

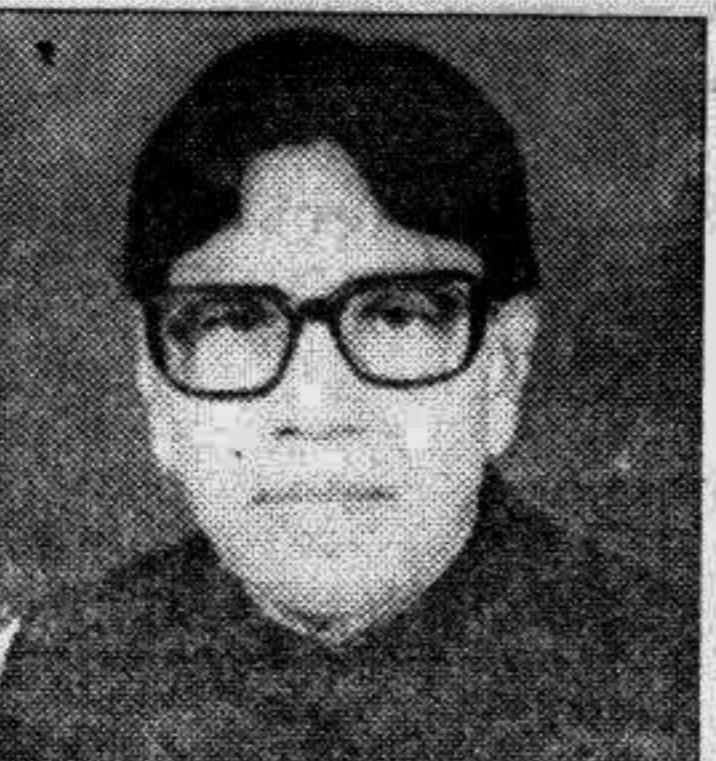
What's on today....

Furniture exhibition: The second solo exhibition on 'Designed and Hand Painted Furniture' by Arham-ul-Huq Chowdhury will begin. The exhibition will remain open from 3 pm to 8 pm daily till August 27. Venue: DRK Gallery. House: 58, Rd: 15A (N) Dhamondi.

CPB discussion: Communist Party of Bangladesh has organised a discussion meeting to mark the National Mourning Day. Venue: Central party office, 21/1, Purana Paltan.

ICMAB discussion: Dhaka Branch Council of Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh (ICMAB) has organised a discussion meeting and *Milad Mafhi* to mark the National Mourning Day. Chief guest: Minister for Food and Agriculture Begum Matia Chowdhury. Venue: ICMA auditorium, Nilkhel. Time: 6:30 pm.

Special prayer: Mahanagar Sarbojon Puja Committee had take up a day-long programme and special prayer session to mark the National Mourning Day. Venue: Dhakeshwari Jatiya Mandir. Time: 5 pm.



Momin Talukder's death anniversary

The fourth death anniversary of Abdul Momin Talukder, a former minister of the Bangabandhu's cabinet, will be observed today, says a press release.

A veteran of the 1952 Language Movement and one of the experts in body for framing Constitution of Bangladesh, Talukder was elected member of the parliament several times from the Belukuchi constituency under the Serajganj district. Until his death, he was member of the Advisory Council of the Awami League.

The late leader's family will feed poor people near the Banani graveyard today.

Saifur

From Page 1 accord and CHT peace agreement, he said BNP government could have easily signed those much earlier but didn't want to do that the way Awami League government has done.

About the government decision to 'provide transhipment facility to India', Saifur said the government didn't take this important decision in a transparent and democratic way.

Bangladesh's road communication network is not ready for transit because the roads, bridges and culverts are in a very bad condition. "It would not be possible to make the network ready for movement of heavy trucks and vehicles even in the next five years," he noted.

Rather, he said, the proposed Trans Asian Railway is much more realistic and better than the proposed road transit.

Referring to the commerce and industries' minister's remarks on tax-free export of 25 items from Bangladesh, he asked, "Do we have 25 exportable items? Is production of any of our items is so huge that we can export it to a country like India? How many crores of taka we will earn through export?"

The others who spoke included M K Anwar MP, Abdul Mannan MP, MA Taher, Abul Khair Babu, Dr Raheen Fazlun Nur and Advocate Shahidur Rahman Chowdhury.

Minister's son

From page 12 bidding" alleged the local agent of a foreign company, which has responded, and declared technically qualified, on all the three occasions.

The first tender was called on April 2, 1998 while the last date for response was May 26, 1998.

The primary condition for submitting tenders was that a company had to have the experience of setting at least one planetarium cum large format movie projection in the last five years. The conditions also included the experience of operation and maintenance of such a project in a foreign country.

Five foreign companies responded to the tender. They are USA based C. Melchers GmbH, Canada based Imax Corporation, Germany based Carl Zeiss Jena, Japan based Tomen Corporation and another Japan based company Goto Optical.

Of them, the first three companies - C. Melchers GmbH, Imax Corporation and Carl Zeiss Jena - became ineligible. Documents show, all the three companies failed to fulfil the same sets of primary conditions. So they were rightly declared unqualified.

Besides, the Imax Corporation offered 10,000 stars of 6.5 magnitude each and the Carl Zeiss Jena 9,100 stars of 6.5 magnitude each, while government asked for 25,000 stars of 7.4 magnitude each.

The Tomen Corporation and the Goto Optical fulfilled all the pre-conditions in the technical bidding.

But the government went for re-tender on July 29, 1998 and the last date for response was September 29. But the same companies responded and result was also same: The first three companies once again failed to qualify.

The government called tender for the third time. The last date for opening the tender was June 29 this year. The financial bidding is scheduled to take place tomorrow.

Earlier, the government examined the technical offers of the companies, but did not do the marking, which is an essential pre-condition for examining the two-envelope system tenders.

Allegation is there that the authorities concerned have violated rules just to provide the job to another company, the local agent of which is the son of a minister.

That particular company has been invited to take part in the financial bidding, while Imax Corporation was not. Both the companies failed to qualify in the previous rounds on the same grounds.

Father indeed!

SHERPUR, Aug 14: An enraged father slaughtered his son and then attempted to commit suicide at Kandapara in the town on Friday, reports UNB.

Police said Asaduzzaman attacked his son Sharif, 12, while he was sleeping and slaughtered him following quarrel with his wife in the afternoon.

Police arrested the father and is now under treatment at Sadar Hospital. The body was sent to morgue for autopsy.

Police resorted to baton-charge and fired several teargas shells to quell the mob who damaged passing vehicles outside the stadium during the clash.

Trond Moe, Managing Director, GrameenPhone, handed over few handsets with GrameenPhone connections to Akku Chowdhury, Director, Liberation War Museum, recently. GrameenPhone presented these connections to facilitate the excavation work that is going on at Mirpur slaughterhouse ground in search of remains of martyrs of the Liberation War. Grameen Telecom sponsored the handsets. Mahboob Hossain, DGM Sales, and Intekhab Mahmud, Marketing Manager of GrameenPhone were also present.



Bangladesh Mohila Awami League, the women front of the ruling Awami League, brought out a procession to mark the National Mourning Day in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Nat'l Mourning Day programmes

The National Mourning Day and the 24th death anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman will be observed in the city and elsewhere in the country with due honour and solemnity today, report agencies.

Bangabandhu along with most of his family members were killed on this day in 1975.

Different socio-cultural, political organizations and educational institutions have chalked out elaborate programmes to mark the day.

The National Mourning Day programmes include lowering the national and organisational flags at a half-mast, wearing black badges and holding mourning processions, rallies, discussions, special prayers and *Milad Mafhi*.

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