

## Ekushey Book Fair

## Hartal mars festivity

By DU Correspondent

The day-long hartal in the city yesterday marred the festivity at the Ekushey Book Fair. The number of visitors was less as well as the sale of books.

With this the month-long fair was disrupted for the fourth time yesterday by BNP-led opposition alliance enforced hartals since it was inaugurated at the Bangla Academy premises on February 6.

Publishers and booksellers at the fair regretted the hartal, which they claimed, prevented many visitors from attending. "The hartal has caused great loss for us as many people could not come and buy books at the fair which is scheduled to close tomorrow. Sales on these concluding days are usually the largest," one of them pointed out.

Bangla Academy authorities also expressed disappointment over yesterday's hartal. Earlier, the Academy authorities called upon the political parties to keep the fair out of the purview of all political programmes.

## Y2K centre open today

The Y2K Emergency Centre will remain open today just in case computers forget there are 29 days this month, since 2000 is a leap year, reports UNB.

The centre is carefully observing the matter, said a press release of Bangladesh Computer Council, Coordinating Office of National Y2K.

If there is any trouble in any computers, affected persons were asked to communicate with Coordinating Office of National Y2K, Bangladesh Computer Council, Ministry of Science and Technology, House No 23, Road No 9/A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka.

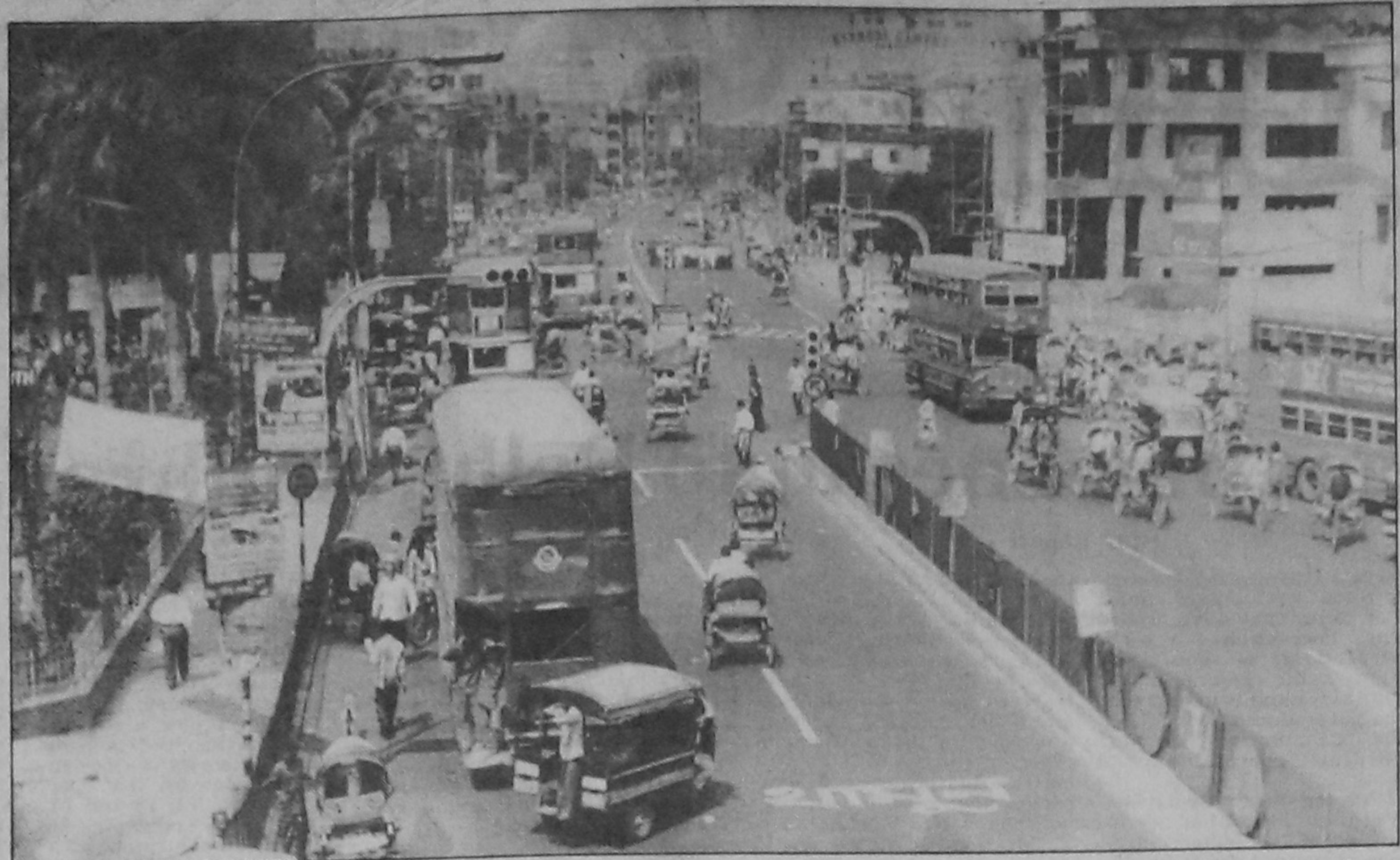
They are also asked to communicate over Telephone Numbers: 8124910, 8125440 or Fax: 880-2-8125366 or E-mail: ny2kdb@bdonline.com.

## Kamaluddin new envoy to Malaysia

Muhammad Kamaluddin, Director General of the Foreign Ministry, has been appointed Bangladesh ambassador to Malaysia, said an official announcement yesterday, reports UNB.

Kamaluddin, a career diplomat, joined the foreign service in 1973.

He served, in different capacities, at Bangladesh missions in India, Poland, UAE, Italy and Saudi Arabia at different times.



City's Farmgate area during hartal hours yesterday. This picture was taken at noon.

— Star photo

## 'Clinton's visit will strengthen relations with US'

CHITTAGONG, Feb 28: Mayor of Chittagong ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury has said the coming visit of President Clinton to Bangladesh will open up a new horizon and add a fresh dimension in the relations between the two nations and help boost US investment in the country, reports BSS.

Chowdhury, welcoming President Clinton for his maiden visit to Bangladesh, expressed firm optimism that this (visit) would further strengthen the existing good relationships between the two countries.

Describing the visit as a "important and historic one," the mayor said this is an excellent gesture from the US President to Bangladesh.

Chowdhury, in an interview with BSS at his office here, sees great prospect in boosting trade and economic activities between the two countries as a result of the visit. "There is no alternative to international trade and investment in developing a country like Bangladesh," he added.

The mayor hoped that during the US president's visit, two important issues — export of gas and construction of a private port — will come up prominently in the discussions.

Sources in diplomatic and trade circles here said construction of a private container terminal at Chittagong is being given importance by Washington during Clinton's visit. Other issues like export of gas, investment in energy sector and approval of trade union in the Export Processing Zones are likely to come up for discussions, the sources added.

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## UK envoy assures FM of more cooperation

Newly-appointed British High Commissioner David Carter said the U.K. government will increase its cooperation with Bangladesh in all fields, reports UNB.

The areas of cooperation will include political, economic, trade, development and cultural fields, said Carter during a meeting with Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad.

"Bangladesh is now a very known name in the international arena. It has earned fame specially after being elected member of UN Security Council, participating in peacekeeping missions and as a prospective country of internal development," said Carter.

## Annanya Top Ten Award '99 to be presented today

The fortnightly Annanya presents its Annanya Top Ten Award '99 for women at the Kabi Sufia Kamal auditorium of National Museum at 4:30 in the afternoon today, says a press release.

The recipients of awards are Sushashini Das (Social Welfare), Romena Afaj (detective story), Khushi Kabir (Environment and Human Rights), Nasima Haq (Journalism), Rowshan Ara (Administration), Ferdousi Priyabhashini (Sculpture), Shireen Akhter (Organisation and Politics), Shahana Parveen Shova (Liberation War), Ferdous Ara (Music) and Mahmuda Begum (Fashion design).

Annanya, one of the leading journals for women in the country, honours 10 women every year with its award.

## Rotary News

Weekly meeting

The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Ramna will be held today at 5:30 pm at Dhaka Club (Family lounge), says a press release.

Dr. Abul Kalam Azad is the guest speaker of the meeting and he will speak on "21st February on International Mother Language Day".

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## Raise standard of health care services: Chief Justice Diabetic Awareness Day observed

Chief Justice Latifur Rahman yesterday urged doctors and health workers across the country to work with sincerity to raise the standard of health care institutions, reports BSS.

"It is unfortunate that even after 29 years of independence, the quality of health care across the country is deplorable," the Chief Justice said while addressing a discussion marking National Diabetic Awareness Day at BIRDEM auditorium which coincides with the founding day of Bangladesh Diabetic Society.

President of Bangladesh Diabetic Association Prof Wahid Uddin Ahmed chaired the discussion.

## DUTA protest procession Mar 2

By DU Correspondent

The Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) will bring out a silent procession from Aparajeeo Bangla on the Dhaka University campus at 11 am on March 2 to protest the recent attack on Prof Joinal Abedin, a teacher of Shahjalal University.

At a meeting on Sunday with its president Prof R I M Aminur Rasheed in the chair, DUTA strongly condemned the attack and demanded exemplary punishment to the persons responsible for the attack.

The DUTA urged the government to strengthen security measures for safety of the teachers of Shahjalal University.

DUTA also urged the local people of Sylhet to play a role in creating a congenial atmosphere at the Shahjalal University.

The Chief Justice said that the conditions of government hospitals are deplorable and only the affluent people can afford treatment at private health care facilities. Most of the private health clinics too have failed to maintain necessary standards, he said.

Justice Rahman said a large number of local patients are seeking treatment abroad. He observed that it was a matter of great concern as to why our national health care system is not functioning and developing as it should be.

Paying rich tributes to Professor Ibrahim, the pioneer of awareness campaign about diabetes in the country, he said, we have to develop positive attitudes towards social service if we really mean to progress in every sector.

Prof A K Azad Khan, secretary general of the society, claimed that Bangladesh Diabetic Society is the largest single organisation in the world that provides service to hundreds of patients.

But the society and its branches in different parts of the country can hardly reach ten to fifteen per cent of the patients with diabetic and other endocrine disorders," he added.

## White flag rally in N'ganj

A big silent 'white flag' rally of the business community was held today at Chashara square in Narayanganj to register their strong protest against frequent hartals, blockades, terrorism and toll collection in the backdrop of dawn-to-dusk hartal of the opposition political alliance.

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## Tender Notice

Tender Notice Reference No-CD/HO/3 (02/2000)

Dated: 15-02-2000

1. Sealed tenders in prescribed forms are invited from the enlisted contractors of Public Works Department/Roads and Highways Department/Public Health Engineering Department/Housing Settlement Directorate/Bangladesh Railway/Military Engineering Services (MES)/ Rajdhani Unnayan Kartiripakha (Rajuk)/ Petrobangla and its companies for the undermentioned work:

Serial No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Time allowed	Cost of tender schedule (non-refundable)	Minimum eligibility of tenderers
a)	Re-construction work of 02(two) broken wing walls of the bridge in front of Meghna Gas Field at Bancharampur.	Tk. 9,61,690.13	200 days	Tk 1000.00	1st class
b)	Construction of herring bone bond road from main entrance to Ansar camp and staff shed at Meghna Gas Field at Bancharampur.	Tk. 2,85,678.00	60 days	Tk 500.00	2nd class
c)	Digging three shallow tubewells and installation alongwith supply of motor and pump in the No. 3 site of Titas at Brahmanbaria.	Tk. 1,00,716.80	150 days	Tk 500.00	2nd class
d)	Security post construction on the south-east corner of Meghna Gas Field at Bancharampur.	Tk. 68,387.25	75 days	Tk. 250.00	3rd class

2. Interested tenderers can purchase tender schedule on cash payment during the cash transaction period for any offices mentioned below during office hours from 01-03-2000 to 13-03-2000:

a) Accounts Division, Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Limited, Court Road, Brahmanbaria and

b) Liaison Office, 97, Purana Paltan, Bijoy Nagar, Dhaka-1000.

3. Tender for work will be received till 11:00 AM on 14-03-2000 in Civil Engineering Department, BGFCL, Paikpara, Brahmanbaria and Liaison Office, 97, Purana Paltan, Bijoy Nagar, Dhaka-1000 and which will be opened simultaneously the same day at 11:15 AM before the tenderers present (if anyone remains present).

4. Tenderers will have to submit 2.5% of their quoted cost alongwith tender as security money. If the quoted cost is below of over 5% of the estimated cost, then in that case the tenders will have to submit rate analysis on item rate basis alongwith the additional earnest money of 10% of the quoted cost earnest money in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Limited will have to be submitted.

5. Following certificates will have to be submitted with sealed tenders:

a) Copy of work order with the certificate of completion of technologically identical work completed alongwith supply of construction material in a single work order during the last 5 (five) years will have to be submitted with tender. The value of work completed will not be less than 75% of the earnest money stated. Note/certificate of work should have been issued by an Executive Engineer or an official with the higher rank.

b) Recent financial solvency certificate issued by bank.

c) Certificate of income-tax return till 1997-98 fiscal year alongwith Tax Identification Number (TIN), registration certificate of Value Added Tax (VAT), trade licence of the current year and certificate of enlistment.

d) Receipt of purchasing tender.

6. Original copies of all notes/certificate or their photocopies with the attestation by the gazetted officer will have to be submitted with tender. Original copies of documents against the attested documents will have to be submitted on demand, which will be returned after verification or any certificate will be verified by contacting directly the certificate issuing authority, if necessary.

7. The authority reserves the power to accept any tender or reject/cancel any or all tenders without assigning any reason or taking any liability.

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Deputy General Manager

(Civil Engineering)

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer

Public Works Division, Kushtia

## Tender Corrigendum Notice

Following corrigendum are given in the tender No 57/99-2000 of Kushtia Public Works Division invited through Memo No-200 dated 25-01-2000 for construction work of the workshop building existing inside the Kushtia district jail to the outside the jail.

1. The last date of selling and receiving tender will be 13-3-2000 and 14-3-2000 instead of 14-2-2000 and 15-2-2000 respectively due to unavoidable circumstances.

2. The lottery of the tender will be held on 28-3-2000 instead of 27-2-2000.

3. Contractors who have submitted tender in the tender boxes in the Division of Public Works Department their tenders will remain valid.

4. Other terms and conditions will remain unchanged and will be considered as the part of the tender.

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Executive Engineer  
Public Works Division  
Kushtia

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2. **Experience:** The candidate must possess minimum 3 (three) years' proven experience of software development in Client/Server Environment using Visual Basic (Front-End) & SQL Server (Back-End).

3. **Terms & conditions of appointment:** (a) The Consultant will be appointed on full-time contract basis for a period of 1(one) year; (b) the remuneration package and the mode of payment thereof will be determined through mutual negotiation between the IBB and the candidate selected; (c) the Consultant must complete his assigned responsibilities within 1(one) year commencing from the date of his joining; (d) the Institute reserves the right to terminate the contract of appointment of the Consultant at any time without assigning any reason; (e) the developed Software (including the Source Code) shall absolutely be the property of the IBB; (f) during the period of contract, the Consultant must follow the instructions/suggestions and guidelines of the Computer Advisory Committee of the IBB; and (g) the Consultant shall have to extend his services to the Institute in case any problem arises in future with the software developed by him.

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Interested persons may apply in plain paper to the Secretary General, the Institute of Bankers, Bangladesh, Jatiya Scout Bhaban (8th Floor), 70/1, Inner Circular Road, Kakrail, Dhaka-1000 latest by the 15th March, 2000. The application should accompany a complete Curriculum Vitae, attested copies of all academic and experience certificates, 2(two) recent passport-size photographs (duly attested) of the applicant and names & addresses of two introductory referees.

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