

Action to be taken against corruption in DFP Advertisement bills owed to 6 newspapers, Sayeed tells JS

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed yesterday said six newspapers will get different amounts of money from the government against their respective advertisement bills, reports BSS.

Replying to a question from Mirza Azam of Awami League in place of Alamgir Haider Khan of BNP in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday, he said the Bangladesh Observer will get Taka 82,62,515, The New Nation Taka 4,03,000, The New Nation Taka 2,48,649.90, Dainik Bikal Barta Taka 65,520, Saptahik Amader Kotha Taka 12,057 and Dainik Sangbadpatra Taka 47,601.00.

He said the bills for the Bangladesh Observer and The New Nation could not be paid due to non-submission of their outstanding bills while that of Dainik Sangbadpatra stopped due to irregularities in its bill.

The matter related to pay-off the bills for New Nation, Bikal Barta and Saptahik Amader Kotha is now under process, he

told the House.

On a supplementary from Mirza Azam, Advocate Fazley Rabbi and Faruk Khan, Prof Abu Sayeed said the reasons for non-payment of the bills for Bangladesh Observer also included problems related to its ownership and a case filed in the court.

Daily New Nation was stopped some years back and did not submit its advertisement bills timely while the New Nation stopped its publication and did not submit its bill timely as well, he said.

Regarding alleged corruption in the Department of Films and Publication (DFP), Prof Abu Sayeed said the government would take due action against any corruption in DFP in terms of distribution of advertisements to newspapers, subject to proof.

He referred to a newspaper report recently on this matter and said that report was not totally correct.

"We have included 65 news-

papers in the media list while 45 newspapers have been excluded for their non-existence," he said adding, "there is no law now to repeal the declaration of any newspaper."

Prof Abu Sayeed on exhibition of obscene cine posters said that the government would take stern action against those who were engaged in such 'unethical' posting.

"The rules of Sensor Board must be followed strictly but it is found that some cine produce use obscene scenes their cine posters for a good return of their films," he said adding, "that in many cases scenes not included, in the films are exhibited in the posters."

Publications in Khulna

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed also informed the Jatiya Sangsad that 18 daily newspapers and 23 weeklies are being published from Khulna.

Replying to a starred question by Kazi Sekandear Ali, a ruling party Lawmaker from Khulna, the minister said out of them 12 dailies and two weeklies have been included in the media list.

Unfair means at exams Ctg Board suggests action against 32 teachers

CHITTAGONG, Nov 7: The Chittagong Board has expelled 886 SSC examinees of this year for various terms for adopting unfair means and recommended pecuniary action against 32 teachers for conniving with the candidates at 90 examination centres.

Chairman of the Board Dr Enayetur Rahman told UNB today that 785 examinees were expelled for two years, 98 for three years and three for four years.

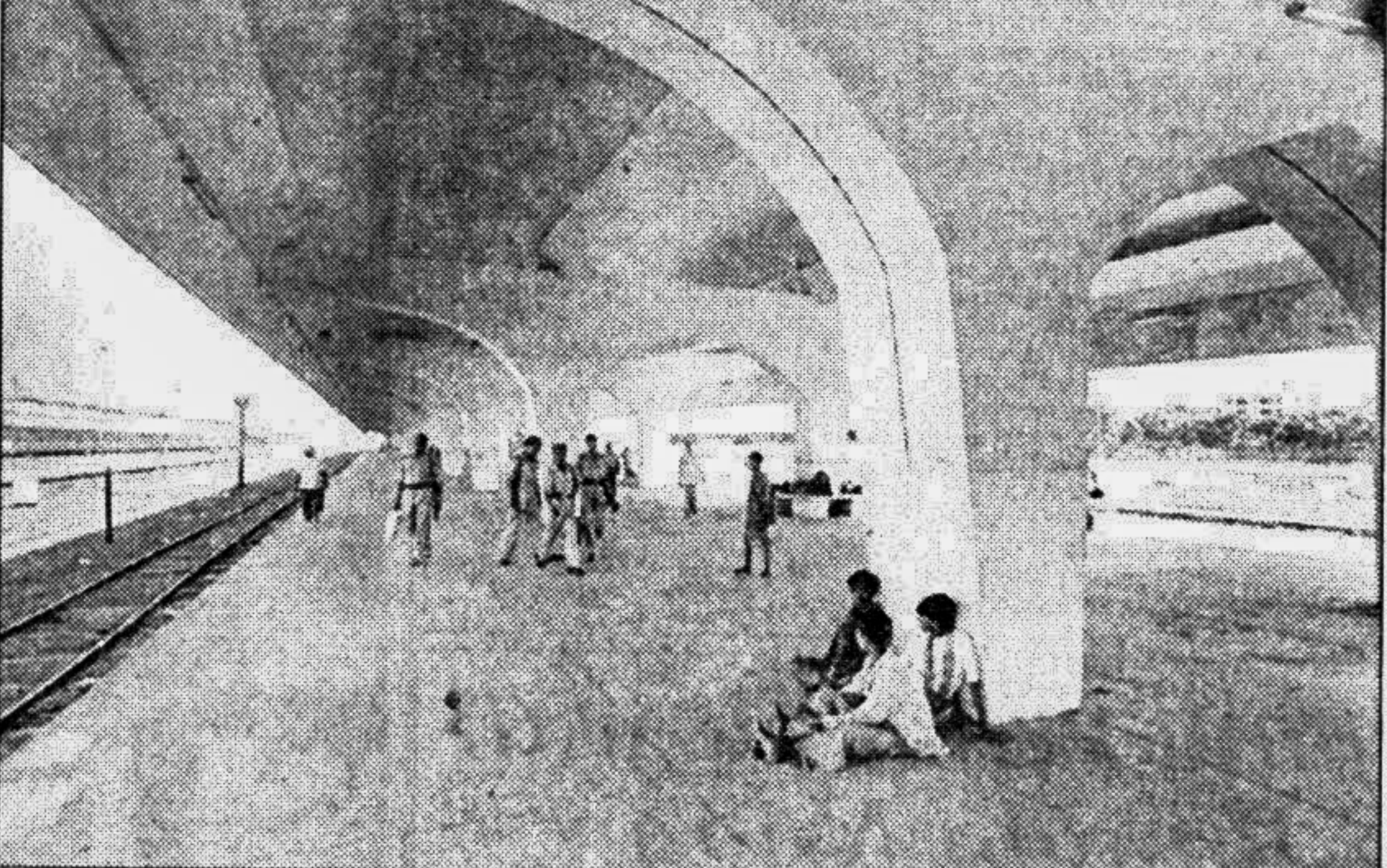
He said teachers found conniving with adoption of unfair means in the examination halls were 14 of Patiya Habladdip School, 12 of Raosan ARC School and six from three other schools.

Suspension of government grant to these teachers was recommended to the authorities and the respective school committees were asked to take action against them. Eighty per cent of the teachers' salary comes from the government grant.

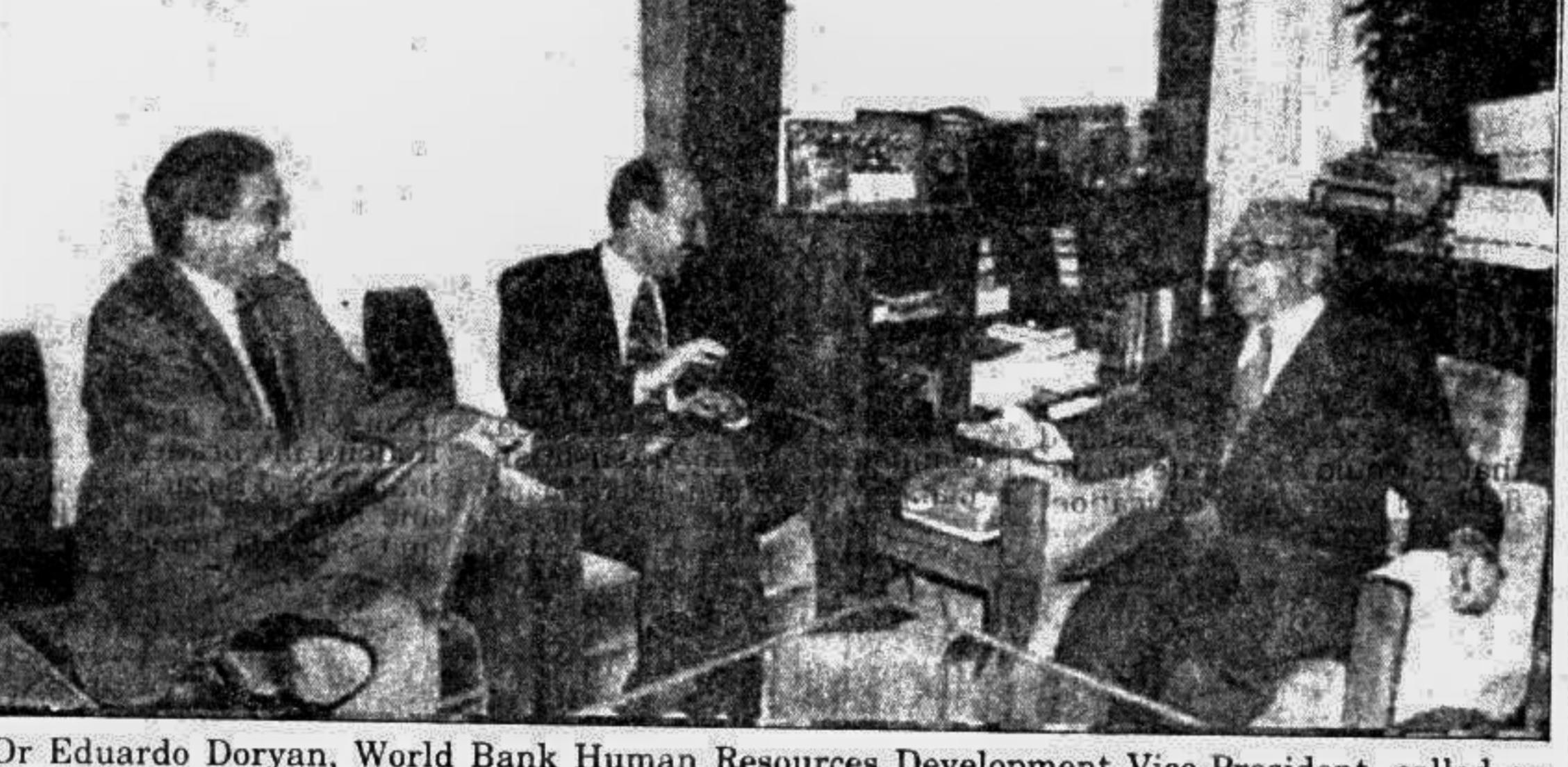
Besides, the chairman said, the examination centre of Panchhari High School was cancelled. Handwritings of two persons were found in the answer scripts of 12 examinees in the centre. Seven other centres were warned of such irregular practices.



Pickets demonstrating in a different manner at a city road yesterday. —Star photo



A deserted look of the Kamalapur Railway Station on the first-day of two-day hartal called by BNP-led 4-party opposition alliance. —Star photo



Dr Eduardo Doryan, World Bank Human Resources Development Vice-President, called on Shah AMS Kibria, Finance Minister, at his office yesterday. —PID photo

Tofail says Industry, trade suffer major setback owing to 'bad policy' of BNP

Industry and trade suffered a major setback owing to "bad policy" pursued by BNP during its five-year rule, Commerce and Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed said yesterday in an incendiary reaction.

"BNP framed policies only to protect family business of its Prime Minister and some other cabinet members, not of business community or people as a whole," he said.

Talking to UNB at his office Tofail rebutted BNP Chairperson Begum Zia's claim at the concluding session of BAT-EXPO99 that RMG sector was led to ultimate success during their times.

Rather, he said, the present government removed various barriers to the growth of RMG sector, including advance income tax.

He denounced the ongoing two-day hartal called by BNP-led opposition alliance. "Has it been called for the benefit of garment sector?" he questioned.

The minister cited forgery of visa documents in RMG export during BNP period that resulted in GSP problems that this government resolved through hectic parleys in Brussels.

Country's annual export volume crossed 5.4 billion-dollar mark during the last three years of the present government which rose merely to 3.8 billion dollars in 1996, he said, underlining the outcome of the government's pragmatic trade policy.

The Industries minister criticised BNP government for drastically reducing maximum tariffs of 350 per cent to only 50 per cent causing many local industrial units to turn sick. He asked whether it was done to protect the interest of India.

19 arrested in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Nov 7: Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) arrested 19 miscreants on various charges from different parts of the city today, reports BSS.

Abductors, violators of CMP Act and other miscreants are among the arrested persons.

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Corrigendum Notice No. 02

Bid No. 03/1999-2000

In continuation to the Corrigendum Notice No. 01 the following changes have been made in the Bid No. 03/1999-2000 for River Bank Revetment work around GPO Groyne under Rajshahi Town Protection Project during the year 1999-2000.

- The date of opening of "Price Envelope" will be 02/12/1999 instead of 25.11.1999.
- A pre-bid meeting will be held on 11.11.99 at 10:00 AM.
- The part of 4th line "For Aided Project Only" of page No. 8 Sl No. 4.3, Section-1 (Instruction to Bidders) of Bid documents (Price Envelope) will not be deleted.
- Financial turn over will be for last 3 years instead of 5 years as mentioned in page No.3 Sl No 2 (b) of Bid documents (Qualification/Technical envelope).
- All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

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Corrigendum No. 01

Bid No. 03/1999-2000.

The following changes have been made in the Bid No. 03/99-2000 as published by the undersigned for River Bank Revetment work around GPO Groyne under Rajshahi Town Protection Project during 1999-2000.

- The Bid documents can be purchased up to 22.11.99 during office hours.
- The Bid documents will be received during office hours on 21.11.99 & 22.11.99 and up to 12:00 hours (Noon) on 23.11.99.
- A Pre-Bid meeting will be held on 10.11.99 at 10:00 AM.
- Experience in executing similar types of works such as protective work will be costing Tk. 150.00 lac (One hundred & fifty lac) instead of Tk. 200.00 (Two hundred) lac as mentioned in Sl. No. 7 Page No. 2 of Notice Inviting Bid; in list of works (Column-7) of Bid documents (Price Envelope) and in Section-1, Page-1 Sl. No 1(b) of Bid Documents (Qualification/Technical Envelope).
- Annual turnover in similar construction works will be Tk. 200.00 (Two hundred) lac instead of Tk. 400.00 (Four hundred) lac as mentioned in Section-I (Instruction to Bidders) Sl. No. 4.3(a) Page No. 8 of Bid Documents (Price Envelope).
- Liquid assets and/credit facilities will be of not less than Tk. 100.00 (One hundred) lac instead of Tk. 120.00 lac as mentioned in Sl. No. 4.3(e) Section-I (Instruction to Bidders) Page No. 8 of Bid documents (Price envelope) and in Sl. No. 1(c) Page-1, Section-I of Bid documents (Qualification/Technical Envelope).
- The changes of quantities in Section-7 (Schedule of works) of Bid Document and Price Envelope will be as follows:

Page No.	Item No.		Changes in Quantity.	
	Bid Documents	Price Envelope	4	5
1	2	3	474.00 Cum	175.00 Cum
53	7	1	3433.455 "	3433.665 "
53	7	2	23972 Nos	23739 Nos
54	8	3	767.104 Cum	759.648 Cum
54	8	4	302.802 "	299.851 Cum
54	8	5(a)	302.802 "	299.851 "
55	9	6	4429.365 Sqm	4390.015 Sqm
55	9	7	6860 Nos	7860 Nos
56	10	8 (a)	2991.60 Cum	2587.20 Cum
56	10	8 (b)	2991.60 "	2499.00 "
56	10	9	5036.20 "	5086.20 "

- In Section-I (Instruction to Bidders) Sl. No. 4.3 of Bid documents (Price Envelope) part of the 4th line of Page No. 8 "For Aided Project Only" will be deleted. (4th line will be from the top).
- All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

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1st day of hartal: No classes held at DU

By DU Correspondent

Classes and academic activities of the Dhaka University were not held yesterday on the first day of opposition sponsored two-day dawn to dusk hartal.

Campus sources however said that administrative activities at the Registrar's Building were carried out partially during the hartal hours.

Central Library of the university remained open but attendance of students were very thin. Police were seen guarding the main entrance of the library.

Both BNP-backed Jatiyatadabi Chhatra Dal and ruling Awami League-supported Bangladesh Chhatra League brought out separate processions and held rallies in favour and against the hartal respectively.

But no untoward incident was reported during the hartal hours as BCL did not intercept JCD activists on the campus who were allowed to bring out a procession and hold a rally.

Rotary News

Alumni get-together

Rotary Districts in Bangladesh are going to organise a seminar on TRF Alumni at 5:30 pm on Nov 15 at Hotel Purbani International, says a press release.

The programme will be hosted by Rotary Club of Dhaka Mid City.

Meanwhile, young professionals who have participated in GSE and Ambassadorial Scholarship Programme of Rotary Foundation have requested to contact Rtn Khan Akhter Alam at Sigma Trade International, 56, Dilkusha Commercial Area, 4th floor (Tel 9557748, 9558406).

JP Parliamentary Board meeting today

A meeting of the Parliamentary Board of the Jatiya Party (M-M) will be held at its Lalmaia central office at 7 pm today, reports BSS.

The meeting will finalise party nominees for the upcoming election to three vacant seats of the Jatiya Sangsad in Rajshahi, Kishoreganj and Sirajganj districts.

Kabi Nazrul Varsity Fund raising drive begins today

Fund-raising drive for establishing Kabi Nazrul University in the private sector in Mymensingh begins today, reports BSS.

Interested persons and institutions have been requested to contribute generously to the fund of Kabi Nazrul University implementation liaison committee at its Dhaka office at 1 Minto Road. The office will remain open from 5 pm to 8 pm everyday, said a press release.

University Board of Trustee's Chairman State Minister for Land Alhaj Rashed Mosharraf, Manjurul Islam, Syed Aminul Haq, Prof M Amanullah, Yusuf Babu, Dr Raqibul Hossain Rumi, Principal Hamida Ali, Engineer Muhammad Yusuf, M Badiuzzaman and Rashedul Shelley were, among others, who have already contributed in the university fund.

Coast Guard seizes huge smuggled sarees

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Coast Guard Mongla Station team has seized huge quantity of smuggled Indian sarees during a routine anti-smuggling drive near the coastal areas of Chalna Bazar.

An official handout said 17 master cartons of sarees along with two boats were seized during the drive.

The estimated value of the seized sarees is Taka 22 lakh while the value of the boats is Tk 1.15 lakh, the press release said.

The seized goods were later handed over to the customs department. The press release, however, did not mention how many people were arrested.

40 yr old woman found dead

SYLHET, Nov 7: Body of a 40-year-old woman was recovered from Munshipara, adjacent to Sylhet Police Lines, today, reports UNB.

Family sources said the victim, Latifa Khanam, wife of police Subedar Matuir Rahman, left the house for the major of Hazrat Shahjalal (RA) to say Fazer prayers immediately after the Azan. At about 6 am, the inmates of the house found her body lying near the house.

Police suspected Fatima was hacked to death by unknown assailants or she committed suicide.

Seminar on GSP begins tomorrow

A two-day information seminar on the European Community's Generalised System of Preferences (GSP), jointly organised by the delegation of the European Commission in Bangladesh and Bangladesh Export Promotion Bureau begins in the city on November 9, reports BSS.

The seminar will be participated by more than 130 officials and representatives of different government bodies, Chambers of Commerce and Industries, business houses, bankers and technical experts.

The inaugural function will be presided over by A B Chowdhury, Vice Chairman, Export Promotion Bureau, said a press release of the delegation of the European Commission yesterday.

Special mahfil on Shab-e-Miraj held

A special mahfil on holy Shab-e-Miraj, organised by Anzuman-e-Toozia, was held on Saturday after Asr prayers at Khankaya Toozia in the city, says a press release.

Pir of Daripur Sharif, Hazrat Moulana Shah Sufi Alhaj Abul Hasan Muhammad Abdul Quayyum, conducted the mahfil.

Among others Dr M Abdul Jalil, Munshi Obaidul Islam, Principal Moulana Md Abdullah, Moulana Abdul Quayyum and Moulana Hafizur Rahman took part in the discussion.

Zikr-aker, milad, mahfil were held after Magrib prayers at the mahfil.

Pirjada Abul Monjur Muhammad Arif Billah Mitu conducted the concluding munajat.

Waz mahfil

A waz mahfil will be held at Syedbari in Chakhill thana on Noakhali district on Tuesday on the occasion of the 9th death anniversary of Syed Sarwar Mia, reports UNB.

Alhaj Hazrat Moulana Abu Noman Mohammad Abdul Hye will preside over the mahfil.

Moulana Abu Ashraf, Syed Gaziul Haque Chandpuri, Mufti-e-Azam Abu Taher Rahmanpuri, Moulana Amir Islam Jalali, Moulana Abu Sufian Abedi-al-Quaderi, Moulana Abdus Sattar, Moulana Gaziul Haque Al-Quaderi Bermalya and Moulana Mohammad Ullah will attend the mahfil.

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No: G/31/PT-1/L(F) Dated: 10-10-99

- Sealed tender invited from the authorised dealers/distributors of world renowned brand company of Japan for supply of one Unit Plain Paper Copier Machine 'RICOH' Brand, Model-FT 5632 or similar brand of Japan.
- Participant dealer/distributor should have 3 (three) years experience of dealership & should have proven experience in supplying computer in any Govt Organisation.
- Earnest money will be 5% of the quoted price & submitted in favour of FA & CAO/E/CRB in the shape of Pay Order/Bank Draft.
- Tender schedule can be purchased from the office of Controller of Stores/E/CRB's office, B. Railway, Chittagong on all working days up to 17-11-99 during office hours at the cost of Tk 400/= (non-refundable) per set.
- Tender in sealed cover may be dropped in the box kept in the aforesaid office up to 11.00 hours of 18-11-99 will be opened at 11.30 hours on the same day in presence of the tenderers, if any.

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

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