

Metropolitan



M Ziauddin made envoy to Italy

Mohammad Ziauddin, Chief of Protocol in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been appointed as the Ambassador of Bangladesh to the Republic of Italy, says an official hand out.

M Ziauddin is a career foreign service officer. He has had his education at Dhaka University and professional training in Dhaka, Geneva, Canberra and Washington DC.

M Ziauddin served in Bangladesh missions in London, Nairobi, and New York and was last assigned as Deputy Permanent Representative in Bangladesh Permanent Mission in New York.

Programme to teach Bangla to foreigners

A programme has been launched to teach Bangla to foreign nationals working in Bangladesh through English reports UNB.

Students' Anti-Smoking Committee (SASC) and Poverty and Hunger Alleviation Society (PHAS) have jointly launched the programme also for foreigners in different parts of the world.

PHAS Executive Director M Anwar Hossain has written a book titled 'Foreign Nationals' Favourite World Note and Spelling Bengali Language Translation into English to Bangla for the programme.

Ali Niamat edited the book while UNB Chairman Amanullah Khan was the advisor.

Copies of the book have already been given to the US Embassy, the embassy officials lauded the initiative, said a press release yesterday.

The book will also be supplied to other foreign missions.



Islamia Shanti Samity has fenced off part of the Karwan Bazar area, urging people to keep the area clean and not to throw garbage here and there.

BHRC demands transfer of case against Dinkal to Press Council

The Bangladesh Human Rights Commission (BHRC) has demanded transfer of a case filed in Narayanganj against the Editor and others of Dinkal to the Press Council, reports UNB.

A magistrate court in Narayanganj had issued warrant of arrest against the Editor, Publisher, Managing Editor and Correspondent of the daily upon a complaint filed by Shaukat Osman, MP of Awami League, for publishing a report on terrorism.

BHRC in a statement yesterday said the Press Council, headed by a retired judge, is used as an ad hoc tribunal against publication of reports by newspapers.

The case should be referred to the Press Council of show respect to the freedom of the press, it said.

BHRC said filing of the case against newspaper in the criminal court, neglecting the Press Council, is tantamount to violation of human rights.

Need for development of film industry stressed

Minister for Health and Family Welfare Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim yesterday stressed the need for flourishing people's creative talents to help rapid development and expansion of the country's film industry for its survival in the present competitive world, reports BSS.

This objective can be achieved through proper institutional training and patronisation which help flourish one's latent talent in any creative field like films," he said while addressing as chief guest the certificate awarding ceremony of the Film Institute of Bangladesh (FIB) at the Russian Cultural Centre in the city.

With National Professor Kabir Chowdhury in the chair, the function was also addressed by the director of FIB and renowned filmmaker Abdus Samad and the First Secretary of the Russian Embassy Sergei M. Foshkin.

The minister praised the initiative of Abdus Samad, also a celebrated cameraman, in establishing such an institute in the private sector. He called upon private entrepreneurs to

come forward side by side with the government to develop the film industry of the country.

Sheikh Selim mentioned the proposed 'Kabirpur Film City' where foreign investors are expected to assist in setting up modern studios and other facilities to produce quality films to uphold the rich cultural heritage of this country.

"We want to live as Bangladesh and for that we want development of our culture. The whole world with great respect has recognised our Ekushey as the International Mother Language Day," he said expressing the hope that the young talents being trained from this institute would play their due role in this field.

He recalled with respect the names of Hiralal Sen, Khawja Ajmal and Khawja Akmal of the Nawab family here and Abdul Jabbar Khan who had in fact paved the way to development of film industry in this part of the sub-continent.

He also paid tributes to late Abdul Jabbar Khan who produced the first film 'Mukh O Mukhosh'.

Obituary

RANGAMATI, Mar 4: A leading businessman of Reserve-bazar of the town, Banishi Mohan Dey, died in the early hours of today at his residence due to old-age complications. He was 78, reports BSS.

He left behind his wife, four sons three daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

His body was cremated this noon at Rajbari crematorium in the town.

Reservebazar Merchants' Welfare Association in a press release condoled the death and expressed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

2 killed, 20 hurt on Dhaka-N'ganj highway

From Our Correspondent
NARAYANGANJ, Mar 4: Two people were killed and twenty others injured in a road accident in Raghunathpur area in Dhaka-Narayanganj link road on Saturday.

A Narayanganj-bound minibus overturned after decelerating suddenly at Raghunathpur in the morning.

Police said that Khokon, 28, and another unidentified male, 35, died on the spot. Among the injured an officer of Prime Bank Akhtaruzzaman, 32, Badsha, 34, Halim and Ripon, 16, are in critical condition, they have been taken to DMCH.

The dead bodies were sent to N'ganj general hospital morgue. The driver fled the scene.

A case was filed with Fatulla police station.

Printing Industry pays the price
Local books being printed in India

Country's printing industry has been suffering serious setbacks as books and other materials are being printed abroad, mainly in India, and brought back with duty-free or low-duty facility, reports UNB.

In a latest finding it was detected that even books of government's non-formal education programme were printed in India and brought to Bangladesh without customs duty and VAT as imported print-matter. The books include Chetana 1, 2 and 3.

Other books printed in India and brought back to Bangladesh were of various Bangladeshi authors as well as of mass education, Kindergarten, primary and secondary education. Thousands of such books were printed abroad for tax-evasion. Local printers and publishers alleged that certain quarters were able to evade the taxes affecting local industry following wrong government policy as well as intentional or unintentional lapses in the duty structure.

They said the vested groups enjoy the duty-free facility showing local book publishers

as foreign ones and the less-duty facility of 5 per cent by bringing the unfold books as imported print-matter. For the second category, binding takes place locally.

Apart from other categories, the unscrupulous businessmen could enjoy the duty-free facility even for textbooks cashing in on a silly mistake in the duty structure. The mistake took place as a comma (,) mentioned after the word agriculture in code number 4901.99.00," said a printer.

He said the comma allowed all textbooks to come here without any duties, a facility given to referral, scientific, medical, engineering and agricultural books for higher academic studies. "We don't know who was responsible for the mistake."

Another printer alleged certain quarters also manipulated the duty-waiver for a category of other books, which doesn't define anything. "Many print local books abroad and bring those as imported pieces mentioning the publisher as a foreign one."

A printer mentioned that only 5 per cent duty imposed for similar printed matter, in single sheets, whether or not folded. It allows one to get books published abroad and bring those back home as printed matters.

The word printed book is vague. Moreover, apart from books like ABCD, under this category various posters and other kinds of printed materials come to Bangladesh affecting the local industry," alleged the printer.

Bangladesh Mudran Shilpa Samity Chairman Rabbani Zabbar yesterday told UNB that they were going to place a set of recommendations to the Finance Ministry for correcting the mistakes and restructuring duties for protecting local printing and paper industry.

"We have already formulated our proposals for restructuring the duties covering from paper to printing industry and related matters. We hope that the Finance Minister in his next budget (2000-2001) will take pragmatic steps to protect the local industry," he said.

'Poverty alleviation impossible without economic growth'

Speakers at a seminar in the city yesterday have expressed strong opinion that poverty alleviation is impossible without economic growth, reports BSS.

They said agriculture is the most important sector which can remarkably reduce poverty through its diversified development.

State Minister for Planning Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir addressed the seminar, organised by Bangladesh Agricultural Economists' Association (BAEA), as the chief guest. Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Mohammad Farashuddin spoke as the special guest.

Prof AM Muazzam Hussain of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) presented the keynote paper on the theme 'Poverty alleviation in Bangladesh: Experience and strategies' in the BARC auditorium here.

Dr Abul Kashem (BIDS), Dr Osmat Faruq (World Bank), Dr Rezaul Karim (BAU), Sajedur Rahman (RAKUB) and Abdul Mannan of Krishibid Institute

discussed the paper. Earlier, general secretary of BAEA ABM Siddique gave the address of welcome.

The seminar, which was coupled with the honouring of 21 veteran agricultural economists of the country, was chaired by President of the association Dr MA Sattar Mandal.

Refuting a contention of Dr Muazzam Hussain in the keynote paper on the percentage of Bangladeshis living below the poverty line, Dr Alamgir quoted a survey of 1999 and said 51 per cent of the people in the country were living the below poverty line in 1990. This percentage had come down to 34 per cent in 1999, he added.

He urged everybody to work hard to further increase the present growth rate for keeping the percentage of people living below the poverty line under 32 per cent as targeted in the current Five Year Plan (FYP).

The state minister also said that as a result of the large investment in agriculture, rural

infrastructure, health and education during the last three and a half years, life expectancy in the country has risen to 60 per cent and literacy rate has crossed 60 per cent.

Dr Mohammad Farashuddin said it would be unfair to give sole credit to the non-governmental organisations for poverty alleviation. The government through different agencies and programmes has immensely improved the situation, he said.

He said the 15 per cent of poorest of the poor of the total population are yet to get any credit both from the NGOs and existing banking system as they are said to have no credit worthiness. There should be a way-out for these people, he said.

The central bank governor said a policy to guide the NGOs which are in many cases taking people's savings and cheating them, will be formulated soon.

He urged the agricultural economists to contribute their best to the development of the sector.

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Office of the Executive Engineer
Public Works Maintenance Division
1st-12-storied Government Office Building
Segunbagicha, Dhaka
Auction Tender Notice
No 175 (1999-2000)

This is for information for the members of the public that auction tenders are invited in sealed envelopes from Public Works Department enlisted valid contractors/traders/solvent traders for selling old building under Public Works Maintenance Division as and where it is basis. Auction tender will be received by the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Dhaka, Superintending Engineer, Public Works Maintenance Circle, Dhaka, Executive Engineer, Public Works Division-1/2/3/4/City Public Works Division/Public Works Division, Eden Building/Medical College/Motijheel/Azimpur Resources/Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Public Works Division-1/2/3; Public Works Division, Mohakhali/Savar/Mirpur, Dhaka/Executive Engineer (Staff Officer), Dhaka Public Works Zone; Dhaka and Chittagong Public Works Maintenance Division, Chittagong including undersigned till 12-00 Noon on 14-3-2000 and tenders will be opened the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of the tenderers (if anybody wants to remain present).

- (1) Name of work : Regarding sale of reserved enlisted House No 9, (Old-52), Road No 3 in Dhanmondi Residential Area in Dhaka survey report No 2/S-1, dated 14-12-99 on as and where it is basis.
- (2) Earnest money at the rate of 10% (ten per cent) of the total quoted cost in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft/Protirakha Sanchay Patra/ 5 (five) year term BD Sanchay Patra (from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh) as the security money to the Executive Engineer, Dhaka Public Works Maintenance Division must be submitted with tender. The statement of which must be mentioned in the place as stated in the schedule. Anybody having permanent security money with the Public Works Department, must submit the certificate from the Executive Engineer to whom the security exists (certificate should not be old for a period of 1 (one) month from the day of receiving the tender). If the permanent security money cannot meet, the required amount, then as state above the rest of the amount will have to be deposited in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft.
- (3) Terms and conditions of tender notice and rules and regulations, schedule of items etc can be seen and purchased from the office of the undersigned and other offices including all the Public Works Division as mentioned in para-1 on all working days during office hours till 13-3-2000 on payment of usual fees of Taka 400/- (four hundred) and Taka 25/- (twenty-five) for each set of other papers with a total cost of Taka 425/- (four hundred and twenty-five) only (non-refundable) can be seen and purchased.
- (4) Contractors/traders/solvent traders participates in the tender can observe the building of which the survey report has been performed on as and where it is basis with the prior permission/consent from the authority concerned before participating in the auction tender.

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Executive Engineer
Public Works Maintenance Division, Dhaka
Phone: 9352276

Government of the People's
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Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics

Computer Wing
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No-Computer/Admn/Ka/198/2000/977 Dated: 27-2-2000

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders under following terms and conditions are invited from the interested establishments for supplying computers, computer accessories equipment and other computer accessories products as stated in the schedule of Computer Wing, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics.

Terms and conditions:

1. All interested establishments can procure each set of schedule of tender on payment of Tk 750/- (Seven hundred and fifty) only in cash by submitting the attested copy of trade licences renewed till this year, certificate of income tax return till this year TIN and certificate regarding bank solvency certificate issued recently by scheduled bank, during office hours from the office of the Director, Computer Wing.
2. Security money for an amount of Tk 10,000/- (ten thousand) only for the goods as mentioned in the schedule in the form of Protirakha Sanchay Patra or Pay Order/Bank Draft issued by scheduled bank in favour of the Director General, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics will have to be deposited. The security money of the establishments of which the tenders will be received, will be refunded towards the end of the year.
3. The tender receive will remain valid for 1999-2000 fiscal year and the suppliers will be obliged to supply goods at the accepted rate. Otherwise, the security money will be forfeited.
4. All bids will be paid through cheques issued by Bangladesh Bank from the office of the Chief Accounts Officer.
5. Attested copy of trade licence up-to-date and recent financial solvency certificate issued by the scheduled bank along with the scheduled duly filled in will have to be submitted.
6. Tenders will have to be submitted in 2 (two) envelope system that is in one envelope only the rate and other envelope will contain other related documents. Both the envelope will have to be kept in another sealed envelopes and the address of the establishment of tenderer, and subject will have to be mentioned in each of the three envelopes.
7. Tenders can be deposited in the tender box kept at the office of the undersigned by 12.00 Noon of maximum seven working days from the date of publication of the notice in newspapers and tenders will be opened the same day at 1.00 PM before the tenderers present (if anyone remains present). The power to accept any tender or reject all tenders without assigning any reason will be reserved by the authority.

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G-407 Abdur Rashid Shikdar
Director

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Bangladesh Rifles
Communications Directorate
Re-Purchase Notice
No. 15/1999-2000/Communications

1. Re-tenders are invited from bonafide manufacturers/suppliers enlisted with the Directorate for purchasing 30, 3-panel solar charger and accessories equipment during 1999-2000 fiscal year by the Communications Directorate, Bangladesh Rifles Headquarters.
2. Schedule for equipment can be purchased from 14th March, 2000 to 20th March 2000 on every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday (except holidays) from 0800 hours to 1400 hours at the specific cost from No-4 gate at Peelkhana of BDR. Date of opening tender, time and detailed descriptions of solar charger will be mentioned in schedule.
3. The authority reserves the power to increase/decrease the number of solar chargers as mentioned in the schedule or to purchase through repeat order later during the current fiscal year in need of Bangladesh Rifles.
4. The authority reserves the power to accept any tender or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

DFP-4739-29/2
G-408 GSO-1(Communication)
On behalf of the Director General

WORKSHOP ON
MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SKILL

Period : 12 to 14 March 2000
Time : 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM every day
Venue : Pan-Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka

Objective: This Workshop aims to heighten the awareness of critical issues in Management Consultancy and provide a platform for assessing the present and future of consulting in Bangladesh. It further looks at issues related to competency building in management consultancy.

Workshop Coverage: Consultancy as a profession, competency building, an ongoing process, learning from clients perspective, strategic alliance among consultants, preparing consulting proposal, process and practices of consultancy, ensuring feedback during the consultancy activity, monitoring consultancy projects, enhancing relationship with the clients, ethics-the yardstick of conduct, developing future consultants, the future of consulting.

Resource Persons: Leading consultants and academicians from Australia, USA, India and Bangladesh.

Who Should Participate: Consultants, clients, future consultants, academicians, NGO representatives, research organizations/agencies representatives.

For further information and registration, please contact Mr. Shahrukh Shahid, Executive Officer, IMCB at:

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