

Metropolitan

JS body discusses activities of Shipping Ministry

A meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Shipping Ministry yesterday discussed buying of gantry crane and appointment of consultant for the Chittagong Port, reports UNB.

The meeting discussed management pact with a port operating company of international standard to raise the operational capacity and develop the expertise of Chittagong Port.

The meeting also discussed the progress of the implementation of recommendations of the report submitted by a sub-committee on Mongla port. The meeting was informed that the dredging work of the port will soon begin.

The meeting reviewed the overall activities of BIWTC and stressed the need for development of the standard of its services.

Chaired by committee chairman Shawkat Ali, the meeting was attended by State Minister for Shipping Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury (Maya), Mir Shakawat Ali (Daru), M Rafiqul Islam Bakul and Jafrul Islam Chowdhury, said a Parliamentary Secretariat press release.

Mohiuddin Ahmed dies

By Staff Correspondent
Mohiuddin Ahmed, acting president of the then East Pakistan Students Union and adviser of the now defunct Daily Dush died of cardiac arrest yesterday at the National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases. He was 63.

He left behind his wife, two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives, friends and admirers to mourn his death.

The *namaz-e-Janaza* of Mohiuddin Ahmed will be held today at the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque after *Zohr* prayers.

His *gulkhawani* will be held after *Jumma* prayers at his 68, Kakrail residence.

Meanwhile, BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia expressed her deep shock at the death of Mohiuddin Ahmed.

"The country lost a dedicated politician at his death," Khaleda Zia said in her condolence message. She also prayed for the salvation of departed soul and expressed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan also expressed shock at the death of Mohiuddin Ahmed.

Rotary News

Weekly meeting
The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhanmondi will be held today at 4:00 pm at Dhaka Club Upstairs Family Lounge, says a press release. All members have been requested to attend in time.

Raja Bhai sent back to jail

By Court Correspondent
Raja Mohammad Bhai, brother of Aziz Mohammad Bhai taken on police remand for three days in two phases, was sent to the Dhaka Central Jail yesterday.

Motilheal Police arrested him on December 29 and interrogated him on charges of passing "secret information" to foreign patrons in the name of programmes of the defunct satellite television channel ATV, police said.

Raja was arrested after his brother allegedly told the police about his involvement in passing secret informations in the name of ATV programmes. Aziz was earlier arrested for these charges and was put behind the bars for about two months but released on bail later.



British High Commissioner to Bangladesh made a farewell call on Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia at her official Minto Road residence yesterday. — Star photo

DU Management dept reunion Feb 28-Mar 4

By DU Correspondent
The Department of Management of Dhaka University will hold a grand reunion of ex-students, starting from February 28 to March 4, said a press release.

A colourful directory will also be published.

All the former students of the department have been requested to contact the department officer or the reunion office (room no 103, Business Studies building) by February 10 with two copies of photo to register their names.

British Council Library holiday

The British Council Library will be closed from January 5 to 10 on the occasion of Shabe Quad' and "Eid-ul-Fitr", says a press release.

Shalbon Bihar losing attraction due to lack of maintenance

COMILLA, Jan 4: The famous Shalbon Bihar and other ancient archeological sites spread over Lalmai Mainamati hills in Comilla district are losing visitors due to lack of progress in excavation, development and proper maintenance of these sites, reports BSS.

Though more than half a century has passed since the discovery of these sites only few of them have been excavated, that also, partially so far.

During the second world war, 50 archeological sites were identified in the 11 kilometre long Lalmai Mainamati hills situated at five kilometres west of Comilla town.

After the war, a government survey identified 40 archeological sites. Later, the government took decision to preserve 20 of these sites. But due to lack of finance, only eight sites have so far been excavated partially.

The sites under excavation are five Buddha Bihars and three Buddhist Monuments.

The Bihars are Shalbon Bihar, Rupban Mura Bihar, Itakhola Mura Bihar, Ananda Rajar Bihar and Bhoje Rajar Bihar. The monuments were found at Kautillaya Mura, Charpatra Mura and Ranir Banglow.

Many archeological antiquities dating back to the 6th, 7th and 8th century were recovered from excavation of these sites.

The antiquities included books and booklets, seal, inscribed copper plates, earthen wares, utensils, gold, silver and materials of everyday use.

Three monuments were discovered at Kautillaya Mura, four cover plates from Charpatra Mura from which information could be gathered about the dynasty of Chandra.

Archeological relics of the 8th century were found in Ranir Banglow monument site. Ruins of Buddha Bihars and walls of burnt bricks were unearthed by excavating the hills. All the monuments are located about

60 feet above the hills.

Locals feel that there is an urgent need to build a new museum building as the existing building at the site of the famous Shalbon Bihar is too small to accommodate the antiquities. Besides, lack of proper security arrangement is also felt. Valuable antiquities were stolen from this museum in 1972 and 1981.

The archeological sites are excavated, developed and maintained by the department of archeology under the ministry of cultural affairs.

The tourism corporation is not taking interest in developing and maintaining the natural view of the Lalmai Mainamati hills. Thousands of tourists visit the area every year, specially during the winter season. But the corporation is yet to build any residential facility for the tourists as yet. Besides, there is lack of security for the visitors, it is alleged.

Existing technologies can help increase rice yield

By Staff Correspondent
Bangladesh has to explore existing technologies to enhance its rice yield while pursuing new developments like hybrid.

The Deputy Director General of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) Dr Mahabub Hossain said this at a seminar in the city yesterday.

Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) organised the seminar on the potential of hybrid rice held at the Institute's conference room. With BIDS Research Director Dr Qazi Shahabuddin in the chair, the seminar was participated by local experts, BIDS fellows and private sector representatives.

Saying that Bangladesh is now in the process of developing its own hybrid variety, Hossain also stressed on the need for further exploring the modern variety of technologies — better management, irrigation and input development — in meeting growing requirements for foodgrain.

"In the rice-growing Asia, population is increasing at a rate of 1.6 per cent per annum well surpassing the 1.3 per cent increase rate in rice production," noted Hossain, also the head economist of the Philippines-based world body of rice research.

Giving a brief resume of quantitative and qualitative advantages and disadvantages of hybrid in comparison to inbred varieties, the IRRI economist told the seminar that before 'Super Rice' becomes

a reality, rice breeders could well think of further developing hybrid varieties.

'Super Rice' is a concept of changing the plant architecture of rice and gaining at least 20 per cent yield advantage from inbred rice, explained Hossain.

He also gave a description of progress made in hybrid technology in China and India and said that "hybrid is yet to be commercially profitable because of the lower market price and grain quality but, subsistence farmers can rear benefit out of it."

Dr Hossain cast light on the high profit margin in marketing imported hybrid seeds in Bangladesh and said, "Once the country produces its own hybrid variety and public sector comes up as a checkmate, farmers would be the ultimate beneficiary in getting seeds at reasonable prices."

Dr Shahabuddin also underscored the importance of exploring current technologies in raising the yield gap. He sounded optimism at achieving higher production level in rice by using modern technologies.

Death anniversary

The first anniversary of death of leading businessman and social worker Dr Fazlur Rahman will be observed today, reports UNB.

On the occasion, a *milad mahfil* will be held at his 167/1 West Kafur, Dhaka residence and also at village home in Chandpur after *Asr* prayers.

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Sunamgonj PWD Division Tender Notice No 18 of 1999-2000

Sealed tenders are invited in BD Form No 2911 for the unmentioned work as per terms and condition stated below:

- Name of : Gr No I (one), Establishment of Fire Service and Civil Defence Station at 32 Important Thana/Places one at Chatak in the Dist of Sunamgonj. (Sub-Head: Constn of Station office staff quarter 800 sqft).
Gr No II (two), -do- -do- (Sub-Head: Sanitary & water supply arrangement)
Gr No III (three), -do- -do- (Sub-Head: Electrical Installation and including service connection).
- Estimated cost : Gr No-I (one) Tk 15,57,345/-
Gr No II (two) Tk : 1,86,571/-
Gr No III (three) Tk 58,959/-
- Earnest money : Gr No-I (one) Tk 31,200/-
Gr No II (two) Tk : 3,750/-
Gr No III (three) Tk 1,200/-
- Time allowed for completion of the work : Gr No-I (one)=120 (one hundred twenty) days.
Gr No II (two)=60 (sixty) days.
Gr No III (three)=30 (thirty) days from date of issue of work order.
- Price of tender : Gr No-I (one) Tk 775/- per set
Gr No II (two) Tk 425/- -do-
Gr No III (three) Tk 425/- -do-
- Place of selling & receiving tender: Office of the undersigned including all Executive Engineers' office under PWD Circle, Sylhet and also office of the Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet Division. Gr No-I.
- Last date of selling tender: During office hours up to : 12-1-2000/5-00 PM.
- Eligibility of contractors/firm to compete in the tender:
a) Category applicable as per financial limit of authorised enlisted contractor of PWD.
b) The intending tenderers must have VA registration.
c) Attested copy of VAT registration certificate is to be enclosed along with the tender.
- Date of receiving and opening of tender: Up to 12.00 Noon of 13-1-2000 and will be opened on the same day at 12.15 PM.
- Lottery (Applicable where necessary): If more than one tenders are received having same rates stand lowest, selection will be made by lottery to be held on 20-1-2000 at 12.00 Noon in office of the undersigned in presence of intending tenderers who like to be present.
- The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reasons.

Executive Engineer
Sunamgonj PWD Division,
Sunamgonj.
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In Memory of Munni Rahman

We deeply mourn and remember you always
Family, Friends and Munni Memorial Committee

Government of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD Road Division, B-Baria Notice Inviting Tender

- Tender Notice No : 11/EE, RHD, B-Baria during 1999-2000.
- Name of work : Widening of Ferry ghat & approach road at Ashugonj end of Ashugonj-Bhairab Ferry ghat under B-Baria Road Division during the year-1999-2000.
- Estimated cost : Tk 44,09,392/=
- Earnest money : Tk 88,188/= in BD/CDR/Pay Order from any schedule bank to deposit in favour of the undersigned.
- Name of office in which the tender documents will be available for purchases : The Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Divn Comilla/Chandpur/Planning & Design Divn, Comilla/Planning Division-1 (P&D), Dhaka & all SDE's office under B-Baria Road Division & office of the undersigned.
- Name of office in which the tender will be received : The Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong the Addl Chief Engineer, RHD, Comilla Zone, Comilla/the Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Comilla/the Superintending Engineer, RHD, Procurement & Monitoring Circle, Dhaka & office of the undersigned.
- Time allowed : 25 (Twenty-five) day.
- Last date of selling of tender : 12-01-2000 during office hours.
- Last date & time of receipt of tender : Up to 12-30 PM on 13-01-2000.
- Last date & time of opening of tender : At 11-00 AM on 19-01-2000.
- Date of lottery : At 12-00 Noon on 20-01-2000.
- Eligibility of contractor : "A" to "C" General category contractor of RHD.
- Chargeable head : 266

Md Abdus Salam
Executive Engineer RHD
Road Division, B-Baria
DFP-29514-30/12
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Principal

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Roads & Highways Directorate Office of the Executive Engineer Chittagong Workshop Divn Dewanhat, Chittagong

- Tender Notice**
- Tender Notice : 19 (nineteen)/EE/CWD/99-No. 2000/Dt. 23.12.99 and 9.9.1406BS.
 - Name of work : Supply of spare parts for 100 Horse Power Ford Engine of Badarkhal-Janatabazar Ferryghat under (R&H) Chittagong Workshop Division, Year 1999-2000. Head of Expenditure: 168- Roads, Bridge & Ferryghat 2 repair.
 - Estimated cost : As per schedule.
 - Earnest money : 2% of the estimated cost.
 - Time limit : 15 (fifteen) days from the date of issuing work order.
 - Eligibility of contractor : a) Roads & Highways Directorate's "A" to "C" General Class contractors, (R&H) Chittagong Workshop Circle's "D" Class contractors and this Division's "E" Class contractors.
b) Bonafide agents of manufacturers.
 - Offices where tender to be had at : a) Executive Engineer (R&H), Chittagong Workshop Division, Dewanhat, Chittagong.
b) Executive Engineer (R&H), Rangamati Workshop Division, Bhedvedi, Rangamati Hill District.
c) Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Workshop Sub-Division, Dewanhat, Chittagong.
 - Offices where tender to be received at : a) Superintending Engineer (R&H), Chittagong Workshop Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Agrabad, Chittagong.
b) Executive Engineer (R&H), Chittagong Workshop Division, Dewanhat, Chittagong.
c) Executive Engineer (R&H), Rangamati Workshop Division, Bhedvedi, Rangamati Hill District.
17.1.2000 & 4.10.1406 BS.
 - Last date of selling tender : 18.1.2000 & 5.10.1406BS up to 12:00 Noon.
 - Date & time of opening tender : pm (in presence of interested contractors).
 - Date & time of lottery (if necessary) : 20.1.200 & 7-10-1406 BS at 12:00 Noon.

Md. Abul Kalam Khan
Executive Engineer (R&H) (C.R.)
Chittagong Workshop Division
Dewanhat, Chittagong
DFP-29309-29/12
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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, R&H Chandpur Road Division, Chandpur

- R&H Tender Invitation Notice**
- Tender Notice : 15/EE/CRD/1999-2000.
 - Name of work : Tender invitation for construction of flexible pavement on the 4th (P) and 5th (P) kilometre of Motlab-Mohonpur Road under Chandpur Road Division during 1999-2000 fiscal year (bill will be paid subject to the receipt of allocation) (Head of expenditure: 266-Development).
 - Estimated cost : Taka 29,72,134/00.
 - Earnest money : At the rate of 2% of the estimated cost in the forms of BD/TC/Protirakkha Sanchay Patra or Bonus Sanchay Patra in favour of the undersigned will have to be deposited.
 - Names of offices where tender documents will be available : Divisional Commissioner Chittagong/Undersigned/Executive Engineer R&H, Road Division, Comilla/B-Baria/Planning and Design Division, Comilla/Planning Division-1 (PO), Dhaka all the offices of the Executive Engineers under this division.
 - Names of offices where tender documents will be received : Additional Chief Engineer, R&H, Comilla Zone, Comilla/Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong/Superintending Engineer R&H, Road Circle, Comilla/Superintending Engineer, R&H, Procurement and Monitoring Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka and office of the undersigned.
 - Time allowed : 60 (sixty) days from the date of issue of work order.
 - Last date of selling tender : 12-01-2000 till office hours.
 - Date and time of receiving tender : 13-01-2000 till 12-30 pm.
 - Date and time of opening tender : 17-01-2000 at 12-00 Noon.
 - Date and time of lottery : 18-01-2000 at 1-30 pm.
 - Eligibility of contractors : 'A' to 'C' general categories of contractors enlisted with R&H Directorate.

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