By M. R. Rousseau

If you are a foreigner and a fresher to this legendary city of the east this month, you must have seen one or more of those uncounted, well laid-out tables along both sides of the city thoroughfares. Nobody would blame you for mistaking those for arrangements for an ensuing wayside party, as distinguished from the garden par-

In all likelihood, you are entitled to be taken aback after casting a glance at the various types of cookies and fried eatables, displayed on those tables. You will also have the right to wonder, why are there no chairs for the would-be guests to take their seats. Well, there would be no guests and no party would be held at any of those spots.

The foodstuff on display are saleable for the 'Rojadars' (people who fast from early morning to dusk during the current holy month of Ramadan of the Arabic calendar).

If you care to take a closer

look at the items on display. you are sure to discover that most of them happen to be hothot with spices—and fried in full-to-the brim with edible oil utensils. These are Ramadan delicacies, which the fasting

people crave for. It may strike you as rather unusual that the tables full of food are laid by the waysides for only a few hours during the day. in the afternoon, and are removed shortly after the sun goes down. This is not without a reason. Those who fast the day long, also have to do their usual jobs, be that at home or at their respective offices. This renders the whole exercise more trying than it appears. The Rojadars indulge in brisk Iftar-shopping just about an hour before the sunset, take them home and break their fast—along with the rest of the family. If you happen to have a talk with one of these special customers of the hot-

cookies, they are sure to tell you

that those appear to be the most

tasteful to a mouth that has not tested anything in the nature of food or drink for long, trying

Who are the sellers of these eatables? Mostly people who are in restaurant business. If you care to have a closer look, you would find the uniformed waiters of those restaurants working as the salesmen of those Iftari items. During those brisk business hours, the waiters become wayside vendors of the Iftari items, and by the look on their faces, they really enjoy serving the pious ones.

The items on sale, a discerning eye would easily spot, include dates and some sweetmeat, especially those called Jilapies. Some of the customers are fond of Shahi Halim, a curry like preparation of pulses of various kinds and pieces of beef or mutton. Well, all these are as mouth-watering delicacies as one can name. What a pity, these are not available round the year!



Customers flock a wayside makeshift shop yesterday to buy traditional iftar items. -Star photo The turbulent days of 1971

The battles of Gazipur

GAZIPUR, Dec 24: Gazipur, 30 kilometres from Dhaka. played a glorious role in the historic Language Movement of 1952, the struggle for autonomy of the Bangalees and the Liber-

ation War, reports BSS. Surrounded by forests of the once Bhawal Pargona, now Gazipur district, it is a place with its own place in history. Fazal Gazi and Bahadur Gazi, two valiant freedom fighters of this land had taken to arms for resisting the aggression of the Mughals in Bengal during the rule of both Emperor Akbar and

Emperor Jahangir. Bir Keshori Fakir Majnu Shah, three years after the battle of Palassey, attacked the base of East-India Company in Dhaka in 1760 by mobilising guerilla troops in Bhawal Ghar area. One of the '52 language movement martyrs Shaheed Abul Barkat also sleeps here.

Known as the hotbed of the Liberation War of '71, Joydevpur under Gazipur launched

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cleaners and five large trucks to

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Agricultural Development Cor-

The team leader of

poration (BADC), reports UNB.

Bangladesh-German Seed De-

velopment Project Dr Richard

Lawrynowicz handed over the

seed cleaners worth Tk 25 lakh

to the Member Director (Seed)

of BADC GM Mayeenuddin in

Chuadanga, said a press release.

some 50 tonnes per working day

while the trucks, each with 19-

ton loading capacity, will be

used to increase the capacity

and speed of supply of seed to the market by BADC.

Azan, Qirat

competition

Qirat competition-99 began at

Sailor's Colony mosque, Mirpur

army, navy and air force are

taking part in the competition. Chief of Naval Staff Admiral

Taher formally inaugurated

Thirty participants from

yesterday, reports BSS.

The Inter Service Azan and

Each seed cleaner will clean

The German government

the first armed resistance on March 19 against the Pakistani occupation forces. After that resistance slogans were chanted everywhere "follow the path of liberate Joydevpur, Bangladesh."

Students, workers and other common people from the industrial town of Tongi under Gazipur built barricades and created resistance on March 17, 18 and 25 against the Pakistan Army. Many people died or received injuries at that time. People of Gazipur took to the frontal resistance after the incident of disarming of Bangalee soldiers of Second East Bengal regiment based at Joydevpur Rajbari. On March 19, Shaheed Niamat, Manu Mia, Hurmat Ali were shot dead by the Pakistani

The people of Gazipur had anticipated the brutal and barbaric actions of the Pakistani forces before the black night of March 25. They snatched away arms and weapons from the Pakistani forces, built barricades by felling trees, putting stones and sandbags on the road. Obstacles were also put on by placing railway goods wagons over the rail-crossing to create resistance. After hearing the news of advancement of Pakistan Brigadier Zahangir Abrar Khan towards Second East Bengal regiment based at Joydevpur Rajbari to disarm the Bangalee soldiers, the people of Gazipur began to mobilse for resistance on a greater scale.

At that time, the Commanding Officer was Lt. Col. Masudul Haq and his second-in-command was Major Shafiullah (now an Awami League MP). Major Mainul Hossain Chowdhury (later Maj Gen) played a very vital role in the resistance at Gazipur. The political leaders and activists of the area went to India by formal training to take part in the war.

After their training, the freedom-fighters took stations in Gazipur in July, August months. These freedom-fighters launched attacks scatteredly at different places. By November, the freedom fighters had intensified their activities.

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They created panic among the occupation forces by sniper attacks and damaging various bridges, culverts, electric poles. They also conducted operations on the Pakistani forces in Pubail, Haidarabad bridge, Joydevpur Rajbari and Gazariban areas of Rajendrapur, Ordinance Depo, Armed Factory and other

The freedom fighters attacked the Joydevpur Rajbari Cantonment on the night of December 11 and 12. After heavy attacks the demoralised occupied force retreated towards Pubail. On December 13 many Pakistani troops were killed. They continued the attack through to December 14, Fi nally, the Pakistani troops, in plain clothes, left Rajbari and took to the railway line toward's Dhaka.

On December 14 evening, freedom-fighters launched an operation on the armed vehicles of the Pakistan troops. The heavy battle continued across Gazipur through the whole night. The freedom fighters and 'allied forces based at Kashimpur destroyed the arms, ammunitions, tanks and transport of the Pakistan army by firing from motors and canons. At Choidana, locals caved in many Pakistan troops. During the frontal battle, freedom fighter Sharafat Ali from Dhirasram died. Badruzzaman Khokon Jashimuddin, Mohammad Majed, Nizamuddin, Abdus Salam, Galib Hosain, Khorshed Alam Gomej and Labbi also died dur-

ing this time. At dawn of December 16 dawn, freedom-fighters and people of all walks of life cele-brated victory day in the Gazipur town area through jubi

Late Abdul Hakim Master, late Habibullah, Kazi Mohammad Haq. AKM Mozammel Haq, Ahsanullah Master MP Ajmatullah Khan, Nurul Islam Hasanuddin Sarker, Nazrul Islam Khan, Abdul Mottalab, Shahidullah Bacchu and Dr Nazimuddin Ahmed were among those who led the armed resistance during Liberation War in Gazipur and Tongi.

Prof Abu Sayeed tells Washington Times

No restriction on access to foreign news broadcasts

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed, now on a visit to the United States, has spoken against 'cultural imperialism' and made it clear that Bangladesh government will do its best to stop cultural aggres-sion, reports BSS from Wash-

"The government has no intention of censoring news broadcasts" he said, but added that could change, "if the government can find a way to block offensive programmes". He said that in Bangladesh there is no restriction on access to foreign news broadcasts or the ownership of television satellite dishes as contained in the State Department's Human Rights report.

The minister who reached the US capital early this week said this in an interview published in Thursday's issue of the Washington Times.

In a double column story published in the 'Embassy Row' of the daily, the minister mentioned that the Bangladesh airwaves are under assault from television networks in Russia and Asia. The United States, often blamed for 'cultural imperialism', is not at fault, the minister said, adding "we only "Selling sex, pornography

Disbursement of grant in Rangamati

RANGAMATI, Dec 24: Rangamati Unit of Women Affairs Directorate disbursed recently a grant of Taka 93,000 to 13 Women Welfare Associations in the district to beef up their activities, reports BSS.

Chairman of Rangamati Hill District Council, Ching Kew Roaza formally handed over the grant in cheques to the representatives of the associations at his office.

The grants disbursed vary from Taka 3,000 to Taka 28,000. West Majhar Basti Women Welfare Association was given the highest grant of Taka 28,000.

and violence to our country should not be allowed." the minister asserted and called such programmes as "cultural aggression against the Muslim society" that "destroys our val-

ues and our culture". The information minister said that he is aware of the complaints in the United States about sex and violence on television and the efforts of the Clinton administration to

promote 'V chip' to block those programmes. "If we could find a way, we will cut it off' Prof Sayeed said of the sexually explicit and violent programmes from Russia's TB6 network and several Asian

television broadcasts that are picked up in Bangladesh. He also said. "We have to motivate our people against sex and violence (on television) -

we must stop it." Foreign Editor David Zones and State Department Correspondent Ben Barber were among the Times newsmen who talked with the minister.

Newspaper agents in Rajshahi threaten strike

RAJSHAHI, Dec 24: Newspaper agents here have threatened to stop distribution of newspapers from tomorrow in protest against collection of toll by police from the newspaper carrying vehicles, reports UNB.

Earlier, in the morning an on-duty police sergeant demanded Tk 500 from three newspaper-laden microbuses at Talaimari in the city. After failing to realise the money, the policeman demanded one copy of each newspaper, and released the microbuses only after obtaining them.

The newspaper agents gave an ultimatum to the Police Commissioner of Rajshahi to take action against the police-men involved in the toll collection from the newspapers carrying vehicles.

They also alleged that police collect tolls at Puthia Katakhali police camp and Talaimari areas every month.

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No Dhaka-01/99-2000 Dated 15.12.99 Sealed tenders are hereby invited for sale of different kinds of used goods/automobile vehicles of Biman Bangladesh Airlines on

"as is where is" basis. Tender schedule will be available at a cost of Tk 200.00 (Two hundred) for Group -KA (Automobile Vehicles_& Tk 500.00 (Five hundred) for Group-KHA (non-refundable) with Accounts Officer, Cash & Banking, situated at Biman Admin Building (1st floor), Zia International Airport, Dhaka between 1100 hours to 1600 hours on all office days from 11th January, 2000 to 17th January, 2000. A signed formal application mentioning tender number shall require to purchase the tender schedule.

Description of goods Tender schedule value Used Automobile Vehicles Tk 200.00 (Two hundred) Different kinds of used goods Tk 500.00 (Five hundred) After obtaining schedule (s) intending bidders may inspect the goods/vehicles mentioned in the schedule during office hours on 17th & 18th January, 2000 showing original C.R. (Cash Receipt)

to Manager Stores, Biman. The date of tender submission is 19th January, 2000 from 0900 hours to 1200 hours and will be opened on the same day at 1400 hours in presence of tenderer(s), if any. Faxed or mailed offers/tenders will not be accepted. Biman reserves the right to accept/reject any or all tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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The assignment will be for a maximum of two years with an initial six-month probationary period.

The position requires a graduate degree with strong management and interpersonal skills with at least two years of field experience in health or other related development/social mobilization field with national or international development agencies or with an NGO. Knowledge in the use of computers (MS Word and Excel) will be an added asset.

Applicants should be Bangladeshi nationals fluent in written and spoken Bangla and functional writing skill in English. Qualified women who are willing to travel | Gulshan North, near American are encouraged to apply. Applicants are required to indicate districts of Bangladesh where they have had Magsood Ali, former Secretary and

prior work experience. Interested candidates should send their application along with detailed bio-data, a recent passport size photograph, contact telephone number and address, names of two referees with their contact phone number for her departed soul. to: Advertiser, P.O. Box No. 6114, Gulshan, Dhaka-1212, so as to reach by January 3, 2000. Candidates already employed should apply through proper channel. C-1078

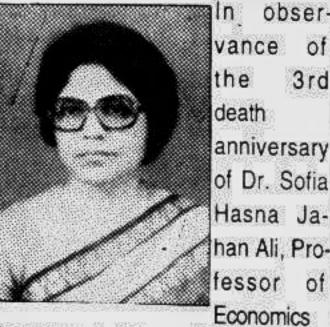


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Tender Notice

Tender Notice No. CD/HO/3(28)/99

Dated: 07.12.99 Bangladesh Gas Fields Co. Ltd. (BGFCL) hereby invites sealed tender in prescribed forms from the

enlisted contractors of Public Works Department (PWD) /Roads & Highway Department (RHD)/Public Health Engineering Department(PHED)/Housing & Settlement Directorate (H&SD)/Bangladesh Railway (BR)/Military Engineering Services (MES)/Rajdhani Unnayan

S1 No	Name of the works	Estimated cost	Completio n time	Cost of tender document (non- refundable)	Minimum qualification of contractor
A.	Construction of Ansar shed at Titas Location-5, Brahmanbaria	12,27,497.35	150 days	Tk. 1000/-	1st class
В.	Construction of retaining wall at housing area of Titas Location-3, Brahmabaria	11,52,923/75	150 days	Tk. 1000/-	1st class
C.	Vertical extension of north side barbed wire at Titas Location-2, Brahmanbaria	Tk. 94,269/00	45 days	Tk. 250/-	3rd class

Intending firms may obtain tender schedule from the following offices from 21.12.99 to 02-01-2000 during cash transaction hours on cash payment:-

For Sl No. 1 (A) to 1 (C):-

a) Accounts Department, Court Road, Brahmanbaria. b) Liaison Office, 97, Purana Paltan (Bijoynagar), Dhaka of Bangladesh Gas Fields Co. Ltd.

For Sl No. 1(A) to 1(B): Accounts Division, Petrobangla. 3, Kawranbazar, Dhaka.

Accounts Division, Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration Co. Ltd, Ibrahim Mansion (2nd floor), 11, Purana Paltan, Dhaka. Accounts & Finance Division, Titas Gas T & D Co. Ltd , 11, Kawranbazar, Dhaka.

Accounts Department, Rupantarita Prakritic Gas Co Ltd, BSEC Bhaban (8th floor), Kawranbazar, Dhaka. Accounts & Finance Division, Bakhrabad Gas Systems Ltd, Chapapur, Comilla.

Accounts & Finance Division, Sylhet Gas Fields Ltd, Chiknagool, Sylhet. Accounts Department, Jalalabad Gas T & D System Ltd, Gas Bhaban, Mahandibagh, Sylhet-Tender shall be received in the tender box kept in Civil Engineering Deptt. at Paik Para,

Brahmanbaria and Liaison Office, 97, Purana Paltan (Bijoynagar), Dhaka of BGFCL and in other offices as mentioned in para 2(b) up to 11 AM on 03-01-2000 and simultaneously be opened at 11:15 AM on the same day in presence of bidders, if any.

Tenderers must submit earnest money equivalent to 2.5% of their quoted amount along with tender. If the quoted amount is less than the estimate beyond 5% the tender must accompany additional earnest money equivalent to 10% of the quoted amount and item-wise detail rate analysis for the work. The earnest money in favour of Bangladesh Gas Fields Co. Ltd, Brahmanbaria will be in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh.

Tender must also accompany the followings:-Copy of work order of technically similar works completed with own supply of materials in a single work-order in the last 5 (five) years amounting not less than 75% of estimated amount shown in the tender notice along with completion certificate issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer.

b) Bank solvency certificate issued recently by any schedule bank of Bangladesh assuring that the firm is capable to invest 40% of the estimated cost of the work at a time for execution of the work. Income tax clearance certificate up-to 1997-98 including Tax Identification Number (TIN), VAT registration certificate, up-to-date trade licence & enlistment certificates.

Money receipt of purchasing tender schedule. All the certificates to be submitted along with the tender must be in original or duly attested by a gazetted officer. Original certificates and papers must be produced on demand against the attested copies which will be returned after verification or any certificate(s) submitted along with the tender may be checked on direct contact with the issuing authority. The authority reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all the tenders without showing

any reason without accepting any liability. PRS-9/051(Civil)/99 DFP-28333-21/12 G-2160

Dy General Manager (Civil Engineering)

Notice Inviting **Quotation (2nd Call)** Quotation Notice No-03/99-2000 dt-21-11-99

1. Sealed quotation is hereby invited from bonafide dealers and suppliers for supply of two number of 4-door, 6-seater double cabin Pick-up (Appendix-A) as per specification and terms & conditions attached with the schedule for Sikarpur-Duarika Bridge Construction Project.

2. Quotation will be received by the undersigned up to 11.00 hrs on 30-12-99 and will be opened on the same day at 11.05 hrs in presence of the intending quotation or their authorised agents (if thereby 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 29-12-99 on payment of Tk-1500.00 (fifteen hundred) only per set (nonrefundable) 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 office hours.

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

6. The undersigned reserves the right 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

Mohammed Zahir

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