

## 5th Dhaka Int'l Trade Fair begins Monday

The 5th Dhaka International Trade Fair begins here Monday to display local products to foreign buyers with most modern IT systems aiming to give a boost to country's export, reports UNB.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the month-long fair, being organised by the Commerce Ministry and the Export Promotion Bureau, at its usual Sher-e-Bangla Nagar venue, at 12 noon on the day.

Officials said a total of 355 local and foreign companies and organisations are taking part in the DITF '99 with an array of products of world class. Of those, 277 are local and the rest from 30 other countries.

The firms and organisations will put on sale their commodities in pavilions, mini-pavilions and stalls that have already been set up. The entire fair area has been decorated tastefully.

"The Dhaka International Trade Fair is stepping into fifth year. With various limitations, it is an important annual event for the region," said a coordinator of the export bazaar.

He said the fair had been playing a significant role in establishing necessary linkages in commerce and trade as well as further development relations among the countries.

"The fair is also an occasion to compare local products with the standards of foreign ones in this era of free trade when all development and least developed countries have gathered

under the umbrella of World Trade Organisation," he said. According to official sources there will be 33 large and 53 mini-pavilions in the fair. Among those, numbers of foreign pavilions and mini-pavilions will be 7 and 10 respectively.

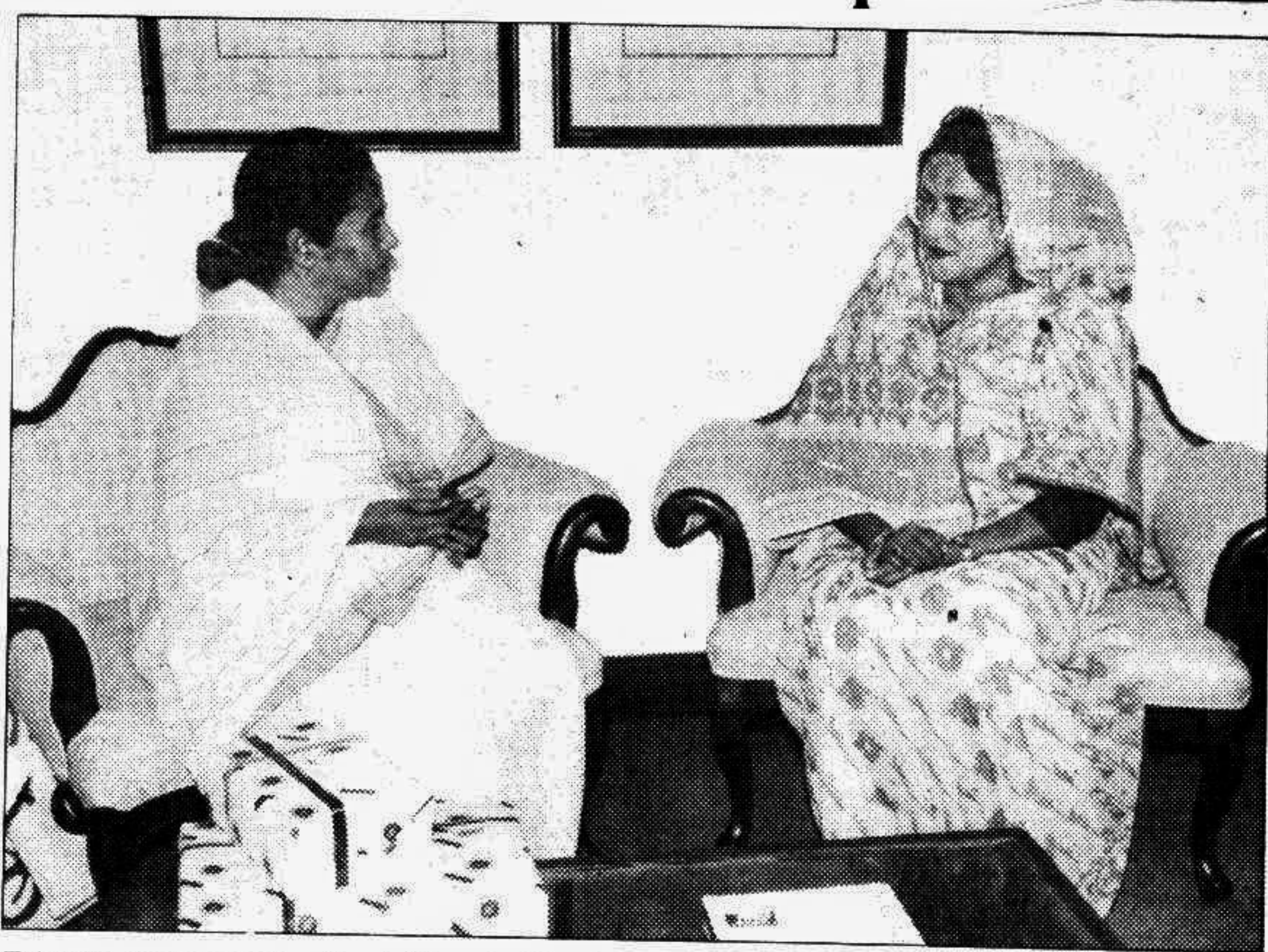
There will also be 271 stalls in the DITF, which is the largest of any kind of fair in the country. Among the stalls, 210 are local and 61 of foreign companies and organisations.

According to officials of the fair-organising body, the foreign participants include Afghanistan 1, Australia 3, Bhutan 1, Canada 2, China 5, Denmark 2, Egypt 2, France 1, Germany 2, Hong Kong 2, India 10, Italy 2, Iran 1, Japan 2, Kenya 1, Korea 4, Malaysia 3, Oman 1, Pakistan 11, Russia 1, Singapore 8, Taiwan 3, Thailand 3, Turkey 1, Arab Emirates 1, UK 4 and USA 2.

It is for the first time that the trade fair will not only be connected with the online, people from elsewhere across the globe will be able to watch it on computer screen through Internet.

The Export Promotion Bureau in cooperation with the Digital Web Corporation Ltd. has installed the online Internet facility to reach the fair across the world.

"We are optimistic that the online facility will make the fair popular home and abroad," said Zahedur Rahman Iqbal, Internet coordinator of the DITF '99.



Trinmool Congress President Mamata Banerjee called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her hotel suite in Calcutta yesterday. —PID photo

## Hasina favours waging combined fight to stamp out poverty

CALCUTTA, Jan 29: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina proposed that the nations of this region should wage a combined fight against poverty, a major obstacle to developing lifestyle of the region's one billion-plus people, report agencies.

"It is not possible for a single country alone to remove poverty, rather a collective approach through regional cooperation is needed to combat such a major problem," she said at a meet-the-press at Hotel Taj Bengal here before flying home ending a three-day official visit to West Bengal, India.

"We should launch united efforts to fight the poverty of the region," she said.

Facing questions from reporters, Hasina said many outstanding problems between India and Bangladesh had already been solved and cross-border bus service would begin shortly in yet another move towards amity.

"Both the countries are eager in this respect... the bus service will start very soon," she said about the proposed bus service between Dhaka and Calcutta.

Stressing the need for good neighbourliness for chasing the common goal of economic up-

lift, she cited some strides to that end. A glaring example is the historic Ganges Water Sharing Treaty.

The prime minister also mentioned solution of the thorny Chittagong Hill Tracts problem with the tribal leaders. After the restoration of peace in the CHT region, some 64,000 refugees from Tripura returned to Bangladesh, she told the newsmen.

Hasina emphasised more exchanges of culture and cultural teams to further strengthen the ties between the two nations.

At the outset of the meet-the-press, the Bangladesh prime minister described doings during her three-day trip to West Bengal.

She spoke about the Calcutta Book Fair and the Desikottoma degree of Viswa Bharati conferred on her for contribution to the establishment of democracy.

Hasina billed her jaunt to Shantiniketan and Churulia as "wonderful" and said it was her longstanding penchant for a visit to these "two important places, bearing the memories of two great men — Biswakabi Rabindranath Tagore and our national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam".

Apprising them of the steps of her government, she said it has taken some decisions and policies for the empowerment of women. "We have introduced stringent laws against women repression."

In local government elections, scope has been created for the women to take part in the polling directly, which increased the participation of

women and also their empowerment.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, Education Minister ASHK Sadique, political adviser to the prime minister Dr SA Maleq, chief whip Abul Hasnat Abdullah and Sheikh Selim MP were present in the press meet.

The prime minister said Bangladesh wants to develop human resources and has given top priority to the sector.

She said Bangladesh believes in secular politics.

She recalled the help and assistance rendered by the government and people of India, particularly the West Bengal people during Bangladesh's Liberation War in 1971.

To a question on insurgency activity, the prime minister categorically said that it was a firm policy of her government not (not) to allow any insurgency activity on the soil of Bangladesh.

She said there can be gas-based industries in Bangladesh through joint venture. On regional power grid, Hasina said this has to be done through regional cooperation.

Replying to a question on the problems relating to the enclaves, the prime minister said the inhabitants there have been facing problems and that India has not ratified the agreement in its parliament.

## Weather

### Dry weather forecast

The weather is likely to remain mainly dry with temporary cloudy sky over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

The Met office said night temperature may remain nearly unchanged across the country during the period.

The country's highest temperature 30.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sandwip and the lowest 11.2 degree Celsius at Jessore, Satkhira and Srimongal.

The sun sets today at 5.43 pm and rises tomorrow at 6.41 am. Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	29.2	18.0	77	67
Chittagong	28.8	15.6	81	70
Rajshahi	27.2	12.4	92	70
Khulna	29.0	11.5	93	66
Barisal	28.2	13.0	88	74
Sylhet	28.7	15.3	80	67
Cox's Bazar	30.2	16.4	74	67

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

### Office of the Project Director

Project for Primary Education Development in Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna Divisions, (2nd phase)

### Primary Education Directorate

59/C, Darus Salam, Mirpur Road, Dhaka

Memo No: PED/PD/PED DRK/Appointment-1/98/576

Dated: 24.1.99

Applications are invited from Bangladeshis nationals for filling up the following post as per government recruitment of manpower rule in project for the close observation unit of Compulsory Primary Education Implementation under a project titled Primary Education Development in Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna Divisions under implementation by Primary Education Directorate.

Serial No	Name of post and number	Gross salary Tk	Age	Educational qualification and experience
1	Deputy-Director (Information, Documentation, and Advocacy/Publicity section)	11394/-	30-40	a) First Class Master's degree with Honours in Physics/Applied Physics/Electrical/Electronics from any recognised university. Persons with Third Division/Class in any examination are not eligible to apply. Experience: Should have 10 (ten) years experience in teaching/teachers' training/education management/ education administration in government/semi-government/autonomous establishments. Preference will be given to persons trained in education management/practical knowledge in audio visual apparatus and its use.

### Terms and conditions

- Self-written application to the Project Director, Project for Primary Education Development in Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna Divisions (2nd phase), Primary Education Directorate, 59/C, Darus Salam, Mirpur Road, Dhaka-1216 will have to be reached by 15.2.99.
- a) Name of the candidate b) Father's name c) Permanent address d) Present address e) Date of birth f) Age on 15.02.99 g) Details of educational qualification: name of examination, name of educational institution and board, division obtained and experience of the candidate should be mentioned in the application.
- Following papers will have to be attached with the application:
  - All educational experience certificates attested by the first class gazetted officers.
  - Two copies of recent passport size photographs of candidate (will have to be attested by the first class gazetted officers).
  - Copy of certificate of nationality issued by Chairman of Union Parishad/Pourashava Chairman/Pourashava Ward Commissioner (will have to be attested by the first class gazetted officer).
  - Character certificate from first class gazetted officer.
- Candidates in service will have to apply through proper channel.
- Existing government rules for freedom fighter/family of freedom fighters and tribal candidates will be followed.
- Incomplete application will be treated as rejected.

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## রূপালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড

ইব্রাহিম ম্যানশন কর্পোরেট শাখা, ঢাকা।

### টেন্ডার নোটিশ

নিম্নলিখিত মালামাল যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে ভিত্তিতে বিক্রয় করার জন্য নিম্নোক্ত শর্তনুযায়ী অগ্রহী ক্রেতাদের কাছ থেকে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

ক্রমিক নং	অপেক্ষার ধরণ	অংশ গ্রহীতার নাম ও ঠিকানা	মালের বিবরণ	যেখানে মাল রক্ষিত আছে
০১।	সিসি প্রজেক্ট	মেসার্স জে. এ. এ. লেদার কমপ্লেক্স। ৬১, হাজারীবাগ, ঢাকা-১২০৯।	চামড়া ও কেমিক্যাল	৬১, হাজারীবাগ, ঢাকা-১২০৯।
০২।	সিসি প্রজেক্ট	মেসার্স শন ফ্যানন এক্সপোর্টস লিঃ ১০, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এভিনিউ কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা।	চামড়া ও কেমিক্যাল	ঢাকা লেদার কোম্পানী লিঃ নয়ারহাট, সাতার।

### শর্তাবলীঃ

- দরপত্রের সাথে রূপালী ব্যাংক, ইব্রাহিম ম্যানশন কর্পোরেট শাখার অনুকূলে গৃহীত যে কোন তফসীল বাণিজ্যিক ব্যাংক থেকে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার মারফত আনেশি মানি দরপত্রে উল্লেখিত টাকার ৫% হারে জমা দিতে হবে। অন্যথায় টেন্ডার বিবেচিত হবে না।
- উল্লেখিত মালামাল সংশ্লিষ্ট শাখা ব্যবস্থাপকের সাথে যোগাযোগ করে পরিদর্শন করা যাবে।
- সীল মোহরকৃত দরপত্র ১৪-২-৯৯ই তারিখে বেলা ১.০০ টা পর্যন্ত ইব্রাহিম ম্যানশন কর্পোরেট শাখায় অথবা রূপালী ব্যাংক, আইন ও অর্থ আদায় বিভাগ, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ৪র্থ তলায় রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাক্সে গ্রহণ করা হবে এবং এই দিনই বেলা ৩.০০ টার সময় দরপত্র ঢাকার সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হবে।
- টেন্ডার কমিটি কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই যে কোন বা সকল টেন্ডার গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।
- অকৃতকার্য দরপত্র দাতাদের আনেশি মানি সময়মত ফেরৎ দেয়া হবে।
- দরপত্র গৃহীত হওয়ার পর দরপত্র দাতাকে সম্পূর্ণ মূল্য পরিশোধ করে ১৫ দিনের মধ্যে মালামাল খালাস করতে হবে। অন্যথায় আনেশি মানি বাজেয়াপ্ত বলে গণ্য হবে। এ মালামাল যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে ভিত্তিতে নিলামে ক্রয় করতে হবে।
- উল্লেখিত পণ্যের বিবরণ ব্যাংকের রেকর্ড অনুযায়ী দেয়া হয়েছে। এ ব্যাপারে কোন দায় দায়িত্ব ব্যাংকের নাই। টেন্ডার দাতাগণকে টেন্ডার দাখিলের পূর্বে পণ্যের পরিমাণ, গুণাগুণ ও ওজন সম্পর্কে নিশ্চিত হয়ে টেন্ডার অংশগ্রহণ করতে বলা হচ্ছে। এ ব্যাপারে দরপত্র দাতাগণের কোন অভিযোগ বা আপত্তি ব্যাংক কর্তৃক গৃহীত হবে না।

কাজী জিয়াউদ্দিন আহমেদ

উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক

## What's on today . . . .

**Theatre:** Centre for Asian Theatre's second production, 'Bunions', adapted from Henrik Ibsen's 'Wild Duck' by Khairul Alam Shabuj and directed by M K Raina, will be staged. Venue: Public Library auditorium. Time: 6:30 pm.

**ASB meeting:** A special general meeting of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh will be held. The first annual report of the Society's Bangladesh Project will be presented. Venue: Society's auditorium, 5, Old Secretariat Road, Ramna. Time: 4 pm.

**Meeting:** A meeting of the executive council of Institute of Personnel Management (IPM) will be held. Venue: IPM office. Time: 6 pm.

**Rotary meeting:** The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Venue: Family Lounge, Dhaka Club. Time: 1:30 pm.

## Government of the People's

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### Office of the Executive Engineer

PWD Division, Rajbari

## Notice Inviting Tender

No. Raj-41 (forty-one) Of 1998-99

1. Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from enlisted contractors/firms under PWD according to their eligibility and financial limit for the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Faridpur/Magura/Kushtia/Narail/Meherpur/Jhenidah/Chuadanga and Jessore up to 12:00 Noon of 9-2-99 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the intending tenderers who my like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.

- Name of work : Construction of 12 Nos. District Jail, one at Rajbari (Sub-head:- Construction of 6 (six) Classified Prisoners Ward).
- Estimated cost : Tk 9,87,876/-
- Earnest money : Tk 20,000/-
- Time allowed for completion of the work : 5 (five) months from the date of issue of work order.
- Tender papers and other connected documents can be purchased during the office hours from the office of the u/s and all the Executive Engineers under PWD Circle, Jessore on cash payment of usual charges (non refundable) up to 8-2-99.

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## Notice of RHD Inviting Tender

- Tender Notice No : 71 BRD of 1998-99.
- Name of work : Construction of RCC consealed box culvert/protection wall/existing work shed /repairing of work shed/earth work/palasingid work & repairing of staff quarter under Road Division, Barisal during 1998-99.
- Estimated amount : As Per Group List.
- Earnest money : As Per Group list.
- Time allowed : As Per Group list.
- Eligibility of contractor : As Per Group list.
- Name of offices where tender documents will be available : Executive Engineer, RHD Road Division, Barisal/Patukhali/Bhola/Pirojpur/Jhalakati/Borguna/Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD Road Sub-Division-I/II, Barisal/ 1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Barisal during office hours on all working days. No tender form will be sold on the opening date of tender.
- Last date of selling tender : Up to 5:00 PM on 10-2-99.
- Name of offices where tender will be received in seal covered : Superintending Engineer, RHD Road Circle, Barisal/Executive Engineer, RHD Road Division, Barisal/Jhalakati/Pirojpur.
- Last date & time of receiving of tender bids in sealed : Up to 12:30 PM on 11-2-99.
- Date & time of recording tender bids in sealed cover : At 12:45 PM on 11-2-99.
- Date, time & name of office where tender will be opened : Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD Road Division, Barisal on 15-2-99.
- Lottery date & time : At 11:00 AM on 16-2-99.

Group no	Name of work & location	Estimated amount	Earnest money	Time allowed	Ch. to	Eligibility of contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 (One)	Construction of 1.53 M. span, 1.53 M height & 10.98 M. road way RCC consealed box culvert at 13th KM (13/1) of Barisal-Bhola-Laxmipur Road under Barisal Road Division during the year 1998-99.	Tk. 2,27,689/-	4,554/-	25 (twenty-five) days	Barisal-Bhola-Laxmipur Road	"A" to "C" class enlisted contractor under general category of RHD and "D" class enlisted contractor under general category of Barisal Road Circle and "E" class enlisted contractor under Barisal Road Division.
2 (Two)	Construction of protection wall of north side of RHD stockyard & repair of RHD shed No. 5 under Barisal Road Division during the year 1998-99.	Tk. 1,93,731/-	3,875/-	-do-	168 RBF	-do-
3 (Three)	Local bulhah palasingid at 7th KM of Shikerpur-Uzipur road under Barisal Road Division during the year 1998-99.	Tk. 1,12,460/-	2,250/-	15 (fifteen) days	266 Dvt	-do-
4 (Four)	Earth work in road embankment (flood damaged portion) at 3rd (P), 6th (P) 7th (P) of Uzipur-Dhamura road under Barisal Road Division during the year 1998-99.	Tk. 1,99,148/-	3,983/-	-do-	-do-	-do-
5 (Five)	Extension to the existing work shed at RHD stockyard at Sagardi, Barisal under Road Division, Barisal during 1998-99.	Tk. 82,502/-	1,651/-	20 (twenty) days	168 RBF	-do-
6 (Six)	Construction of work shed repair at EXN (RHD) Barisal Residence compound under Road Division during the year 1998-99.	Tk. 1,33,348/-	2,667/-	-do-	M/C to BB Road	-do-
7 (Seven)	Repairing of staffquarter (allotment in favour of SO II, Barisal Sub-Division-I) at RHD stockyard, Sagardi under Barisal Road Division during the year 1998-99.	Tk. 57,071/-	1,141/-	-do-	-do-	-do-

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Md Abdus Sattar

Executive Engineer, RHD

Barisal Road Division.