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By Staff Correspondent

Workers Party would observe Resistance Day throughout the country on October 28 to protest a series of anti-national activities, said a press release.

On the 'Resistance Day', the Workers Party would bring out processions and hold rallies protesting "leaving out of oil-gas resources to multinationals, ploy of exporting gas without meeting domestic requirements, leasing of Chittagong Port to a US company for 198 years in name of setting up private container port."

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Mayukh Chowdhury's birth anniversary celebrations

From CU Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Oct 20: The 50th birth anniversary of noted poet Mayukh Chowdhury will be celebrated on October 22.

A discussion meeting will be held on the occasion at the Zila Parishad (district council) auditorium in the afternoon.

Presided over by Professor Mohammad Khaled, editor of the Daily Azadi, Professor Harishankar Jaldas will read the key-note on Mayukh Chowdhury.

Poets Arun Das Gupta, Abul Momen, Shaopon Datta and Mohibul Aziz will also be present as discussants.

German Film Festival begins Oct 24

A five-day German Film Festival begins at Goethe Institut Sunday, marking the celebrations of 50 years of Germany, reports UNB.

German Embassy has organised the film week titled "50 Years of the Federal Republic of Germany-50 years of the German Film", said a press release yesterday.

The movies to be screened are The Tim Drum, Man of Straw, The Bridge, Comedian Harmonists, The Mark of Stones, Faust, Tadellos and Wolf, The Little Attorney, Knockin on Heaven's Door, Black Rider, No More Mr Nice Guy and Rossini.

Release of religious leader demanded

By Staff Correspondent

A rally was brought out from the city's Paltan Juma Mosque yesterday demanding unconditional releases of the chairman of 'Al-Markajul Islami' Mufti Shahidul Islam and his associates, said a press release.

The Mufti was arrested earlier upon suspicion of his alleged connection with a recent bomb-planting incident.

Meanwhile, Al-Markajul Islami would organise a press conference at the Photo-Journalists Association auditorium in the city at 1 pm today to announce tough programmes in freeing its leaders, the press release added.



President Shahabuddin Ahmed exchanged pleasantries with the members of the Hindu community at Bangabhaban yesterday on the occasion of Durga Puja. — PID photo

Gold worth Tk 17 lakh seized at Zia

By Staff Correspondent

Customs surveillance team at the Zia International Airport arrested one person and seized 150 gold bars worth about Tk 77 lakh yesterday.

Customs officials in a press release said acting on a tip-off they stopped a passenger Hossain Mohammad arrived in Dhaka from Singapore.

Officials interrogated him and as per his confessional statement 150 gold bars were recovered from two toilets of a Bangladesh Biman flight.

The consignment was seized by the customs officials and Hossain was handed over to Cantonment thana.

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CHITTAGONG, Oct 20: A 13-member convening committee of Environment Journalists Forum was formed in Chittagong with Sayed Murtaza Ali and Shahed Siddiki as convenor and member secretary respectively.

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WANTED

A Multinational Company based in Chittagong is looking for a Chemist between 25-27 years of age having Honours and Masters in Chemistry (preferably Polymer Chemistry) with good academic records and practical knowledge in computers.

Candidates having the requisite qualifications may apply to 43/3 Chatteswari Road, Chittagong-4000 with a recent passport size photograph by October 30, 1999. D-665

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Sunamganj Public Works Division
Sunamganj

Tender Invitation Notice

No-06/1999-2000

- Tenders are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No 2911 from the special class I and class II building contractors approved by the Public Works Directorate, class III building contractors of Chittagong Public Works Zone, Chittagong, class III approved building contractors of Sylhet Public Works Circle (those who are registered under the section of Value Added Tax Act 1999 for the undermentioned work. Tenders can be submitted in the tender box kept at the office of the undersigned and the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Sylhet/Hobiganj/Moulvibazar till 12-00 Noon on 31.10.1999 and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 pm in presence of the intending tenderers (if any one remains present). Each tender will have to be deposited in a sealed envelope with its name superscribed on the envelopes.

Sl No	Name of work	Estimated expenditure	Earnest money	Time limit
1.	One in Sunamganj, out of construction projects in 44 district headquarters (Sub-head: Construction work of ration store close to Sunamganj district police line (Remaining works)	Tk 5,24,086/-	Tk 10,500/-	3 (three) months

- Tender document for work containing Bangladesh Form No 2911, design (if applicable), additional terms and conditions of work and rules and regulations can be purchased from all the offices of the Executive Engineers under Sylhet Public Works Circle during office hours on payment of Taka 425/- (four hundred and twenty-five) only for each set which is non-refundable. Interested contractor himself or in case of his representative authorisation letter with the attested signature can purchase tender by producing registration book till 28.10.1999 any day during office hours. But the tender with the signature other than the contractors will not be considered.

If more than one tenderer becomes the lowest tenderer by quoting the same rate, then one of them as the lowest tenderers will be selected by holding a lottery and the lottery will be held on 04.11.1999 at 12-00 Noon in the office chamber of the undersigned in presence of the tenderers concerned (if anyone remains present).

Mahmud Hasan Siraji
Executive Engineer
Sunamganj Public Works Division
Sunamganj

DFP-22902-13/10
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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Project Director
Integrated Food Assisted Development Project
House # 39A, Road # 11 (New)
Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1209

Memo No. IFADEP SP 2/163/97-98/1416 Dated: 12.10.99

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from Govt. bonafide suppliers/1st class contractor/ firms/trading companies for manufacturing/indentors for supplying of Low-Lift-pumps under the Integrated Food Assisted Development Project, Department of Fisheries.

Sl No	Name of work	Quantity	Earnest money	Time allowed for completion of works
1.	Supplying of Low-Lift Pumps (Engine, Pump, Accessories, Tools, etc)	200 set	1/2 of the quoted rate	30 days

A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any interested qualified Govt. 1st Class Contractors/Firms/Bonafide Suppliers/Trading companies for manufacturing/indentors on the submission of a written application including their trade license, experience certificate of minimum Tk. 35,00,000/- of similar works and copy of work order in a single contract, bank statement including financial balance of minimum Tk. 15,00,000.00 within the publication of tender notice and last schedule selling date, etc to the Project Director, Integrated Food Assisted Development Project, House # 39A, Road # 11 (New), Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1209 from the office of the undersigned and Divisional Commissioner Offices, Rajshahi/Khulna/Dhaka Division upto 17-00 hrs. on 01-11-99 on payment of Taka 775.00 per set (non-refundable) during office days. No document will be sold on the day of receiving tenders.

All bids must be accompanied by earnest money @ 1/2% (two and half per cent) of the total bid amount in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in favour of the Project Director, Integrated Food Assisted Development Project, House # 39A, Road # 11 (New), Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1209, Department of Fisheries, Dhaka.

Bids will be received upto 12-00 hrs on 02-11-99 in the above mentioned office of the Project Director, Integrated Food Assisted Development Project, House # 39A, Road # 11 (New), Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1209 and Divisional Commissioner offices of Dhaka/Rajshahi/Khulna Division. Bids will be opened in presence of any bidder's representatives (if present) at 12:30 hrs. on 04-11-99 at the office of the Project Director, Integrated Food Assisted Development Project, Department of Fisheries, House # 39A, Road # 11 (New), Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1209.

The following documents to be attached with the tender:

- Attested copies of a up-to-date enlistment as 1st class contractor (if any).
- Renewed up-to-date trade license.
- Performance and Guarantee certificates in respect of supply and Warranty certificates.
- Experience certificate of similar works of minimum Tk. 35,00,000.00 and copy of work order in a single contract.
- Income Tax clearance certificate upto the year 1997-98 or certificate from concerned income tax office that it is under process and ITN No.
- Bank solvency certificate and bank statement including financial balance of minimum Tk. 15,00,000.00 within the publication of tender notice and last schedule selling date.
- VAT registration certificate.

CD/VAT or any taxes of require must be paid by the suppliers/contractors.

The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bids partly or wholly without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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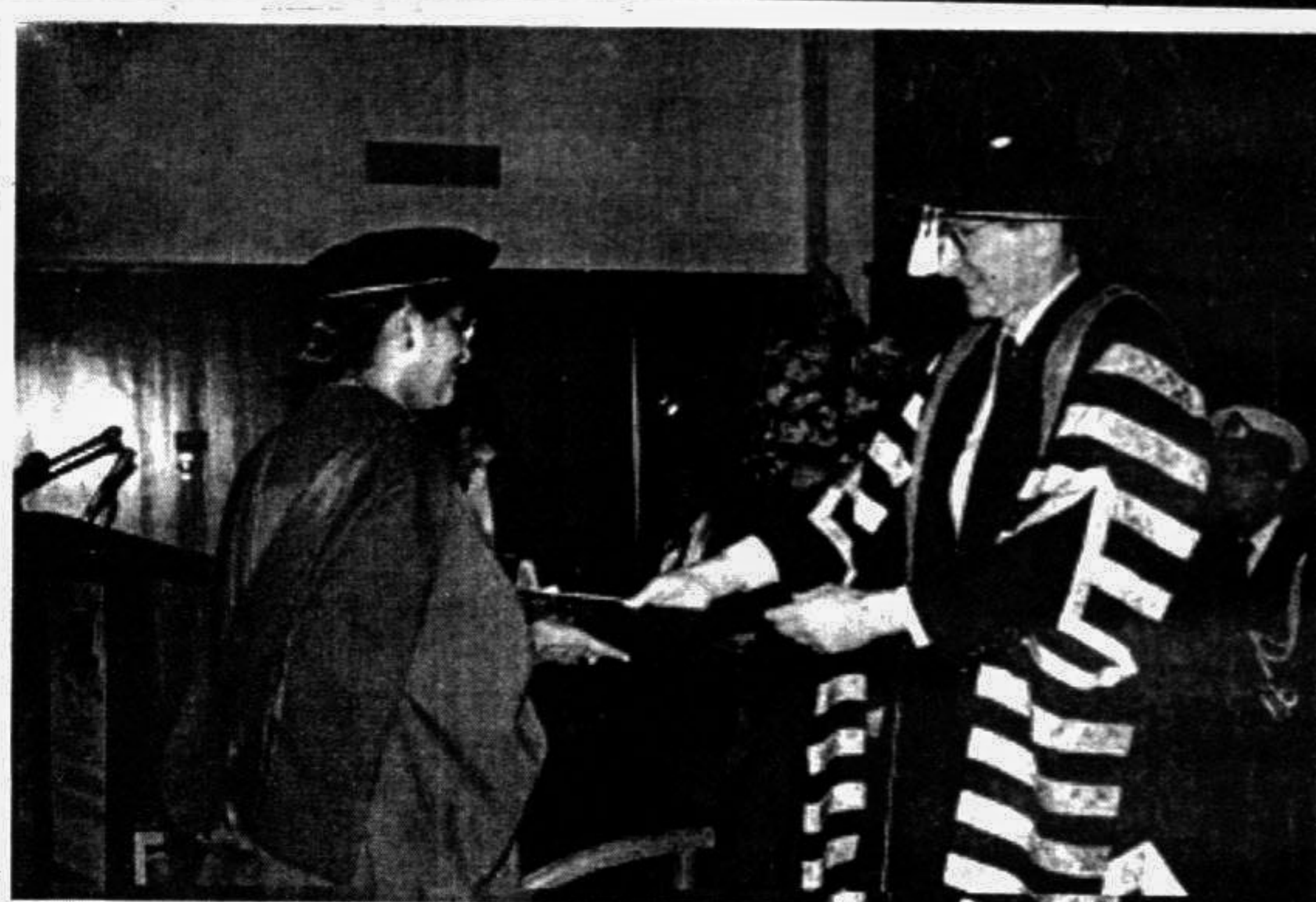
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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina receiving the honorary degree of Doctor of Law offered by the National University of Australia in Canberra yesterday. — PID photo

Country reiterates to offer venue for Asia-Pacific Training Centre

NEW YORK, Oct 20: Bangladesh has extended its support for setting up Rapid Deployable Mission Headquarters (RDMHQ) and reiterated to offer a venue for establishing peace-keeping training centre for Asia-Pacific countries, reports BSS.

Besides support to setup peace-keeping headquarters, Bangladesh is fully prepared to contribute military and civilian personnel to the RDMHQ, a senior official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs told the current session of the UN General Assembly.

While making a statement to the special Political and Decolonisation Committee (Fourth Committee) Tuesday, DG (UN), Hemayetuddin, said the recruitment of military personnel for the RDMHQ should be based on geographical representation and the contribution made by member states to the UN peacekeeping operations.

The deliberations on "comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects" began on Monday and will continue till tomorrow.

Ambassador of Cyprus Sotirios Zakeos, Chairman of the Committee presided over the committee meeting.

Bangladesh is the second biggest contributor to UN peacekeeping operations after Poland in terms of manpower and so far about 16 thousands Bangladeshis participated in 23 peace missions around the world.

Hemayetuddin laid stress on strict observance of public bidding for procuring goods and services for peace-keeping and enlarging geographical base to that end. He also emphasised the need for redressing existing imbalance in procurement of goods, services, and preferential treatment to developing countries particularly the LDCs.

Hemayetuddin expressed Bangladesh's concern at the reluctance of some countries to pay their contribution to the UN peacekeeping budget and at the same time demanded expeditious settlement of the cases of compensations for death and disability. Bangladesh also expressed its deep concern at the continued delay in the reimbursement of troops cost and the lease of contingent equipment.

On the question of training of peace troopers, Mr Hemayetuddin said that Bangladesh is fully prepared to contribute military and civilian personnel to the RDMHQ, a senior official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs told the current session of the UN General Assembly.

UK youth team meets minister

The visiting youth delegation of UK called on State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader at his office yesterday, reports UNB.

During their stay in Bangladesh, the 12-member delegation will visit different historical places of the country in Sylhet, Cox's Bazar and Rangamati.

The State Minister apprised the delegation members of various projects undertaken by the government for self-employment of youths.

Nabo Avijan editor dead

A S M Rezaul Huq, editor of vernacular daily Nabo Avijan, died at Dhaka Metropolitan Hospital yesterday evening. He was 76, reports UNB.

Huq suffered a brain stroke on October 13 while undergoing treatment at BIRDEM Hospital. Later, he was shifted to Metropolitan Hospital in an unconscious state.

He left behind six daughters and sons, a number of grandsons and daughters.

BCIC Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিলায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

Managing Director, Bangladesh Insulator & Sanitaryware Factory Limited, Bux Nagar, Mirpur, Dhaka invites sealed tender in two-envelope system for supply of 500 M Tons of Feldspar Local (Sylhet) against Tender No 970. Tender documents will be available from (i) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha, Dhaka; (ii) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad, Chittagong & (iii) BISF at Tk 50.00. Tender will be received up to 11-00 AM on 9-11-99 of BCIC Head Office & BISF and opened immediately thereafter. No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening of the tender.

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BCIC International Tender Notice

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Managing Director, Khulna Newsprint Mills Ltd., Town Khalishpur, Khulna invites sealed quotation under 2 (two) envelope system against International Tender Enquiry No. KNM/PD (F)-37/99 dated 9-10-99 for Purchase of Stainless Steel Wire Cloth on C&F (C) Mongla/Benapole basis under Cash Foreign Exchange. The quotation will be received up to 11.00 AM on 29-11-1999 in the Office of the Addl. Chief Manager (Purchase), KNM Ltd., Khulna and Sr. GM (Purchase), BCIC, Dhaka which shall be opened immediately thereafter. Tender documents shall be available on payment of Tk. 100.00 (one hundred) per set (non-refundable) from a) KNM Ltd., Khulna b) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A., Dhaka & c) BCIC Branch Office, 6-Agrabad C/A., Chittagong. Earnest money is Tk. 1% of the total quoted C&F (C) Mongla value. No tender documents shall be sold on the date of opening. The authority reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.

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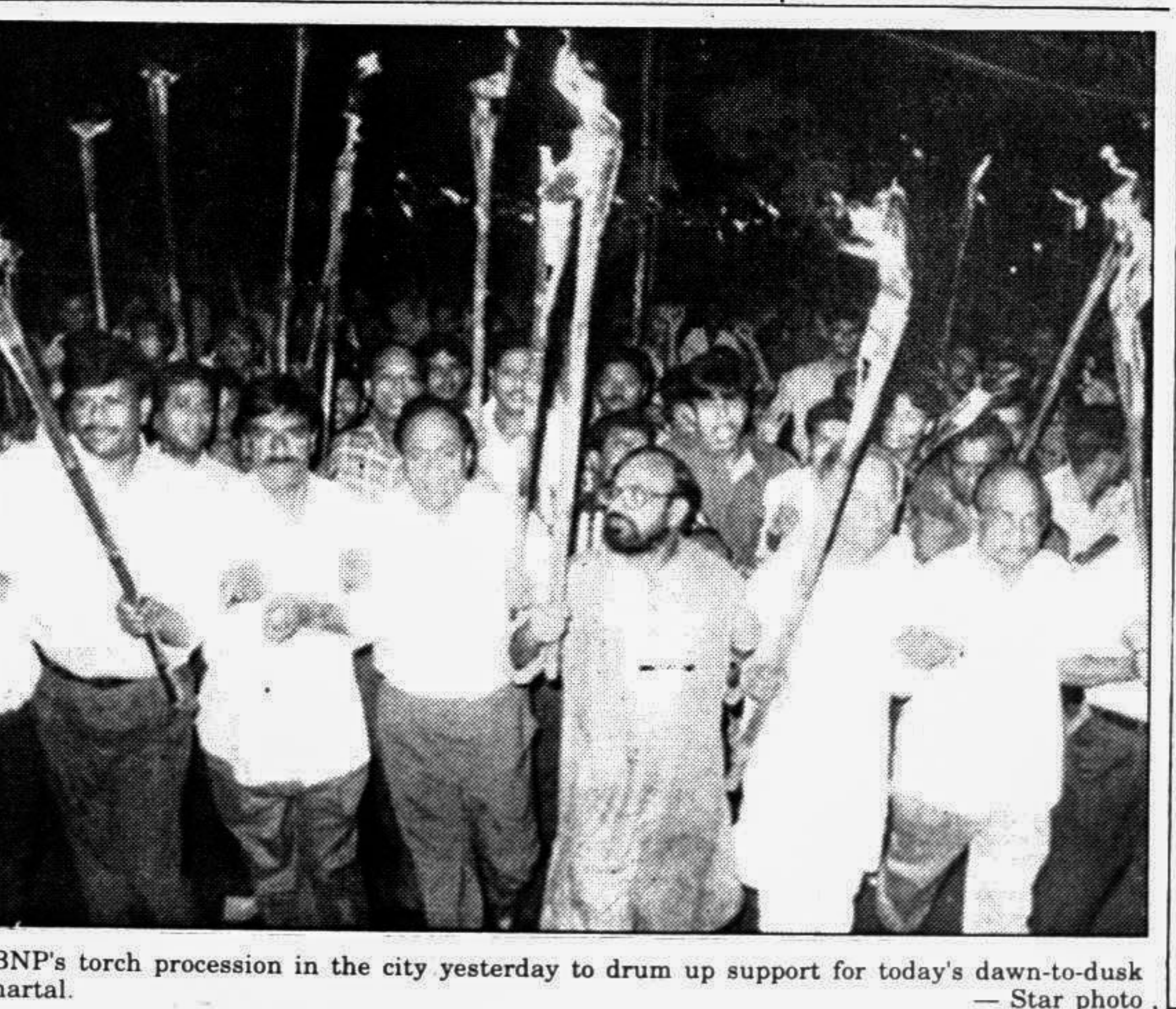
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Gonoshyastha Khadda Biponi (Gonoshyastha Nagar Hospital) House 14-E, Road-6 Dhanmondi Dhaka.



BNP's torch procession in the city yesterday to drum up support for today's dawn-to-dusk hartal. — Star photo