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## Ershad goes on tour

Jatiya Party chairman H M Ershad goes on an organizational tour to Thakurgaon, Rangpur and Nilphamary districts today, reports UNB.

## FFs of Ctg form new organisation

CHITTAGONG, Apr 8: Freedom fighters of greater Chittagong district in a meeting today decided to form a new organisation aiming at socio-economic development of the commonman of the region, reports UNB.

The meeting held at a local community centre with freedom fighter Faruqui Azam (Bir Protik) in the chair informed that the organisation would emerge as a political party within three months.

It also formed an 11-member convening committee with Faruqui as convener.

No details of the objectives of the proposed political party were given.

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## Work for a new dawn to alleviate pains, sufferings of humanity

### Hasina urges students during luncheon

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today made a call to the younger members of the society to work for a new dawn to alleviate pains and sufferings of humanity and lend support to the less fortunate sisters and brothers living in various parts of the globe, according to a message received here from Lynchburg, reports BSS.

The Prime Minister was addressing the students of Randolph Macon Women's College at Smith Banquet Hall during the luncheon here.

"We must help them find a new meaning of lives and contribute to building stronger communities and safer societies," she said adding "the college alumna and Nobel laureate Pearl S Buck lived and worked to achieve this goal."

Sheikh Hasina is the first head of government to visit the college and to attend a luncheon with students.

She said, "We now live in a

global village. No society can thrive in isolation. We must know each other and respect and protect the diversity of culture and values."

The Prime Minister said Bangladesh has made remarkable progress in socio-economic development during the last couple of years. She told the students "as you are working hard to equip yourselves with necessary tools to play a vital role in every domain of the country, the women folk in our country are poised for a battle to take their rightful place in the society."

Referring to the vast natural resources in Bangladesh, the Prime Minister said prominent US oil and energy companies are now engaged in exploring gas and oil in Bangladesh. She said the US investment to Bangladesh reached 750 million dollars from 25 million dollars in 1995. She said Bangladesh has opened its

economy and providing a number of incentives to foreign investors.

On the social sector, the Prime Minister said the government attached importance to poverty alleviation, population control, education and health care. She said the country had achieved 60 per cent literacy rate. The population growth rate has been reduced from 3.1 to 1.5 per cent.

Turning to foreign policy, Sheikh Hasina said Bangladesh is a peace loving country and advocating the principle of "friendship to all and malice to none."

"We believe in a world free from poverty, hunger, illiteracy, disease, conflict and human misery," she said adding Bangladesh is making significant contribution to international peace and stability as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council.

Sheikh Hasina referred to the very friendly relations between the two countries and said the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman laid the foundation of our cooperation and friendship with the United States during his visit in 1974.

Abul Hasan Chowdhury, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr SA Samad, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, Shehabuddin, Bangladesh Ambassador to the United States, Jawadul Karim, Press Secretary to the Prime Minister, SK Sarjil Hasan, Director General (America and Pacific) and Ahmad Mahmudur Raza Chowdhury, Private Secretary to the Prime Minister, among others, attended the luncheon.

## 9th spring Kabikantha festival today

The ninth spring poetry festival of Kabikantha, a poetry magazine, will be held in the city this evening at a hotel, reports BSS.

Dr Alauddin-al-Azad will preside over the inaugural function of the festival.

Editor of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam, poet Al-Mahmud and Dr. Mohammad Moniruzzaman will speak intimately at the festival while poets Abdul Hal Sikdar, Al-Mahidi, Gulshan Akter, Amnur Rahman will take part in the festival.

Poet Fazal Shabbuddin, Editor of the Kabikantha will deliver the introductory speech.

Besides, four Indian poets are expected to join the festival this year. The poets are: Urdu poet Niday Fazlee, Malayalam language poet K Shachinadan, Kannada language poet H S Ship Srikani and poet from Calcutta Sri Manjush-Dasgupta.

## Fazlul Halim's anniversary of death today

The 4th death anniversary of eminent intellectual, educationist, scientist, cultural personality and former Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Fazlul Halim Chowdhury will be observed today, says a press release.

To commemorate the death anniversary, a Quran khawani will be held at his *mazar* in Banani graveyard and a *milad mahfil* at an orphanage.

Dr Halim was the Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University during 1976 to 1983. He also worked as a Unesco executive for science and technology development during the 1985 to 1991 period.

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## BCS conference ends Upgrading of Ceramic Training Instt demanded

The two-day 7th annual conference of Bangladesh Ceramic Society (BCS) concluded yesterday with a call for bringing the Institute of Glass and Ceramic Research and Testing (IGCRT) under the revenue budget of the government, reports BSS.

The conference observed that the Institute could not achieve its projected target as the proposed fund for the project was not released and urged the government to release the fund for the current fiscal year.

The IGCR under BCSIR was established in 1997 as a project to develop science and technology of ceramics and boost the industry by ensuring quality of products. The project period will expire on June 30 next.

The conference demanded upgrading of the Ceramic

Training Institute at Tejgaon into a full fledged Ceramic College and appointment of a competent Principal and other faculty members through open competition.

Held at the conference room of the Institute of Food Science and Technology (IFST) on the BCSIR campus, the conference also demanded reduction in the price of gas consumed by ceramic industries at par the fertilizer industries and the power plants to make the industry more competitive in the world market. The conference observed that gas bill takes up about 20-25 per cent of manufacturing cost of ceramic products.

The conference also urged the government to allow duty free import of raw materials of the export oriented industry.

## 'Raise awareness for conserving nature'

Speakers at a workshop yesterday emphasised the need for early implementation of the Sustainable Development Network Project (SDNP) to help raise awareness, share database and sensitise the masses for conserving nature, reports BSS.

They were addressing a workshop organised by Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) as part of the ongoing Sustainable Environment Management Programme (SEMP) of the Environment Ministry and supported by UNDP.

Former Adviser of the Caretaker government Prof Jamilur Reza Chowdhury presided over the session which was addressed by SEMP Programme Coordinator Dr Mahfuzul Haque, BIDS Director General Abu Abdullah and Director Dr M Asaduzzaman, Chairman of Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB) Quamrul Islam Chowdhury, UNDP's Dr Aminul Islam and former advisor A M A Muhi.

The speakers underscored the need for developing an information network among all sustainable development-related ministries, divisions and agencies, professional bodies, research organisations, NGOs, chambers and foreign bodies to reverse the environmental degradation and maintain the ecological balance side by side socio-economic development.

They also called for develop-

ing database and software development, online database development, training on computer programme, website development, internet connections, and GIS network service for making successful SDNP Bangladesh.

## Water scarcity hits DU Moitri Hall students hard

Many of inmates of Bangladesh-Kuwait Moitri Hall of Dhaka University accommodating about 600 girl students have been suffering from water borne diseases due to lack of safe drinking water for a week, reports UNB.

"Many students attacked with dysentery left the hall and taken shelter in the house of their local guardians," said an inmate of the hall.

The provost of the hall was not available for comment. But Dr Sultana Rajia Khanam, house tutor of the hall admitted that many students were suffering from severe water crisis and many of them attacked with diseases.

Another house tutor requesting anonymity said, "I myself fell sick and suffering from the same problem."

## Bangladesh Power Development Board Tender Notice

রাত ১১টা থেকে ভোর ৫টার মধ্যে সেচ পাশ্প চালান

Sealed tenders are invited from enlisted contractors of PDB or bonafide supplier establishments for supplying different types of signalling bulbs at an allocation of expenditure for Taka 1,40,500/- (Taka one lakh forty thousand and five hundred) only for Ghorashal Power Station Generator Division. Tender documents in details will be available till 1-00 PM on 26-4-2000 in the office of the Chief Engineer (Generation), PDB, WAPDA Bhaban, Dhaka/Chief Engineer (Operation & Maintenance), GPS, PDB, Palash, Narsingdi or from the undersigned on prior permission by produces TIN certificate for the current year, and copy of enlistment as the contractors establishment during 1999-2000 year on payment of Taka 150/- (one hundred and fifty taka) only (non-refundable) for each set in the form of Bank Draft/Pay-Order in favour of Deputy Director(Accounts), GRAO, PDB, Palash, Narsingdi and will be available in the offices of the Chief Engineer (Generation), PDB, Dhaka or Manager, Pubali Bank, Palash Bazar Branch, Narsingdi.

Tenders will be received till 11-30 AM on 27-4-2000 in the office of the Chief Engineer, (Generation), PDB, WAPDA Bhaban, Dhaka/Chief Engineer (O&M), GPS, PDB, Palash, Narsingdi or in the office of the undersigned and tenders will be opened the same day at 12-00 noon before the tenderers (if anyone remain present).

Power/Public 1674(4)/99-2000  
 DFP-7620-3/4 G-626  
 Executive Engineer (Generator)  
 Ghorashal Power Station, PDB  
 Palash, Narsingdi

## Govt of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Local Govt Engineering Department Hospital Road, Majidde Court Noakhali

Memo No: LGED/XEN/Noa/RDP-22/(Tender)/2000/901 Dated: 27-03-2000

## Corrigendum Notice

This is to inform of all concern that in the tender invited vide Tender Notice No-23/99-2000 (NRIDMP-11) bearing Memo No-LGED/XEN/Noa/RDP-22/Tender/2000/538 Dated: 22-02-2000 & Corrigendum Notice No. LGED/XEN/Noa/RDP-22/(Tender)/2000/653 Dated: 05-03-2000 the following corrigendum has been made for unavoidable circumstances.

- The tender documents will be sold during office hours up to 23-04-2000.
- Tender will be received in the tender boxes on or before 2:00 PM on 24-04-2000 & tender will be opened on the same day at 2:30 PM.

All other terms & conditions of this tender will remain unchanged.

DFP-7568-2/4 G-611 **Bashir Uddin Ahmed** Executive Engineer

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Project Director Renovation, Expansion & Modernisation of the College of Textile Technology & Opening of Four Departments Project College of Textile Technology Building Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.

Memo No. CTT/PIU/TEN/97(8)/570 Dated: 29/03/2000

## 2nd Re-Tender Notice for Supply of Books Machinery & Equipments and Repair of Machinery & Equipments

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide distributors, suppliers or local agents or repairing firm for supply of (I) Group-A: Books (II) Group-B: Machinery & Equipment (Garments machinery, Electric Lab equipment, Audio-Visual equipment & Engg. workshop machinery.) (III) Group-C: Repair of Machinery & Equipment at the Project of "Renovation, Expansion & Modernisation of the College of Textile Technology & Opening of Four Departments, College of Textile Technology Building, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208

Detailed specifications of each group, terms and conditions for the supply may be seen in the tender document. Tender documents are available from the office of the undersigned and Director (Planning), Directorate of Technical Education, Shikha Bhaban (3rd floor), 16, Abdul Ghani Road, Dhaka-1000.

The tender documents will be available on all working days during office hours from 05/04/2000 to 17/04/2000 on payment of Tk 750.00 (seven hundred fifty) only (non-refundable) per set on a written request in the letter pad of the respective firm. No tender document will be sold after 17/04/2000. The sealed bids must be dropped in the tender boxes kept in any of the 4 (four) offices. mentions in tender schedule by 2:00 PM on 18/04/2000.

All bids must be accompanied by 2.5% (two and a half per cent) of the quoted price as earnest money in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Project Director, "Renovation, Expansion & Modernisation of the College of Textile Technology & Opening of Four Departments" Project. The tenders will be opened in the office of the Project Director on 18/04/2000 at 03:00 PM in presence of the bidders or their representatives, (if there be any).

The authority is not bound to accept the lowest priced bid and reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all the tenders in part or full without assigning any reason whatsoever and to waive out minor irregularities or errors in any bid, if that serves the interest of the government.

DFP-7738-4/4 G-628 **Project Director**

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Police Headquarters Dhaka Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide suppliers/manufacturers for supply of the following item for Bangladesh Police Staff College during the financial year 1999-2000.

- Name of items : Installation of 4-line PABX with 20 lines intercom system.
- Cost of tender schedule (non refundable) : Tk. 400 (four hundred) only in cash for each set.
- Schedule available from : Police Headquarters, E&T Section, Room No-107, Dhaka.
- Last date of selling tender documents : Up to 20th April, 2000 (during office hours) on all working days.
- Place, date & time of submission/opening tenders : Tenders will be received on 23rd April, 2000 at Police Headquarters, E&T Section, Room No-107, Dhaka up to 14:00 hours and will be opened at 14:30 hours on the same date & venue in presence of tenderers, if any.
- Earnest money : Minimum 2% (two per cent) of total quoted value in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft.
- Sample : As per approved specification.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender/tenders without assigning any reason.

**Syed Bazul Karim, BPM**  
 AIG (E&T) Bangladesh Police  
 Police Headquarters, Dhaka.  
 DFP-7732-3/4 G-621

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Directorate of Social Services PHT Centre, 81 Muradpur, Chittagong Memo No. PHTC/Ctg/43(12)/2000 Dated: 27-3-2000 Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide contractors/suppliers for supply of Group-A — Food & food ancillary for inmates, Group-B — Clothes, bed linens, utensils & miscellaneous items, Group-C — Office accessories, Group-D — Furniture repairing & purchase, Group-E — Supply of educational implements for 1 (one) year from 1-7-2000 to 30-6-2001 and Group-F — Supply of inmates' PT dress & other items for the period 19-4-2000 to 30-6-2000 for inmates & office of PHT centre, 81, Muradpur, Chittagong under Directorate of Social Services. Schedule and terms & conditions of tender will be available at Tk 200/- (two hundred) only (non-refundable) in cash (for Groups A, B, C, D, E & F together) from Deputy Director, District Social Services Office, Chittagong & Office of the respective institution on each working day from 10-00 am to 4-00 pm up to 18-4-2000. Tenders will be received in tender box kept at Deputy Director, District Social Services Office, Chittagong up to 12-00 Noon of 19-4-2000 and the tender box will be opened on the same day at 12-30 pm in presence (if any) of the attending tenderers.

It may be mentioned here that, original copies of all certificates for contractor (trade licence, bank solvency certificate, experience certificate on supply of food items & other goods, character certificate (up to date) & income tax certificate (1999-2000) at the time of receiving schedule and terms & conditions of tender, and attested photocopies of the certificates should be submitted with the tender. No schedule and terms & conditions will be supplied on the date of tender.

The tender committee reserves sole right to accept or reject any tender.

**Superintendent (Assistant Director)**  
 DFP-7562-2/4 G-614 PHT Centre, 81, Muradpur Chittagong

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## RHD Notice Inviting Tender

- Tender Notice No : 56 BRD of 1999-2000.
- Name of work : Electrical installation work of godown including quarters in respect of repairing of godown & construction of quarters in part of godown for storage of materials for construction of Gabbhan bridge, at Sagardi stackyard premises under Barisal Road Division during 1999-2000.
- Estimated cost : Tk 3,69,747/00.
- Earnest money : Tk 7,395/00.
- Time for completion of work : 30 (thirty) days.
- Eligibility of contractor to submit tender : Roads & Highways Directorate's general category "A" to "C" class, Barisal Road Circle's general category "D" class and Barisal Road Division's "E" class enlisted contractors.
- Offices where tender schedule to be had at : Will be available at Office of the Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Barisal/Jhalakathi/Bhola/Pirojpur/Barguna/Sub-Divisional Engineer, R&H, Road Sub-Division-1/2, Barisal/1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Barisal during office hours on all working days except office holidays. Tender form will not be sold on the date of opening tender.
- Last date & time of selling tender schedule : 19-4-2000 up to 5:00 PM.
- Offices of the tender will be received in sealed condition : Superintending Engineer, R&H, Barisal Road Circle, Barisal/Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Barisal/Jhalakathi/Pirojpur.
- Last date & time of receiving tender in sealed condition : 20-4-2000 up to 12:30 PM.
- Date & time of listing tender in sealed condition : 20-4-2000 at 12:45 PM.
- Place, date & time of opening tender : At the office of the Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Barisal on 27-4-2000 at 11:00 AM.
- Date & place of lottery : 9-5-2000 at 11:00 AM.

DFP-7764-4/4 G-625 **Md Harunur Rashid** Executive Engineer, R&H, Barisal Road Division