

Khaleda takes iftar with orphans

By Staff Correspondent
BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday had her first Ramadan's iftar with the orphan students of Zamia Deenia Shamsul Uloom Madrasa at Motijheel Colony.

She exchanged greetings with the orphans and inquired about their living, food and education.

BNP joint secretary general and Juba Dal president Mirza Abbas hosted the iftar party.

On arrival at the madrasa premises at 4:30 pm, the leader of the Opposition in Parliament was received by madrasa teachers, students, local people and BNP and its front organisations.

BCL urges students to resist evil design of Shibir

By DU Correspondent

Ruling party-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) has called upon the student community of the country to be united to resist the evil design of Islamic Chhatra Shibir.

In a statement yesterday, Bahadur Bepari and Ajay Kar Khokan, the president and general secretary of BCL, condemned the Shibir activists for conspiring to disrupt the academic activities of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology.

They accused the BNP backed JCD of providing shelter to the Shibir activists and materialise their evil design to destabilise the congenial academic atmosphere of the university.



Activists of Bangladesh Anti-Tobacco Alliance brought out a procession in the city yesterday on the occasion of the World No Tobacco Day demanding ban on transmission of advertisement on radio and television.

Notice Inviting Tenders

No 13 of 1999-2000

1. Tenders in sealed cover are hereby invited in Form No 2911 from all classes of approved building contractors of this Department for the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned, Executive Engineer, PWD Division-I/II, Rajshahi/Natore/Naogaon and Sub-Divisional Engineer, PWD Sub-Division, Nawabgonj up to 12:00 Noon of 23-12-99 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM.

2. Name of work : General repairs to Male cabin 'A' attached to Mental Hospital, Pabna during 1999-2000.

3. Estimated cost : Tk 1,43,315/00.

4. Earnest money : Tk 2,867/00 in the form of in Sanchayapatra/BD, CD, from any schedule bank. Fixed deposit holder to submit a certificate from the concerned Executive Engineer received within three months.

5. The tender form together with the schedule of items, specifications, terms and conditions, plans etc can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned and above mentioned offices during office hours on payment of usual charges up to the previous day of receiving tender.

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Md Shah Alam
Executive Engineer
PWD Division, Pabna.

Martyrs of Liberation War

Pak devils' wrath on devotees

FARIDPUR, Dec 10: They were utterly innocent devotees having no political affiliation or any worldly attraction, but the Pakistan Army brutally killed them, reports BSS.

Like any other days, on the fateful evening of April 21, 1971, a group of Hindu devotees were reciting hymns of 'Joy Jagadbandhu'. They were the followers of the spiritual Hindu saint 'Lord Jagadbandhu', who's a preacher of humanism having no tilt towards any religious sect.

The fanatic Pakistan Army while entering Faridpur town invaded the temple 'Sri Angan', where the followers reside, and started firing indiscriminately with automatic weapons killing eight devotees on the spot. Then the army damaged the beautiful temple structure by firing bullets and setting it on fire.

The eight devotees, who were killed in Sri Angan by the occupation army, were Kriton Brata Brahmachary, Nidan Bandhu,

Andha Kanai, Bandhu Das, Khiti Bandhu, Gour Bandhu, Chira Bandhu and Rabi Bandhu.

A few devotees including the chief priest Amar Bandhu and Haripriya Brahmachary managed to escape and saw the brutality of the army from a nearby hideout.

These brutal killings created a panic and adverse impact in the locality, particularly among the peace loving but freedom aspirant people. Resistance against the occupation forces virtually began from that mass killing.

The tragic and cruel incident was a signal for this area that the extravagant army would not spare the people, particularly the Hindus, who started evacuating the town for safe shelter. About 250 to 300 people of the Hindu community were killed in the district during the War of Liberation as Pakistan Army in several raids killed mostly Hindus.

The memory of the devotees still reminds the people of the atrocities of Pakistan Army.

Haripriya Brahmachary, the only living priest of the temple narrated the brutal incident as the chief priest Amar Bandhu died recently.

The Pakistan Army, while proceeding towards the district headquarters on April 21, 1971, were suddenly stopped in front of the Sri Angan by some non-Bengalis led by one Hatem Biju. He told something to the army who instantly changed their mind entered the temple and carried out the atrocities," Haripriya recalled.

According to sources, Hatem was a terror during the whole occupation period but fled away on the eve of the surrender of the army on December 16 following the formal surrender of Pakistan Army in Dhaka.

The devotees were deeply involved in the prayer and totally unaware of the raid. "If they were not so much involved in the prayer, they could have saved their lives," Haripriya Brahmachary said.

After the raid, Amar Bandhu and Haripriya Brahmachary gathered courage and entered the temple at the dead of night and took away the scared remains (bones) of 'Lord Jagadbandhu' kept in a cascade and left for India.

They returned to Bangladesh after independence and rebuilt the statue of 'Lord Jagadbandhu' and replaced the sacred remains there where prayers are still going on.

The Jagadbandhu Temple is a very big worship place in Goalchamat area, the gateway of this old district town, which is visible from a long distance. Every year a big fair takes place here in the month of Baishakh in celebration of the birth anniversary of late Jagadbandhu.

A large number of devotees, who always use single piece of cloth, still reside in the temple area permanently and lead an austere life.

The devotees arrange special prayer every year on April 21 in memory of those devotees.

Born in the 19th century in a Kaivarta clan (lower cast Hindu) 'Lord Jagadbandhu' became a Hindu religious leader and still there are hundreds of followers of him in the Indian sub-continent.

The emergence of Lord Jagadbandhu as religious leader was a threat to Brahminism at that time when the Brahmins used to rule the society.

He preached simple life and abhorred posh living style sermonising the classless and caste less society having faith on unique existence of the God.

He lived and died in the Angan complex on 1328 of Bengali Year.

After the independence of Bangladesh a memorial structure was also built at the Sri Angan premises where the devotees were killed.

NU exam date changed

The second paper examinations of Social Welfare, Sociology and Botany of degree (pass) examination of 1999 under National University (NU) scheduled for December 13 will be held on December 24 due to unavoidable circumstances, reports UNB.

Other examinations will be held as per schedule.

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The Board of Directors and all employees of Union Capital Limited deeply condole the sad and tragic demise of Begum Yasmin Rahman, Director of Union Capital and wife of Janab Faizur Rahman, Managing Director of Asian Surveyors Limited. A condolence meeting was held in the office of Union Capital Limited in memory of the deceased. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

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Notice Inviting Quotation Quotation Notice No-04/99-2000 dt-29-11-99

1. Sealed quotation is hereby invited from bonafide dealers and suppliers for supply of two number of 4(four) door 9(nine) seated (minimum) Microbus (Appendix-A) as per specification and terms & conditions attached with the schedule for Gabkhan Bridge Project.

2. Quotation will be received by the undersigned up to 11:00 hrs on 12-12-99 and will be opened on the same day at 11:05 hrs in presence of the intending quotation or their authorised agents (if there by any).

3. Earnest money @ 2% (two per cent) of the total quoted amount shall have to be furnished alongwith the quotation in Pay Order/Bank Draft/Treasury Challan in favour of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Procurement & Storage Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka.

4. The schedule of quotation specification and other terms & conditions will be available for sale up to 20-12-99 on payment of Tk 1500.00 (fifteen hundred) only per set (non-refundable) from the office of Executive Engineer, RHD, Procurement & Storage Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka and Executive Engineer, RHD, Planning Division, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka on all working days during the office hours.

5. No quotation form will be sold on the day fixed for opening of quotation.

6. The undersigned reserves the rights to accept or reject any or all the quotation without assigning any reason whatsoever.

7. The authority reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity of vehicles to be procured without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Mohammed Zahir
Executive Engineer, RHD
Procurement & Storage Division
Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208
Tel: 604680

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G-2083

Road Division, Patuakhali Corrigendum Notice of Tender

Ref: Tender Notice No PRD-11/1999-2000 which Circulated vide Memo No. 1922(15) dt. 28.11.99.

This is for general information to the enlisted "A" to "D" general category contractors of RHD that corrections have made in the above mentioned tender as follows:

- Estimated cost and earnest money for work will be Tk. 11,60,676/= and Tk. 23,214/= instead of Tk. 10,89,622/= and Tk. 21,792/= respectively.
- Last date & : 19.12.99 instead of 13.12.99 time of selling (during office hours).
- Last date and : Up to 12.30 PM on 20.12.99 time of receiving the tender instead of 14.12.99.
- Date and time : 12.45 PM on 20.12.99 instead of opening the tender box of 14.12.99.
- Date and time : 11.00 AM on 23.12.99 instead of opening the tenders of 21.12.99.
- Date and time : At 11.00 AM on 26.12.99 of lottery (if necessary) instead of 23.12.99.

This corrigendum notice will be a part and parcel of the tender. Other terms and conditions etc. will remain unchanged. The Corrigendum Notice will be issued free of cost.

Md. Abdul Bari
Executive Engineer, RHD (CC)
Road Division, Patuakhali.

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