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REGISTRATION

- The course will commence on the 22nd of December, 1999 and will conclude on the 5th of January, 2000.
- The last date of registration is the 15th of December, 1999.
- Course fee is Tk. 7,500/- only.
- The prerequisites for the course is knowledge on the C and C++ programming languages.

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Visitors at the 6th Dhaka Book Fair '99 after its inauguration at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar yesterday. — Star photo

Dhaka Book Fair opens in city

Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury yesterday said there was no alternative to reading to develop one's intellect, thoughts and creativity, reports BSS.

Inaugurating the 6th Dhaka Book Fair at Sher-e-Banglanagar as the chief guest the Speaker said book fair has an immense importance to create interest for books.

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader attended the function as the special guest while acting Cultural Secretary Muhammad Azizur Rahman, Director of Jatiya Grantha Kendra Poniruddin Haider and publisher Moddul Huq spoke on the occasion.

As book has been considered the source of knowledge and best means of enjoyment the Speaker said reading habit needs to be instilled into people.

Nothing other than the book, he said, could flourish people's merit and build one's fortune. "The first message to the great prophet from the Almighty Allah was to 'read'."

IU closed till Dec 7

JHENIDAH, Dec 2: The Islamic University (IU) has been closed till Dec 7 in apprehension of student violence during the convocation ceremony scheduled for December 5, reports UNB.

The Syndicate at a meeting on Tuesday took the decision to facilitate holding of 2nd convocation of the university free from chaos.

Govt efforts to modernise armed forces to continue: PM

BHATIARY, Chittagong, Dec 2: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today said her government would continue its endeavour to build up a modern and strong Armed Forces for facing the challenges of the coming century, reports UNB.

"We will continue our efforts for raising the standard and efficiency of the Armed Forces for its further development," she said at the president's Parade marking the commissioning of the 41st GMA long course and the 14th special course of Bangladesh Army at BMA Parade ground here.

The Prime Minister said the main duty of the members of the Armed Forces is to protect the independence and sovereignty of the country. "Besides performing that duty, our patriotic Armed Forces are making commendable contribution during the natural disasters."

She said the members of the Armed Forces joined operations during the devastating floods, cyclones, storms and all natural disasters. They are also performing duties in the UN peace keeping missions and earned international recognition and praise.

They are also taking part in different development activities, including the infrastructure development, in ports for releasing goods, in traffic control and other welfare activities.

She particularly mentioned the service of the members of the armed forces in the Asrayan project of the government.

For the modernisation of the Air Force, Hasina said, the government is going to add Mig-29, C-130 carriers, and L-117 radar aircraft in the fleet of the air force. "This will be a bold step for placing the Bangladesh Air Force in a strong position."

She said modern equipment, including frigate, are being procured for the Navy. "We have already handed over the charge of Khulna Shipyard to the Navy, which is showing signs of success in a short time."

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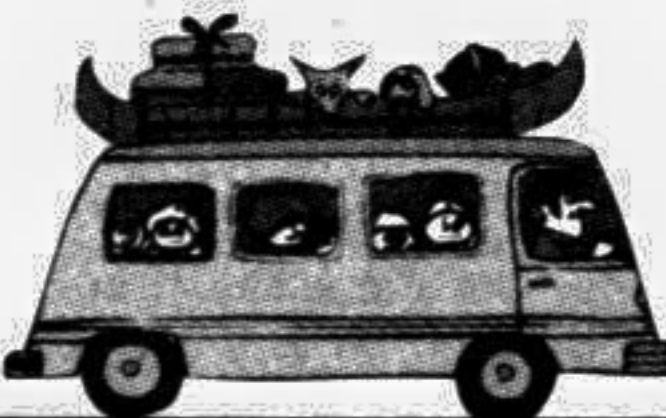


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NOTICE FOR EXTENSION OF SUBSCRIPTION DATE

Considering the prevailing circumstances and in view of repeated requests from our valued prospective investors to facilitate deposit of their subscription money, the management of our company is pleased to extend the closing date for subscription of shares upto 07 December 1999, instead of 05 December 1999. This has approval of the Securities & Exchange Commission.



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Corrigendum to Invitation for Bids

The following corrigendum is issued to the Invitation for Bids dated 11th Nov '99 to supply office equipment and vehicles for Urban Primary Health Care Project — UPHCP.

1. Bid Closing & Opening date:

The closing date of bid selling and dropping & bid opening date is re-fixed as 08 Dec & 09 December 1999 respectively while the respective time will remain unchanged.

2. Technical Specification of Computer (Package # 1):

The bidders are requested to quote separate price for the following items, as the Project authority will select these items separately. Project authority also reserves the right to reject any or full item thereof.

Item No	Item Name	Specification for separate prices
17.	Original Software with supporting documents	Windows 98, MS-office — 2000, SPSS, Bijoy (Bangla Software).
19.	Warranty	For printer 1 year warranty will be acceptable
22.	Printer	Laser Printer for 8 ppm or above (postscript)
23.	UPS	500 VA, 1000 VA
24.	Digital Camera	Detached camera for still photograph with required software (Minimum Resolution 1280x1024 Pixels, Auto flash, up to 16 snapshot, rechargeable battery with charger.)
25.	Voltage Stabiliser	1000 Watt Capacity.

Other terms & conditions of the bidding document and the corrigendum dated 21-11-99 will remain unchanged.

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Pilots' flight boycott call withdrawn

Bangladesh Air Pilot Association (BAPA) on Wednesday withdrew its decision to boycott the duty beyond contract following a fruitful discussion meeting with Biman Management, reports UNB.

As a result, all the Biman flights will fly as per previous schedule. However, the delayed flights would fly in rescheduled timing.

At the meeting held at Balaka, the Biman Management signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with BAPA.

Director (Finance) signed the MOU on behalf of Biman Management while BAPA president Captain Moddul represented the association.

The meeting decided to place the MOU for necessary action in the next meeting of the Biman Board of Directors.

Junoon in city for Benson & Hedges concert

Junoon, an internationally acclaimed rock band arrived in the city yesterday to perform at the two day Benson and Hedges Twist & Shout concert to be held today and tomorrow at Bangladesh Army Stadium, says a press release.

This will be Junoon's second performance in the city. Proceeds from ticket sales will go to the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society.

Junoon will be joined by local bands Nagar Baul, Miles and Dreamland at today's performance. LRB, Ark and Confusion (from India) are the bands scheduled to perform with Junoon tomorrow.

The concert will begin at 3 pm.

Zakera Begum's namaj-e-janaza today

By Staff Correspondent
The body of Zakera Begum, deputy secretary of Housing and Public Works Ministry who died in London on November 27 arrived yesterday.

Her namaj-e-janaza will be held today after Jumma prayers at the Baitul Mukarram Mosque in the city. She will be buried at Mirpur's Martyred Intellectual graveyard today.

Her gulkhwani will be held at her 64/B Azimpur residence after Asr prayers tomorrow.

Zakera who died of a heart attack was on a government sponsored training programme in London.

She is survived by her husband journalist Khandakar Quamrul Huda and only daughter Nusrat Jahan.