



Former foreign secretary Reaz Rahman joined BNP yesterday in a ceremony at Minto Rd, official residence of the Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia.

## 1.39 cr voters' ID card distributed

Secretary of the Election Commission Secretariat Abdullah Harun Pasha yesterday said that the process of issuing identity cards (ID) for every voters was going on in full-swing to modernise the country's electoral process, reports BSS.

He said about two crore and 24 lakhs of identity cards have been prepared so far and of them, near one crore 39 lakhs have been distributed among the voters. Concerned Deputy Commissioners and district election officers have been directed to distribute the remaining 85 lakhs prepared cards from the third week of December, he added.

Pasha was presiding over a meeting of the high officials of different publicity departments to intensify the publicity programmes on the Voter ID Card Project held at the Election Commission office.

Referring to the activities of the second phase of the project, which started on November 22 last, he said camps for taking photographs of the voters on different dates at different areas will remain open till May 22.

He urged all concerned to collect the date and schedule of the camps from respective union parishads, city corporation and municipality offices or the concerned offices of the assistant registration officer and thana election officer.

The secretary sought cooperation from the people including the publicity departments for successful implementation of the project.

Additional Secretary of the Information Ministry D N Bapary and high officials of the

Election Commission Secretariat, Bangladesh Betar, Bangladesh Television, Press Information Departments, Mass Communication Directorate, Department of Films and Publications and the Voter ID Card Project attended the meeting.

## Sweden to give \$22.5m for rehabilitation of flood victims

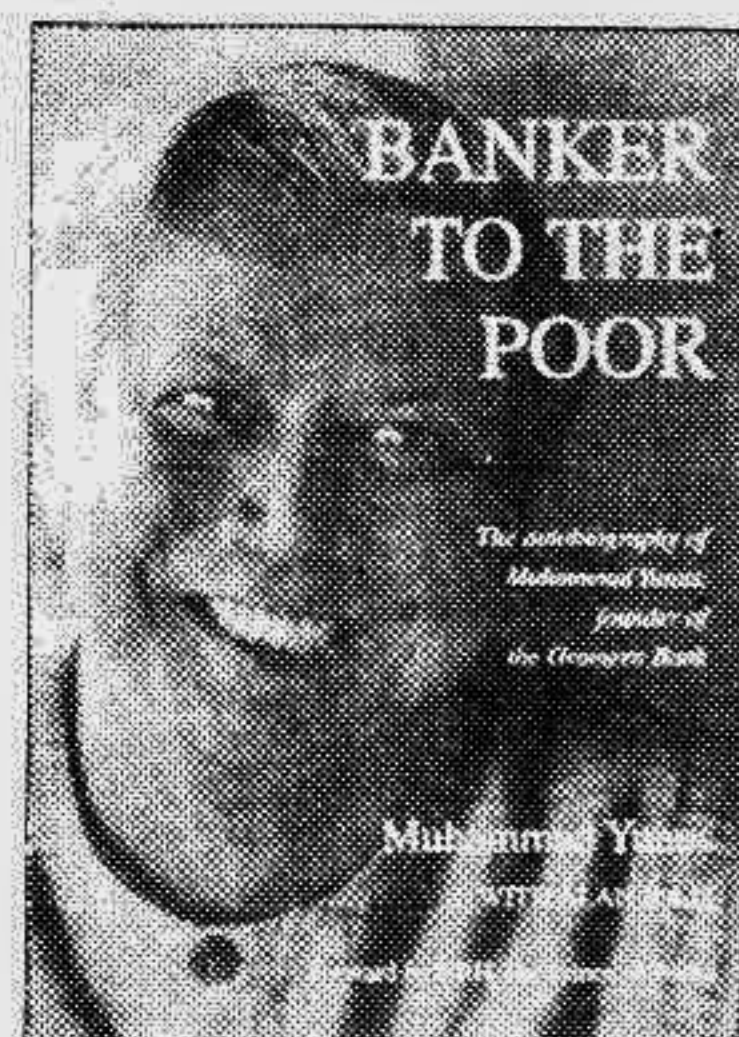
Swedish government will provide Bangladesh a grant of SEK 180 million (equivalent to 22.5 million US dollars) for rehabilitation of those affected in the recent floods, reports APB.

The Swedish cabinet at its meeting on Thursday took the decision. The grant will be given through the Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency (SIDA), said a press release here today (Monday).

The floods in 1998 destroyed or damaged projects and activities that were partly financed by Swedish development assistance, said the release.

It said that the grant would be used to mitigate the sufferings of the flood-affected people. The overall objective is to help poor people, especially women and children, in rural areas, it said.

The grant would also be utilised for reconstruction of infrastructure, resumption of profitable activities, rebuilding of houses and supply of drinking water, it added.



## S Asian edition of Prof Yunus' biography released

The South Asian edition of the English version of Bankers to the Poor was released yesterday simultaneously from Bangladesh, Pakistan and India, reports UNB.

'Bankers to the Poor' a biographical account of Dr Muhammad Yunus, founder of Grameen Bank, was published by the University Press limited in association with Arun Press Ltd of UK, said a UPL press release.

The French, German, Italian, Spanish, Japanese, and the Portuguese editions of the book launched last month has been acclaimed by hundreds of thousands of readers all over the world.

The book is considered to be an appeal for action as credit is regarded as the last hope left to those faced with absolute poverty, the press release added.

## What's on today . . .

**Bangla Academy discussion:** A discussion meeting on Bangla Literature: Attainments of 20th century will be held as part of Bangla Academy's programmes on *Amar Ekushey*. Prof Selim Al Din will present a paper on evolution of Bangla play. Venue: Academy premises. Time: 4 pm. A musical programme will also be held in the evening.

**Festival of Contemporary Plays:** A Theatre Centre production 'Shamukbus' will be staged at the festival of Contemporary Plays of Bangladesh. Organiser: Bangladesh Centre of the International Theatre Institute. Venue: Mahila Samity Monch. Time: 7 pm.

**Int'l Monoplay Festival:** A Theatre production 'Kokilara' will be staged at the International Monoplay Festival. Organiser: Bangladesh Centre of the International Theatre Institute. Venue: Guide House, Baily Road. Time: 7 pm.

**Planning meet:** The Dhaka divisional planning meet on municipal election observation of the Coordinating Council for Human Rights in Bangladesh will be held. Venue: Community Development Library auditorium. Time: 3 pm.

**Annual conference:** The *Eid* reunion; annual conference and election of the Chandra Janakalyan Samity. Dhaka will be held. Venue: Engineers' Institution auditorium, Ramna. Time: 4 pm.

**Eid reunion:** The *Eid* reunion programme of the Chandra Janakalyan Samity, Dhaka will be held. Venue: Engineers' Institution auditorium, Ramna. Time: 6 pm.

**Club meet:** The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Ramna will be held. Rtn Mehboob Chowdhury, Director, Sales and Marketing of Grameen Phone will speak on 'Grameen Phone'. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Club meet:** Rotary Club of Shahbagh will hold its weekly meeting. Venue: Officers' Club, Baily Road. Time: 6 pm.

**Club meet:** The Rotary Club of Dhaka New City will hold its weekly meeting. Venue: Vintage Restaurant, Rd 28, Dhanmondi. Time: 5:45 pm.

## Weather

### Dry weather forecast

Weather is likely to remain dry across the country in next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports APB.

Met Office said night temperature may rise slightly over Chittagong, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and no appreciable change in temperature is expected elsewhere over the country.

The country's lowest temperature 12.8 degree Celsius was recorded at Srimangal and the highest 34.0 degrees at Sylhet.

The sun sets today at 5:54 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:31 am.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Min	Max	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	16.6	31.5	57	42
Chittagong	17.7	31.7	74	66
Rajshahi	12.9	29.0	58	51
Khulna	15.8	31.0	67	49
Barisal	15.0	30.8	78	69
Sylhet	16.9	34.0	67	64
Cox's Bazar	20.4	30.0	65	63

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Interested candidates may send their CV's along with two copies of recent passport size photographs to the following address latest by February 28, 1999. Please indicate the position applied for on the envelope.

Personnel Department, BRAC, BRAC Centre  
75 Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212

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## CLARIFICATION

Following a BTV broadcast, featured in the "Pariprekshith" Program (পরিপ্রেক্ষিত) on 7th February 1999, regarding drinking water, we received numerous calls from our valued customers inquiring about our Alpinefresh water quality. It was unfortunate, the program did not cover the whole range of mineral water or purified water industry, they picked up a few and gave a generalised impression to the public. We take this opportunity to reiterate that our brand **Alpinefresh was not featured in the program nor was enquired about.**

To clarify our position, we have invited the program organisers to visit our factory and to see the quality and production of purified water for a follow up program.

Alpinefresh factory was established with American machineries and the latest technology and was established with the approval of BSTI and the Directorate of Environment and we claim Alpinefresh water is, perhaps the **best drinking water in Bangladesh and can be compared with any drinking water in the world.** Our water purification system is a continuous process and is regularly tested at ICDDR.B Lab. and we are confident of our product and the quality.

Local as well as, foreign consultants, environmental specialists, doctors, research students, scientist, engineers have visited our plant in connection with quality testing or research work and have expressed their full satisfaction.

**We reassure our customers to drink the water without any hesitation.**

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## Sylhet Press Club team meets Shahabuddin

An eight-member delegation of Sylhet Metropolitan Press Club, led by its convenor Md Abdur Razzaque, called on President Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports BSS.

The members of the delegation apprised the president of their professional problems and urged him to help materialise their efforts for formation of a journalist welfare fund.

President Shahabuddin gave them a patient hearing and said that he would look into their problems.

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### TENDER DOCUMENT NO. 4

**TURNKEY CONTRACT NO. 30500/4 FOR**

230/132 kV SUBSTATION EQUIPMENT INCLUDING CIVIL WORKS AT RAMPURA

No. 01/PGCB/Fec/99/84

Date : February 10, 1999

## INVITATION FOR TENDERS

1. The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan under the Ninth Power Project [Loan No. 1505-BAN (SF)] from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in various currencies towards the cost of the "Meghnahat Power Station Associated Transmission Lines Project" and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments for design, supply, delivery, installation and testing of equipment for substation turnkey contracts.

2. This Tender covers Contract 30500/4. The goods, materials and equipment to be supplied and installed, hereinafter referred to as "the Works" are as follows:

- (a) Design, supply, installation and testing of a new 230/132 kV substation at Rampura including seven single phase 75 MVA auto transformers, auxiliary transformers and associated ancillary equipment and civil works.
- (b) Supply, installation and testing Power line carrier (PLC) and communication equipment at Rampura.
- (c) Supply of a set of reference engineering and design Standards.

3. All the Works under this turnkey Contract shall be completed within 30 months, from the date of signing of the Contract.

4. The Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd (PGCB), hereafter referred to as "the Employer", now invites sealed Tenders from eligible tenderers from member countries of the ADB for the substation turnkey contract Works described in the Specification herein for the purposes of the Project.

5. This invitation to tender is open to all tenderers from ADB member countries. Interested eligible tenderers may obtain further information on the tender form and inspect the bidding documents at the office of:

The Company Secretary  
Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd.  
House No. 1/A, Road No. 13, 5th Floor  
Dhanmondi Residential Area  
Dhaka-1209, Bangladesh.  
Tel : 880-2-823226, 880-2-823228, Fax : 880-2-823227

6. A complete set of tendering documents may be purchased by any interested eligible tenderer on the submission of a written application to the Company Secretary, PGCB at the above address and upon payment of a non refundable fee of Bangladesh Taka 20,000 (twenty thousand) only in the form of Pay Order/Demand Draft in favour of the Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd.

7. All tenderers will be expected to be suitably qualified to undertake a project of this type and size. To be eligible for Tender evaluation and subsequent award of contract the tenderer is to return with his Tender satisfactory evidence of his capability, past experience record, adequacy of resources to carry out contract and reports on the financial standing of the tenderer.

8. A two-envelope tendering procedure will be followed. One sealed envelope marked "Technical Proposal" will consist of the technical aspects only without any reference to prices and the other sealed envelope marked "Financial Proposal" will consist of the financial aspects.

Both the Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal must be delivered simultaneously to the following address:

"Original" plus 5 copies to:

The Company Secretary  
Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd.  
House No. 1/A, Road No. 13, 5th Floor  
Dhanmondi Residential Area  
Dhaka-1209, Bangladesh.

not later than 11.00 am local time on April 05, 1999.

The Technical Proposal will be opened immediately thereafter in public, in the presence of the tenderers' representatives, if any.

9. The Technical Proposals received will be examined for responsiveness based solely on the technical aspects submitted.

10. The Financial Proposal envelopes will be opened in the presence of the tenderers' representatives who may choose to attend at the time and date at the address to be advised by the Employer after approval of the ADB of the evaluation of the Technical Proposals.

11. The Technical Proposal must be accompanied by a Tender Security of the sum not less than US\$ 350,000. or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency, payable in favour of the Secretary, PGCB and must be delivered to the PGCB at or before the deadline for submission of tenders stated in Clause 8 above. The Tender shall be rejected due to non-submission of the said Tender security.

12. The PGCB will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by tenderers in connection with the preparation or delivery of Tenders, including costs and expenses related to visits to the sites of installation of the Works.

13. The tenderer must submit a Tender for the main offer. Alternative Tenders, which do not conform to the specifications but meet the performance prescribed in, or the objectives of, the specifications, may be submitted. However, only the alternative Tender of the tenderer whose main Tender is the lowest evaluated Tender will be considered.

14. A domestic preference scheme will be applied for the supply of local materials and domestically manufactured goods and equipment from within Bangladesh in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the Instructions to Tenders. No domestic preference shall be accorded for any associated services included with the Tenders.

(Mohammed Salim)

Company Secretary

Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd.

House No. 1/A, Road No. 13, 5th Floor

Dhanmondi Residential Area

Dhaka-1209, Bangladesh.



## Directorate General Defence Purchase

Ministry of Defence

New Airport Road

Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

## Tender Notice

- Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide traders/manufacturers/hoarders (enlisted with this directorate general and the firms applied for enlistment) for purchasing the following products in local currency for Bangladesh Navy.

Serial No	Description of products and number	Date of sale		Date of opening	Currency	Tender No
		From	To			
a)	Semi rotary hand pump- Number - 12	22-2-99	to 18-3-99	21-3-99	In local currency	5947/NP-4
b)	Portable arc welding set. Number - 06	Do		Do	Do	5948/NP-4
c)	Portable electric power planner. Number - 01	Do		Do	Do	5949/NP-4
d)	Portable electric circular 'Sa'. Number - 01	Do		Do	Do	5950/NP-4
e)	Portable electric chain 'Sa'. Number - 01	Do		Do	Do	5951/NP-4
f)	PA System. Number - 04 set	Do		Do	Do	5957/NP-4

- Tenders with necessary ruling/terms and conditions can be procured within the said date of sale in any working day from the directorate general during office hours from 0800 hours to 1300 hours on cash payment (non-refundable). Tenders can be dropped into the tender box on the day fixed for opening till 1000 hours and will be opened the same day at 1005 hours in presence of the tenderers (if anyone remains present).

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Commander BN

For Director General