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Contact Rezaul Haq Chowdhury Mushtaq, General Secretary, Chittagong Association at the above address for inspection and other details.

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**Government of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD)**
Dhaka Road Divn, Banani, Dhaka

**RHD Notice Inviting Sealed
Tender in BD Form No. 2911**

- Tender Notice No : 14/RDD of 1999-2000.
- Name of work : Surfacing work at different km of Tongi-Ashulia-EPZ Road in 10 (ten) groups under Road Division, Dhaka during the year 1999-2000.
- Estimated cost : As per group list shown in the schedule.
- Earnest money : As per group list in BDTC/NDS certificate in favour of Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Divn, Dhaka from any scheduled bank.
- Time allowed : As per group list shown in the schedule.
- Eligibility of contractor : As per group list shown in the schedule.
- Name of offices availability of tender documents : Offices of the Divisional Commissioner, Segunbagicha, Dhaka/ Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Dhaka/ Manikganj/ Munshiganj/Narsingdi/ Narayan-ganj/Gazipur/ Bridge Design Divn.-1 (Eastern) Bridge Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/Planning & Design Divn, Dhaka Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/SDE (RHD), Road Sub-Divn-I/II/Kallyanpur, Dhaka.
- Name of offices to receive the tender bids : Offices of the Divisional Commissioner, Segunbagicha, Dhaka/ Superintending Engineer (RHD), Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka/ Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/ Procurement & Monitoring Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Dhaka/SDE RHD, Road Sub-Divn.-I/II/Kallyanpur, Dhaka.
- Last date of selling of tender documents : Up to office hours on 30.8.99.
- Date of receiving of tender documents : Up to 12:30 PM on 31.8.99.
- Date of opening of tender documents : At 12:45 PM on 5.9.99.
- Date of lottery (if required) : At 11:00 AM on 8.9.99 in the Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Divn, Dhaka.

N.B: The tender will not be opened in the respective offices as such the receiving officers are requested to send the tender received by them in sealed condition to the office of the undersigned before the date of opening.

Arifur Rahman
Executive Engineer (RHD)
Dhaka Road Divn, Banani, Dhaka.

DFP-18075-18/8
G-1542

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- Tender Notice No : 11/RDD of 1999-2000.
- Name of work : Emergent lane marking painting work, with best quality (Barzer/Elite) road marking paint & cementing, washing of road divider at 19th KM (both side) of Banani-Tongi-Joydebpur Road under Road Division, Dhaka during the year 1999-2000. (Ch 19+00 to 20+00 M).
- Estimated cost : Tk 1,59,873/-
- Earnest money : Tk 3,197/- in BD TC/NDS certificate in favour of Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Divn, Dhaka from any scheduled bank.
- Time allowed : 10 (ten) days from the date of issue of work order.
- Eligibility of contractor : 'A' to 'E' general category enlistee contractor of RHD.
- Name of offices availability of tender documents : Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Dhaka/Manikganj/ Munshiganj/Narsingdi/Narayan-ganj/Gazipur/ Planning & Design Divn, Dhaka Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/SDE (RHD), Road Sub-Divn I/II/Kallyanpur, Dhaka.
- Name of offices to receive the tender bids : Superintending Engineer (RHD), Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka/Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Dhaka/SDE, RHD, Road Sub-Divn I/II/Kallyanpur, Dhaka.
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- Date of opening of tender documents : At 12:45 PM on 1-9-99.
- Date of lottery (if required) : At 11:00 AM on 6-9-99 in the office of the Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Divn, Dhaka.

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Police put up a barricade on the Purana Paltan highway during hartal hours yesterday to restrict the movement of pro-hartal activists. — Star photo

**Experts at roundtable say
Standard of computer training
available not satisfactory**

The government is going to establish an institute of information technology being highly dissatisfied with giant computer training centres that charge higher amounts of money but produce lower-standard software personnel, reports UNB.

Bengali daily Bhorer Kagoj and Business Information and Advisory Services Ltd jointly organised the discussion at a high time when computer is on the threshold of reshaping life and livelihood in Bangladesh.

"Computer training in Bangladesh is very costly. But its standards are not out of question," said country's leading computer personality, Prof Jamilur Reza Chowdhury of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology.

The former adviser of caretaker government and chief of JRC Committee that worked for flourishing computer sector in the country further doubted whether the trainees were really capable of working after the training.

Describing standards of country's software personnel as "ignominious", another computer foremost, Dr Zafar Iqbal, said the training institutes were taking huge money but not rearing real programmers.

"Standings of the minnows don't come in for scrutiny at all. But what the big centres are doing? They have come here only for business. They will not build our software industry," said Executive Director of the government-run Bangladesh Computer Council Abdus Sobhan.

Naming NIIT and Aptech he said the country shouldn't expect a major development from them as India annually gets only one per cent of its computer manpower from the two houses, known as the biggest.

"World-standard programmers will not come out from there. They can produce personnel like construction workers for a building, can't produce its architect or engineer," Sobhan said.

The criticisms against the training schools, particularly giants NIIT and Aptech, were made at a roundtable on "Information Technology in Bangladesh: Barriers and Search for Solution" here on Saturday.

Taking part in the brain-storming parleys Rizwan Bin Faruq of Aptech defended that the basic reason for good computer personnel not coming out is language problem. "Our boys

and girls are very weak in English for which they can't excel."

Bangladesh Computer Samity General Secretary Ahmed Hasan Jewel supported him, questioning what the situation was before NIIT and Aptech came in here. "Problems lie with everything in the first one or two years of anything taking off."

"What is out of business at this time of free market economy? Obviously they have also come for business by providing training. We shouldn't expect anything great from them. We should also not be sentimental that money is going to India. If not there, then it would go to London."

With such grievances and suggestion from experts for intensive training, Joint Secretary of Science and Technology Ministry Maruf Mannan disclosed the government decision on setting up the IT institute.

As Prof Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, Dr Zafar Iqbal, Abdus Sobhan and other experts suggested 16 plus 4 plus 9 months' intensive training for software personnel, he said the institute would go for functioning in November with such training courses.

Maruf Mannan also informed that work for setting up the much-talked-about IT village would also start shortly.

"As slum-dwellers have been occupying the allotted 47 acres of land at Mohakhali, we're preparing to start work on how much land could be found cleared now."

Head of Computer Science Department at the BUET Dr Kalkobad was among the experts who declined to see it as braindrain while Bangladesh Computer Samity President Afabul Islam said how they could be held back when minimum wages for computer engineers are yet to be decided.

The roundtable was addressed also by Acting Editor or Bhorer Kagoj Benjir Ahmed, Dr Devapriya Bhattacharya, Dr Mahbubul Haq and ATM Manirul Alam of BTB, A Towhid of BASIS, Naim Ahmed of BIASL, Mahbub Zaman of Datasoft and Barrister Tanjib Ul Alam.

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During the meeting, the Bangladesh Minister briefed him of the way and means for an expanded trade and commercial volume between Bangladesh and Myanmar.

Myanmar Foreign Minister and Bangladesh Ambassador to Myanmar were present.

Earlier, the Bangladesh Minister along with Bangladesh delegation visited the Bangladesh monastery and talked to the monks and students. He advised them to be model citizen of Bangladesh in order to brighten the country's image.

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In the afternoon, Myanmar Deputy Minister for Forests U Thaik Tun briefed the Bangladesh Minister on the massive afforestation projects undertaken in upper Myanmar.

BANGLADESH SHIPPING CORPORATION, DHAKA

**INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT TENDER
NOTICE FOR TRANSPORTATION
OF CRUDE OIL**

OFFERS ARE INVITED FROM VESSEL OWNERS/ AGENTS/BROKERS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF 100,000 METRIC TONS (5% MORE OR LESS SUPPLIER'S OPTION) ARABIAN LIGHT CRUDE OIL FROM RASTANURA, SAUDI ARABIA TO CHITTAGONG UNDER LIFTING LAYCAN RASTANURA, SAUDI ARABIA 31 AUGUST, 1999 ON ACCOUNT OF BANGLADESH PETROLEUM CORPORATION (BPC). FREIGHT TENDER SCHEDULE (DETAIL TERMS AND CONDITIONS) MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES DURING OFFICE HOURS ON OR BEFORE 26 AUGUST, 1999 ON PAYMENT OF TAKA 200.00 (TAKA TWO HUNDRED) ONLY:-

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- ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT, BANGLADESH SHIPPING CORPORATION, "BSC BHABAN" SALTGOLA ROAD, CHITTAGONG.

FREIGHT TENDER CLOSING 1000 HRS (BST) ON 29 AUGUST, 1999.

GENERAL MANAGER
(CHARTERING & TRAMPING DEPARTMENT)
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**'Peace essential
for survival
of all art'**

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad said yesterday world peace is essential for flourishing and survival of all sorts of art which apart from providing entertainment to millions, reaffirm human bondage, and mutual respect among nations, reports BSS.

He was speaking as the chief guest at a function marking the fifth foundation anniversary of International Centre for Study of Bengal Art (ICSBA) last evening. Azad said the Sheikh of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been working to project our arts and culture in the outside world through foreign missions and other cultural activities.

Presided over by the founder of the ICSBA Dr Enamul Haque, the function was also addressed by Prof Salauddin Ahmed, Prof Abu Inan, and the Netherlands ambassador to Bangladesh, Mr Dick Den Haas Prof Frederick M Asher, of Department of Art History of Minnesota University presented the key note paper on Bengal art and culture on the occasion.

Dwelling on the role of art and culture, the Foreign Minister said while disputes divide nations, art binds their people from beneath and brings them even closer. Appreciating the role of the ICSBA, Azad said it is going to play a significant role in the study and dissemination of knowledge about Bengal art.

**Housewife hacked
to death in Ctg**

From Our Correspondent
CHITTAGONG, Aug 22: One young housewife was hacked to death by her husband at Fakir-herut under Double Mooring thana here last night.

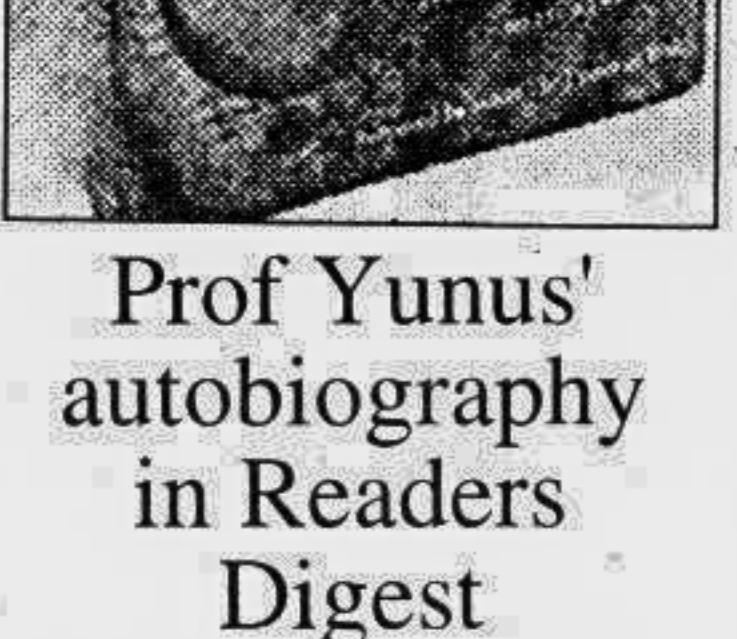
The victim identified as Paira Barua, 23, was mercilessly chopped with a sharp weapon called dao by her husband Babul Barua following a feud at around midnight yesterday. Being bruised all over with one of her hands cut off, Paira Barua died on way to hospital.

Paira's cousin Sanjib Barua filed a case accusing Babul.

**Statue of Lord
Bisnu found**

COMILLA, Aug 22: A statue of Lord Bisnu worth about Tk three crore was found in a village in Laksam thana of the district today, police said, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip, a police team recovered the 73-kg square shaped statue abandoned in a paddy field of Dambazar village in Azgura union.



**Prof Yunus'
autobiography
in Readers
Digest**

By Staff Correspondent
Readers Digest, the world's most widely read magazine has printed the autobiography of Professor Muhammad Yunus — "Banker to the Poor" as one of its selections in its condensed English versions of the best five non-fiction books of the year.

The other four books in this year's Reader's Digest condensed selection titled "Today's Best Non-fiction" are Hijack, Forgiving the Dead Man Walking, The Spice Island Voyage and Gary Cooper.

"Banker to the Poor" has also been included in the French edition of Reader's Digest's non-fiction books.

The autobiography of Prof Yunus who has been acclaimed internationally for his success in micro-credit work through the Grameen Bank was first published in French from Paris in 1997. It has also been reprinted in different countries in German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Japanese and Dutch. The English version was published in 1998 from London, and in 1999 by the University Press Limited (UPL) in Dhaka.

**UPDF protests
eviction of 12
refugee families**

By DU Correspondent
United Peoples Democratic Front (UPDF) yesterday protested the eviction of 12 Jammu refugee families from a temporary transit camp at Dighenala in Khagrachari recently, without any plan of rehabilitation.

In a statement, Prosit B Kheesha, convener of UPDF condemned the incident and said, "the government have failed to return the refugees to their homes and land after repatriated from India for about 18 months."

**Railway Safety
Week begins
in Ctg**

CHITTAGONG, Aug 22: Observance of Bangladesh Railway (East Zone) Safety Week began here today, a Railway press release said, reports BSS.

The Railway Safety Week was inaugurated by the Additional General Manager of BDR Din Mohammad at a simple function.

Movement of trains on schedule time, improved passenger services and awakening the Railway officers and employees about their responsibilities are the objectives behind the observance of the Week, the press release added.

Accounts Executive Wanted

Airspan Ltd. GSA for Uzbekistan Airways invites application to fill up the position of an Accounts Executive with immediate effect. Candidates having minimum 3 (three) years working experience in an Airline's GSA or large Travel Agency, should only apply. Candidates, who have completed CA Course and have computer literacy will get preference.

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67, Naya Paltan, Dhaka

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**Bangladesh Water
Development Board**

Notice Regarding Cancellation of Tender
Due to changed situation all activities of the invited Tender Notice No 02/1999-2000 of Rajshahi O&M Division-I, BWDB, Rajshahi is hereby cancelled.

Md Ismail Hossain
Executive Engineer (CC)
Rajshahi O&M Division-I
BWDB, Rajshahi.

PANI-27/1999-2000
GD-745

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সময়মতো সঠিক বিদ্যুৎ বিল পরিশোধ করুন
সরকারকে ফাঁকি দেয়ার প্রবণতা বন্ধ করুন

Invitation of Local Tender

1. Local sealed tenders are invited by BPDB Project Director, 18-Towns Power Distribution Project from renowned manufacturers/authorised agents for the procurement of brand new vehicles for 18-Towns Power Distribution Project, as detailed below:-

SL	Tender Enquiry No & Date	Description of Equipment/Materials	Quantity	Cost of Tender Document	Tender Receiving and Opening Date
1.	PUR-18T/Vehicle/99 Dt.03.08.99	Supply of brand new with advance facilities vehicle along with accessories (as per technical specifications stated in the tender document): a. Jeep (Diesel), Latest Model (preferably 1999 model), 1500 CC to 2350 CC (preferably lower displacement), 3-door, 4 cylinder, 7-seats (including driver seat) OR (Alternate Proposal) Jeep (Petrol), Latest Model (preferably 1999 model), 1500CC to 2350CC (preferably lower displacement), 3-door, 4-cylinder, 7 seats (including driver)	3 No.	Tk. 1,000/-	08.09.99
		b. Jeep (Diesel), Latest Model (preferably 1999 model), 1500 CC to 2500 CC (preferably lower displacement), 5-door, 4 cylinder, 7 seats (including driver seat) OR (Alternate Proposal) Jeep (Petrol), Latest Model (preferably 1999 model), 1500CC to 2350CC (preferably lower displacement), 5-door, 4-cylinder, 7 seats (including driver)	1 No.		
2.		Supply of brand new with advance facilities vehicle along with accessories (as per technical specifications stated in the tender document): a. Petrol Car, 1250CC to 1300 CC, 4 cylinder, 4-door, 5-seats	1 No.		

2. A complete set of tender documents may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of written application to the undersigned and upon payment of non-refundable fee of Taka as mentioned in column-5 above against the tender in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of Deputy Director, RAO, P & CO, PDB, Dhaka.

3. A bid bond equivalent to 5% of the offered price (highest price as quoted) shall be submitted with tender.

4. Tender will be received in the office of the undersigned up to 11:00 AM and will be opened at 11:15 AM in the prescribed date as mentioned in column-6 above in presence of the intending bidders or their representatives, if any. Tender shall neither be sent by post nor it will be sold on the opening day. Offer send by Post/Telex/DHL/Fax will neither be received nor it will be accepted.

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Project Director
18-Towns Power Distribution Project
BPDB, Dhaka.