Centre (HDTC), Daulatpur, Khulna dyke/embankment, digging of pond, pump house and earthen drain.	Tk 11,40,095.60

02. Tender documents will be available from the Project Implementation Office, Horticulture Development Project, DAE, Khamarbari, Dhaka, 4th Floor, Rear Building, Khamarbari, Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka & respective HDTC, on all working days during office hours at a non-refundable cash payment of Tk 1200/- per set up to 7th February '99. Only the tender schedules of the works of the respective Horticulture Development Centre (HDTC) mentioned above will be available in that particular centre (HDTC). The pre-qualified contractors will be required to apply for tender document. The application would contain attested up-to-date copy of trade licence, income tax clearance certificate of 1996-97, VAT registration and bank solvency certificate from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh.

03. Tender documents will not be sold after expiry of the specified selling time.

04. Tenderers must furnish earnest money @ 2% of the total quoted amount in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Project Director, Horticulture Development Centre, DAE, Khamarbari, Dhaka.

05. Tender documents will be received in the Project Implementation Office, Horticulture Development Project, DAE, Khamarbari, Dhaka, 4th Floor, Rear Building, Khamarbari, Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka & respective HDTC, up to 12.00 Noon of 10th February, 1999 and will be opened at 12.30 PM of the same date in presence of the tenderers, or their representatives, if any. Contractors quoting rates more than 5% above or 5% below the estimates shall have to submit itemwise analysis of rate consistent with the PWD approved schedule (current). In case, the analysis of rate is not consistent or incomplete or incorrect in any respect and is found not justifiable, the related tender will be considered non-responsive and void.

06. Contractors quoting rates more than 5% above or 5% below the estimated cost an additional security deposit amounting to 10% of the estimated cost in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Project Director, Horticulture Development Project, DAE, Khamarbari, Dhaka will have to be submitted with the tender, otherwise the tender will be non-responsive and void.

07. The work should be started immediately after the issue of work and to be completed in all respect within stipulated time from the date of issue of work order as shown in the abstract of tender.

08. Tenders submitted after the expiry of the specified time and date shall not be accepted.

09. The tenderer must submit the up-dated trade licence, VAT registration, income tax clearance certificate of 1996-97 and bank solvency certificate supported with bank balance statement of 30th December '98 in order to make the tender responsive. The authority reserves the right of verification of any or all papers including Pay Order/Bank Draft enclosed as earnest money. On request, the tenderers shall have to produce original papers of the tender as a part of making the tender responsive.

10. The authority is not bound to accept the lowest tender on any tender and reserves the right to waive any irregularity in any tender and further reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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