

Two-day ministerial level meeting of IOR-ARC begins in Muscat today

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad left Dhaka for Muscat yesterday morning to attend the extraordinary meeting of the Council of Ministers of Indian Ocean Rim Association (IOR-ARC), reports BSS.

Bangladesh has formally joined the three-year-old regional body when Syed Khawja Sharif Hassan, Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) took his seat at the special meeting of the committee of senior officials of IOR-ARC which began on Thursday in the Omani capital.

The two-day minister-level meeting of the regional body begins today.

Azad will lead a 6-member Bangladesh delegation to the Ministerial meeting of IOR-ARC, a body of 19 countries of a vast area stretching from the mouth of Red Sea in the West to Australia in the East. The Association, a grouping of littoral and island states, which was launched in Port Louis, Mauritius in 1997 represents over one-fifth of global population.

The Muscat meeting is likely to witness heated debate on the application of Pakistan wishing to become 20th member of IOR-ARC, a MOFA source said. The sources, however, added that China who wants the status of dialogue partner of the regional body will have its wish fulfilled. France and UK are also eager to become dialogue partners of IOR-ARC which has huge economic potential.

Bangladesh, which had been attending the meeting of the IOR-ARC since its formative stages held in Perth and New Delhi, applied to become a member last year during the second Ministerial meeting of the body held in March in Maputu, Mozambique. Bangladesh's prayer was accepted along with four others in September 1999 and it has been

invited to attend the ensuing extraordinary Ministerial meeting.

Azad signed the "instrument of acceptance" for joining the organization early this month, sources said.

The Foreign Minister, who described the ensuing meeting of IOR-ARC as very important for all the members including Bangladesh, said, "We attach great importance to the Muscat meeting."

He has been invited to attend the meeting by Dr Leonardo Santos Simao, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Mozambique and current chairman of Council of Ministers of IOR-ARC. Yusef Bin Alawi Bin Abdullah, Foreign Minister of Oman also requested him to attend the meeting.

Diplomats here believe that so far as Bangladesh's successful economic diplomacy is concerned its participation in the Muscat meeting has a significance. Bangladesh thinks that creation of IOR-ARC is a step forward in enhancing cooperation among various countries of the region in a variety of fields and also in creating a more peaceful and congenial atmosphere in the region for undertaking fresh initiative for economic cooperation.

MOFA sources expressed the hope that the Muscat meeting would be able to resolve the procedural matters in IOR-ARC to pave the ground for cooperation among the countries on substantive issues of trade and investment.

The new members besides Bangladesh who will take their seat in Muscat meet are Iran, Seychelles, Thailand and UAE. Original members of the body are Australia, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mozambique, Oman, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania and Yemen.



Cold wave followed by unusual rains gripped city-dwellers yesterday. Picture shows a child feels comfortable amply wrapped up by warm clothes in his father's lap. — Star photo

DCC crackdown People suffer as thousands of rickshaws go off the road

By Staff Correspondent

Thousands of rickshaws in Uttara area went off the road yesterday after the DCC started crackdown on illegal rickshaws, local people and police said.

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) and the police launched a joint drive on Monday against unauthorised rickshaws to ease traffic congestion.

Elsewhere in the city, the number of rickshaws was much less yesterday than any normal day.

Many people in Baridhara, Banani, Gulshan, Dhanmondi, Mohammadpur, Mirpur, Pallatan, Gullistan and Sadarghat areas were waiting for a vehicle long time. They also complained that the rickshaw-pullers and autorickshaw drivers are now charging higher than the normal fair, taking advantage of the situation.

The rickshawpullers did not come out with their three-wheeled rickshaws after the crackdown, said an official of Uttara Police Station.

Not a single rickshaw was seen on the main roads in Uttara Model Town yesterday. A few, however, were seen in different lanes of the area.

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Nat'l workshop on management of natural resources today

By Staff Correspondent

A national workshop on community management of natural resources will be held at IUCN Bangladesh Country Office at 10 am today, said a press release.

The main objective of the workshop is to organise a forum of those interested in conservation through community approach and discuss the issues related to the process of community involvement in sustainable use of natural resources, it said.

A key note paper and five case-studies highlighting the initiatives taken by the community people to conserve natural resources in different part of the country will be presented at the workshop, it added.

Govt's move condemned

By DU Correspondent

Gonatantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO), a conglomerate of left-leaning student organisations, on Thursday condemned the government's decision to postpone the naming of some dormitories of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology after some eminent personalities.

The GCO announced that they would bring out a procession and hold a rally on the Dhaka University campus on January 23 protesting the government decision.

Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF) also condemned the government move and role of religious fanatics.

In a statement, Nurul Islam and Saifur Rahman Tapon, president and general secretary of SCF respectively, urged the student community to launch a movement against the religious fanatics.

On Thursday, the government sacked seven employees—one for corruption and six for their "unlawful" recruitment, reports UNB.

Sources said the six were recruited last July. Besides, bulldozer driver Hasmat Ali, who was recruited 14 years ago, was terminated on charge of corruption.

Khaleda begins organisational tour Jan 26

Opposition leader Khaleda Zia will embark on organisational tour on January 26 when she will also hold public meetings to mobilise support for the one-point movement against the government, reports UNB.

She will go to Kushtia on January 26 on 2-day visit of the district. She is scheduled to address public meetings at Doulatpur on Jan 26 and Khoksa the following day.

The BNP Chairperson is also scheduled to go to Kurigram on February 15. She will address public meetings at Nageshwari, Bhurungamari and Foulbari on February 15 and Chilmari, Ulipur and Rajarhat on February 16, party sources said.

7 employees of Mongla Port sacked

KHULNA, Jan 21: Mongla Port Authority on Thursday sacked seven employees—one for corruption and six for their "unlawful" recruitment, reports UNB.

Sources said the six were recruited last July. Besides, bulldozer driver Hasmat Ali, who was recruited 14 years ago, was terminated on charge of corruption.

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District-Moulvibazar

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Tender Notice

No 18/99-2000

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from the prequalified and valid contractors (1999-2000 renewed) of Rural Development Project-3 (Infrastructure Greater Sylhet District) of the following schemes under Sylhet Division Rural Infrastructure Development Project. The name of the schemes are to be stated on the top of the envelope of the tender. The tender schedules will be sold to the enlisted contractors (who have successfully completed previous schemes allotted to them) from the office of the undersigned, Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet, Deputy Commissioner, Moulvibazar, Project Director, RDP-3, LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Executive Engineer, LGED, Sylhet, Sunamganj, Hobigang and the Thana Engineer, Kulara, Baralekha on or before 2-1-2000. The tender will be received in the tender box on 2-2-2000 up to 1:00 PM in the same offices and the tender will be opened on the same day at 1:30 PM in presence of the contractors or their representatives (who may like to present).

- (a) The rates of items are to be quoted in figure & words in the 2nd page of BD Form No 2911 on percentage basis i.e. "ATPAR" % "Above" % less than the rates shown the schedule.
- (b) Tender will be declared informal if there arises any discrepancy such as over writing, ambiguity, or omission in quoting rates and if correction in rates is not duly initiated by the tenderer.
- If the tenderer quoted rate more than 5% less than the estimated cost, tender will be summarily rejected.
- In case of rates quoted more than 5% above, itemwise rate analysis must be submitted with the tender. Without rate analysis or the photo copy of rate analysis, tender will be summarily rejected.
- Earnest money at the rate of 2.5% of the estimated value are to be deposited with the tender in the form of BD/CD from the schedule commercial bank in favour of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Moulvibazar, failing which tender will be declared informal.
- Before issuance of work order the successful contractor has to deposit security Performance Bond amounting to 7.5% of contract value within 3 days from the date he has been asked for.
- This notice is precise other information regarding the tender bid in question can be seen from the office of the undersigned during the office hours.
- The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without showing any reason.
- TIN & VAT registration certificate shall be furnished with tender, otherwise tender will be declared informal.
- In case of more than one tender in same rate, tender will be selected by lottery.
- The tender documents like tender notice, schedule of items, additional terms & conditions etc shall be duly signed by the contractor on every pages which shall form a part of the tender and are binding upon the tenderer.

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1	Improvement of Pushnagar-Nababganj Road (Ch 3850m-4350m) (Re-call)	7,30,000/=	18,250/=	500/=	90
2	Improvement of Pekurbazar-Kularoashi-Mear Bahal Road (Ch 00m-500m) (Re-call)	7,30,000/=	18,250/=	500/=	90
3	Improvement of Muraul-Chandgram Road (Ch 1200m-1950m)	10,30,000/=	25,750/=	750/=	90
4	Improvement of Muraul-Chandgram Road (Ch 5525m-6275m)	9,80,000/=	24,500/=	500/=	90

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Publication ceremony of Kibria's books

By Staff Correspondent

The publication ceremony of two books by Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria will be held at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium at 3:30 pm today.

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed will attend the programme as the chief guest.

Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University A K Azad Chowdhury, Director General of Bangla Academy Anwar Hossain, The Daily Star Editor Mahfuz Anam and former secretary of ministry of foreign affairs Barrister A K H Morshed will review the books — *Bangladesh at the Crossroads* and *The Emerging New World Order*.

Workshop on disaster reporting begins in Ctg today

By Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Jan 21: A five-day training workshop on "Disaster Reporting under the joint auspices of Commonwealth Journalists Association Bangladesh (CJA, B) and London-based CJA begins at the Engineers Institution here tomorrow, reports BSS.

Communications Minister Anwar Hossain is expected to inaugurate the workshop, a press release of the CJA, B said here tonight.

Fifteen journalists representing national and regional newspapers in the disaster-prone areas of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Barisal, Khulna, Bhola, Patuakhali, Lakshapur, Sylhet and Rajshahi are participating in the workshop.

Paul Brown, environment correspondent of the Guardian, London, will conduct the course.

Rotary News

Weekly meeting

The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held today at 1:30 pm at Dhaka Club Ltd., Shahbag, says a press release.

Rotarians are cordially invited to attend the meeting for fellowship and make-up.

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নিম্নে বর্ণিত কার্যের জন্য ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের তালিকাভুক্ত ১ম শ্রেণীর ঠিকাদারগণের নিকট হইতে বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং ২৯১১'০১ সীলমোহরকৃত বামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। আগামী ১৫-২-২০০০খ্রীঃ/০-১১-১৪০৬ বাংলা তারিখ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকার সময় বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, ঢাকা, জেলা প্রশাসক, ঢাকা, ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের সকল প্রকৌশল বিভাগ ও নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তরে দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হইবে এবং এদিনই বেলা ১২.৩০ ঘটিকার সময় নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তরে উপস্থিত দরপত্রদাতা অথবা তাহাদের প্রতিনিধিগণের সম্মুখে যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন। দরপত্র ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন হাতে দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা যাইবে। অন্যথায় দরপত্র বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে।

ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের মেয়র মহোদয়ের অনুকূলে বাংলাদেশের যে কোন সিভিল ব্যাংকের ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডারের মাধ্যমে উক্ত দরের ৩% হারে বায়নার টাকা হিসাবে দরপত্রের সহিত জমা দিতে হইবে। বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, ঢাকা, জেলা প্রশাসক, ঢাকা, ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের সকল প্রকৌশল বিভাগ, প্রধান হিসাবরক্ষণ কর্মকর্তার দপ্তর এবং নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তর থেকে নির্ধারিত মূল্যের চালানের বিনিময়ে (অফেরতযোগ্য) প্রতিসেট টেন্ডার ডকুমেন্ট প্রয়োজনীয় কাগজপত্র প্রদর্শনপূর্বক ক্রয় করা যাইবে। দরপত্র গ্রহণের দিন কোন দরপত্র ডকুমেন্ট বিক্রয় করা হইবে না। যে সকল ঠিকাদার চলতি আর্থিক বছার পর্যন্ত ঠিকাদারী লাইসেন্স নবায়ন করেন নাই তাহারা দরপত্রে অংশগ্রহণ করিতে পারিবেন না। লাইসেন্স নবায়ন কপি, ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সার্টিফিকেট ও আয়তন সার্টিফিকেট জমা দিতে হইবে। এতদসংক্রান্ত বিস্তারিত বিবরণ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তর হইতে জানা যাইবে।

কোন দরপত্র মোট প্রাপ্তি মূল্যের উপর সার্বিকভাবে ৫% (শতকরা পাঁচ ভাগ) অপেক্ষা অধিক নিম্নদর এবং ৫% (শতকরা পাঁচ ভাগ) অপেক্ষা অধিক উর্ধ্বদর দাখিলকৃত দরপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে। একাধিক ঠিকাদার কোন কাজের দরপত্রে একই দর দাখিল করিলে পরবর্তীতে তাহাদেরকে অবহিত করিয়া সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ ঠিকাদারগণের উপস্থিতিতে যেদিকে কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন। ও দরপত্র কমিটির সদস্যগণের উপস্থিতিতে প্রকাশে লটারি অনুষ্ঠানের মাধ্যমে ঠিকাদার নির্বাচন করা হইবে। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন বা সম্মুখ দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সত্ত্বেও রক্ষণ করে।

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৫।	বন্যায় ক্ষতিগ্রস্ত রাজারবাগ হোদং ৪/১ হইতে ৯/বি হোদং ৯/৩/২ হইতে ১১/১, হোদং ১৮/১/১ হইতে ১৮/৪ আলী হাউজ হইতে হোঃ নং ৮/এ/ডি/৪ পর্যন্ত পুনর্বাসন কাজ।	২০,৮৪,৪৫০/-	২০০০/-	৯০ দিন
৬।	বন্যায় ক্ষতিগ্রস্ত পূর্ব বাসাবো (সেরদার বাড়ি) হোঃ নং ৩৬/১ হইতে ৩৭/১, পূর্ব বাসাবো রোড হোঃ নং ১/৮/বি হইতে ১০/৩/এফ) এর পুনর্বাসন কাজ।	১৪,২৮,১৬৫/-	২০০০/-	৯০ দিন
৭।	বন্যায় ক্ষতিগ্রস্ত শাপলা কানন রোড হোঃ নং ১০৭/১, হোঃ নং ৪৫, হোঃ নং ১০৯ হইতে ১১০ পর্যন্ত পুনর্বাসন কাজ।	১১,১৪,৩০৪/-	২০০০/-	৯০ দিন

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Sub: **Extension of time for Bid submission for Solar PV Systems at Bilaichhari, Juraichhari and Barkal Upazilla Head Quarters and its surrounding areas under the Rangamati District of the Chittagong Hill Tracts on turn-key basis.**

The date of submission of Technical and Financial Proposals for Solar PV Systems at Bilaichhari, Juraichhari and Barkal Upazilla Head Quarters and its surrounding areas under the Rangamati District of the Chittagong Hill Tracts on turn-key basis has been re-fixed on 31/01/2000 up to 11:00 AM local time instead of 24/01/2000. The tender will be opened at 11:30 AM on the same day.

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