

**Weather**

**Fall in temperature likely**

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

The Met Office said cold wave is sweeping over north-eastern and north-western part of the country during the period. Mild cold wave may also invade over south-western part.

Slight fall in night temperature is expected across the country during the period, it added.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 30.8 degree Celsius was recorded at Sandwip and the lowest 6.7 degree Celsius at Srimangol.

The sun sets today at 5:46 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:38 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	27.4	11.5	58	54
Chittagong	27.6	12.7	66	59
Khulna	26.6	11.2	63	55
Rajshahi	25.2	7.5	76	63
Barisal	28.8	10.2	63	76
Sylhet	29.0	11.2	69	53
Cox's Bazar	27.5	14.0	42	68

**3 cyclone shelters open in Ctg**

CHITTAGONG, Feb 1: Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Engineer Mosharrif Hossain inaugurated three cyclone shelter-cum-schools at Tulatali under Teknaf thana of Cox's Bazar district yesterday, an official handout said here today, reports BSS.

In his inaugural speech the minister said that the present government was pledged-bound to save the people from natural calamities. He said the government had tackled the recent flood successfully.

He said more cyclone shelters would be constructed in coastal areas of Cox's Bazar.

These three cyclone shelter-cum-schools have been constructed with the financial assistance from Dasko, a non-government organisation.

Parliament member Muhammad Ali, joint chief of Swiss Red Cross Brainey Owerger, representatives of non-government organisation Dasko Philip Shellar and Peter Eglar and local Awami League leader Master Ahmad Hossain also addressed the function while Teknaf Thana Nirbahi Officer Sankar Chandra Basu presided.



A scene from Subachan Nattayagosthy production 'Bou' staged at the Central Shaheed Minar yesterday as part of the Group Theater's programme on Ekushey. —Star photo

**BINA evolves 4 HYV of crops**

AGRICULTURE UNIVERSITY, Mymensingh, Feb 1: Scientists at the Bangladesh Institute of Nuclear Agriculture (BINA) have evolved four high-yielding varieties (HYV) of crops, using nuclear energy, last year, reports APB.

Three of the innovations are HYV rice that included BINA rice-4, BINA rice-5, BINA rice-6 and the lentil BINA mug-5.

Officials said BINA rice-4 could be cultivated during the Aman season while BINA rice-5 and 6 during the Boro season. The BINA mug-5 is a pulse that could be grown during summer.

If properly and widely cultivated, the newly-evolved varieties are expected to help reduce country's deficit in foodgrains production, said nuclear agricultural scientist Dr M Idris Ali.

**Navy seizes cigarette worth Tk 15 lakh**

CHITTAGONG, Feb 1: The Navy's anti-smuggling cell seized 3,750 cartons of illegal cigarette from an engine-driven boat at Bhatiari coast of the district on Saturday, reports UNB.

Official sources said a patrol vessel of the Navy chased the boat on suspicion and the smugglers left it near Sangu Gas Plant of Salimpur in Bhatiari sea beach area.

The cigarette was from Myanmar and worth about Tk 15 lakh, they said.

**Concert in aid of Diabetic Assoc in Ctg Feb 6**

From CU Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Feb 1: A concert in aid of Chittagong Diabetic Association will be held at the Chittagong Stadium of February 6.

Four popular bands, Miles, LRB, Feelings, Ark are expected to take part in the concert. Chittagong Diabetic Association is building a diabetic hospital complex in Foy's Lake Area in the city at an expenditure of over Taka 25 crore.

**What's on today...**

- Discussion:** Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy has organised a discussion meeting on 'Artist Quamrul Hassan: Architect of Modern Folk Tradition' in observance of his 11th death anniversary. Keynote speaker: Moinuddin Khaled. Chief guest: Dr Borhan Uddin Khan Zahangir. Venue: Academy seminar room. Time: 5 pm.
- Inaugural ceremony:** President Shahabuddin Ahmed is expected to inaugurate the National Conference on Education organised on the occasion of National Education Week '98. Prof Dr Mohammad Hossain, Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University, will present the keynote paper on Time-bound Education. Venue: Osmani Memorial Hall. Time: 10 am.
- Nat'l conference:** A 2-day third Biennial National Conference on History of the Bangladesh Ithas Parishad will begin. Chief guest: Prof A K Azad Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor, Dhaka University. Venue: National Museum Child auditorium. Time: 10 am.
- Club meet:** The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 PM.
- Club meet:** The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Shahbagh will be held. Venue: Officers' Club, Baily Road. Time: 6 pm.
- Club meet:** The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka New City will be held. Venue: Vintage Restaurant, Rd No: 28, Dhanmondi. Time: 5:45 pm.
- Club meet:** The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Ramna will be held. Thayne Whipple, Director, Int'l Business Development of American International Investment, will speak on 'Ready Cash, Smart Card' as guest speaker. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Oil crisis in N-dists as water transport workers on strike**

SIRAJGANJ, Feb 1: The Baghabari oil depot in the northern part of the country has become almost dry for the last three days following the strike called by the water transport workers, reports APB.

The striking workers are reported to have been holding 14/15 vessels laden with oil in the river Jamuna for the last three days, which resulted in depletion of stock at the depot.

Consequently the northern districts, including Sirajganj, are facing severe oil crisis. The current stock in these districts is likely to pull on for another one or two days at the most, informed sources said.

Spokesmen of the Baghabari River Port Workers' Union told APB that they had repeatedly urged the concerned authorities to take effective steps for curbing incidences of piracy along the river routes. But no action followed.

The inaction of the authorities led the workers to resort to strike since Saturday last.

Sources said if the strike continues, irrigation to the IRRI-Boro fields will suffer badly.

Meanwhile, the news of the workers' strike prompted the customers to go on a buying spree.

This caused a sudden price hike of oil. At some places the price of oil rose by Tk 3 per litre.

The managers of the oil depots told APB that the higher authorities in Dhaka had been informed of the situation.

**Reward for rat's tail**

One kilogram of wheat will be awarded to anyone for each five tails of rat submitted to the nearest agriculture office, reports UNB.

With this and three best prizes, including TV set, the month long rat killing drive began yesterday all over the country with a target of killing 25 lakh rats.

Around 7 lakh tons of food grains are eaten up by rats which are growing fast increasing the menace.

This is for the first time wheat will be given to the rat killers.

Officials said 500 metric tons of wheat has been allocated for making the drive a success. Director General of Agricultural Directorate M Enamul Hossain issued a circular to the Deputy Directors of Agricultural Directorate in all the 64 districts.

UNB Bandarban Correspondent reports that 3 metric tons of wheat has been allocated with a target for killing 15,000 rats in the district.

**JUTA polls**

**Filing of nomination papers ends today**

Filing of nomination papers for the election of Jahangirnagar University Teachers' Association (JUTA) ends today, reports UNB.

Withdrawal and scrutiny of the nomination papers will be held Thursday while election on February 9.

A total of 260 voters will cast their votes to elect 15-member executive body of the JUTA for one year.

Deputy Election Commissioner M Moniruzzaman said all preparations are completed to hold the election. Earlier, a fresh voter list was prepared on December 31.

A source, however, said an effort is also going on to make a single panel like last year.

**Press Council chairman takes over**

Justice Habibur Rahman Khan has taken over as the chairman of the Bangladesh Press Council for a three-year term, reports BSS.

Before assuming his new assignment as the chairman of the Press Council, Justice Khan performed his duties as the member of labour appellate tribunal.

He acted as the member of the enquiry commission constituted by the government to probe the incident arising out of the prisoners revolt in Jessore Jail in January 1997. He also headed the one-member commission to probe the death of Shamim Reza Rubel in police custody.

**Boi mela begins Feb 14 in Ctg**

From CU Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Feb 1: A fortnight long Boi Mela (book fair) will begin at the Muslim Hall premises in the city on February 14. The Ekushey Mela Uj-Japan Parishad has organised it.

Parishad chairman Dr Anupam Sen and member secretary Nasruddin Chowdhury have called upon all concerned to extend necessary co-operation to make it a success.

**SPRING ADMISSION closes by Feb 9, '99**

**AMBAN'S 2+2 transfer with University of Houston**

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**ENLISTMENT OF POTENTIAL SUPPLIERS TO SUPPLY STATIONERY/SCHOOL KITS**

Interested suppliers are invited to enlist their Company for registration to pack and supply various stationery and education school kits containing stationery and education school kits containing pencils, crayons, felt-tip markers, water-paint colours, scissors, rulers, glue, thumb tacks, erasers, flannel cloth, sand paper, scotch tape and other similar items.

A large quantity of these kits will be required during the next two years at different intervals. Interested companies should submit their complete company profile documents which includes details of company's structure, financial statement, latest Trade Licence and other official registrations documents, premises details, list of equipment, production/packing facilities and complete itemized list of products manufactured/marketed/sold and forward such information, by 12.00 Noon on 11 February 1999, in a sealed envelope to:

UNICEF  
Supply & Procurement Section  
BSL Office Complex, 3rd Floor  
(Dhaka Sheraton Hotel Annex)  
1, Minto Road, Ramna, Dhaka  
GPO Box 58

Requirements will be distributed through competitive Invitations to Bid for both long-term and immediate one-time requirements. There will be public bid openings.

Only companies that are legally registered and certified to conduct business in Bangladesh will be included in the Invitations to Bid. Registered companies will also be included in other Invitations to Bid for the products they manufacture/market/sell.

**AGENTS : BIRDS BANGLADESH AGENCIES LIMITED**

103, AGRABAD COMMERCIAL AREA CHITTAGONG.  
PHONES : 716342, 716341, 502645, 712908.

**Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology Dhaka Tender Notice**

D-1782 Dt: 31.1.99

Sealed tenders are hereby invited by the undersigned in the prescribed form from the bonafide and experienced Class I/II contractors who are enlisted with PWD/Govt/Semi-Govt/Autonomous bodies for (1) Vertical extension of 4th floor of officer's dormitory building No. 52(2) repairing works of semi-pucca building at Jodeypur BUET area. Permission will be given up to 2.3.99 for purchasing of schedule and tender documents will be sold up to 3.3.99. Tender form may be purchased by the contractor/firm himself/themselves or his/their representative on production of authorised letter bearing the signature of the representative duly attested by the contractor. Tender will be received by the undersigned and Executive Engineer, PWD, Eden Building Division, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka up to 12:00 Noon on 4.3.99 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM before the tenderers present. No tender papers will be sold on the opening day. For further detail information regarding purchasing and dropping the tender, the office of the undersigned may be contacted or the contractor may see the Notice Board of this office.

GD-60 University Engineer

**Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha Head Office**

141-143, Motijheel C/A, GPO Box-473  
5th & 6th floor  
Dhaka, Bangladesh

**Tender**

INVITATION OF OFFER FOR APPOINTMENT OF COMPUTER CONSULTANT (S)/CONSULTING FIRM

Sealed tenders in triplicate are hereby invited from reputed organizations/firms for the appointment of Computer Consultant(s)/Consulting Firm(s) to take up, among others, the following assignments:

- Preparation of Technical Specification and evaluation of the Tender Documents.
- Supervision of implementation of the computerization and training programs of BSRS personnel.
- Consultancy services on yearly contractual basis as a Retainer Consultant(s)/Consulting Firm.

The intending firm(s) must have the following qualifications supported by proper documentary evidences:

- Experience in preparation of computerization plan in a large organization preferably in Bank and Financial Institution.
- Ability to design, develop and implement all aspects of computer system.
- Ability to establish LAN & WAN.
- Data analysis and database design with recent exposure to client server technology.
- Specializing in design, development and implementation of business related software with emphasis in banking/financial software packages.

Detail of Terms of Reference (TOR) for the above assignments will be available in the Service Department of Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha (BSRS) during office hours on all working days up to 23rd February, 1999. Bidders having the above qualifications may submit their offers as per TOR alongwith the following information:

- Time schedule for Assignment-1 and Assignment-2 separately.
- Biodata of the technical personnel to be involved with the job.
- The amount of remuneration required for all 3 Assignments separately.
- Other relevant information which they may think necessary or those information which may be asked for by the Sangstha subsequently.

Offers are to be submitted within 2.30 PM on 24th February, 1999 in the tender box to be kept at the 5th floor of BSRS which will be opened on the same day at 3.00 PM in presence of the bidders, if any.

Bangladesh Shilpa Rin-Sangstha at its discretion may appoint one or more Consultant(s)/Consulting Firm(s) for the above job and may accept or reject any or all the offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Assistant General Manager  
Service Department

**Meghna Petroleum Limited**  
(A Subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation)

58-59, Agrabad C/A  
Chittagong

**Tender Notice**  
No. Pur: 070

Sealed tenders are hereby invited for the following work from the bonafide and reputed 1st class contractors enlisted with govt/semi govt/autonomous bodies/organisation having experience of construction of Civil and Steel fabrication work valued not less than Tk. 5.00 crore in a single work order within last 10 (Ten) years:-

Sl. No.	Name of Works	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Documents (Non-refundable)
1.	Construction of Additional Storage Tanks and others related facility at Baghabari Depot.	Lump-sum Tk. 30 lac	Tk. 5,000/- (Tk. five thousand) only

Bidders should have experience for execution of similar works within the last 10 years with govt/semi govt./autonomous bodies and should be certified by the competent authorities who must not be below the rank of an Executive Engineer. Experience certificate from the private party or firm/organisation or certificate as sub-contractor will not be allowed.

Earnest money as above should be submitted along with the technical offer in the form of PO/DD from a scheduled bank in favour of Meghna Petroleum Ltd. payable at Chittagong city without which no tender will be accepted.

Tender documents containing detail description, terms and conditions will be available from Purchase/Cash Section, Meghna Petroleum Ltd, 58-59, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong and resident Manager's Office, Meghna Petroleum Ltd., Meghna Bhaban, 131, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka on all working days from Sunday through Thursday up to 23/02/99 within 3 PM against cash payment as above by submission of a photocopy of abovementioned purchase order for Tk. 5 (Five) crore only in a single work order.

Offers should be submitted in two separate sealed envelopes marked on top as "TECHNICAL OFFER" and "FINANCIAL OFFER" and both the envelopes will be inserted in another sealed cover and to be dropped in the tender box kept at our Purchase Section, 58, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong up to 1415 hrs. on 28-02-99 out of which only the technical offers will be opened on the same day at 1430 hrs. in presence of bidders (if any). The price offer of the technically successful bidders will be opened later on, date and time which will be communicated to them by confirmation letter.

All other terms and conditions will be as per tender schedule.

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

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**Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology Dhaka Re-Tender Notice**

D-1783 (2) Dt: 31.1.99

Sealed tenders are hereby invited by the undersigned in the prescribed form from the bonafide and experienced Class-I/II Contractors/Real Suppliers/also the Agents of Manufacturing Company for Serial No. 3 who are enlisted with PWD/Govt./Semi-Govt/Autonomous bodies for (1) Supplying Sanitary materials for maintenance work of Hall and DSW Office (2) Supplying 3mm glass sheets and other materials for maintenance work (3) Supplying and Installation of Air-Cooler, De-Humidifier, Voltage Stabilizer at new SEM-EDS and Auxiliaries room of Material and Metallurgical Engineering Dept (4) Supplying furniture for Mechanical Engineering Department (5) Electrification works of new SEM-EDS and Auxiliaries room of Material and Metallurgical Engg Deptt. (6) Addition and alteration work of Room No. 204 (English listening centre) of old academic building (7) Supplying furniture for welding and foundry shop (8) Supply and Installation of Fluorescent lights in lieu of Incandescent lamp for Hit Engine Lab. of Mechanical Engineering Department. Permission will be given up to 15-2-99 for purchasing of schedule and tender documents will be sold up to 16-2-99. Tender form may be purchased by the contractor/firm himself/themselves or his/their representative duly attested by the contractor. Tender will be received by the undersigned and Executive Engineer, PWD, Eden Building Division, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka upto 12:00 Noon on 17-2-99 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM before the tenderers present. No Tender papers will be sold on the opening day. For further detail information regarding purchasing and dropping the tender, the office of the undersigned may be contacted or the contractor may see the notice board of this office.

GD-61 University Engineer