

# Only democratic system can ensure economic, social dev

JS Speaker addresses C'wealth parliamentary confce

Humayun Rasheed said democratisation is a defining feature of the 21st century and hoped the Commonwealth would support democracy as the only form of governance, reports UNB.

"A broad consensus has been reached that only democratic systems can foster the environment necessary for economic and social development," said the Speaker addressing the opening plenary of the 46th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in London yesterday.

Possibly, he said, one of the most important facilitating factors in fostering democracy has been the unprecedented communications technology progress experienced over the past decade, generating what has been termed a new industrial revolution, the IT revolution.

The Speaker, in his speech, said the communications industry is flourishing in Bangladesh and destined to play an increasingly important part in

the development of the democratic process, building bridges between the people and their elected representatives.

"Our print media have now developed into a strong, free and independent voice reflecting many different opinions and views," he told the parliamentarians of the Commonwealth countries.

In addition, Bangladesh is in the process of opening up television industry to private operators, providing for television to become the most important means of communication and education for people throughout the country.

"We are estimating that, by the end of the year 2000, more than 50 million people will have access to the broadcasts of our television channels," Humayun Rasheed said. These are the voters and consumers of today and tomorrow who would be influenced to a large extent by what they see and learn from the media.

Information highway is fast becoming the primary distribution

channel for information and knowledge. Governments themselves are using technology to improve the quality and efficiency of public service, creating demonstrative and capacity building effects that encourage spread of innovation, the Speaker observed.

He said Bangladesh Parliament, for example, is striving to make documentation and information about the activities of the institution available freely and easily for the public and, of course, for the members themselves.

This has begun with the Constitution and the Rules of Procedures and is continuing with the addition of the acts of Parliament and proceedings.

"We are also establishing a form of e-governance within and among our members by providing e-mail accounts to all members thus making them more accessible to their constituents and faster in the discharge of their parliamentary duties," Speaker Humayun Rasheed said.

Global communications can help all those noble causes that remain challenges in the new millennium—democracy, human rights, development, peace and security, tolerance and freedom, he noted.

The Bangladesh Speaker put up some suggestions in this regard. He said agreements on information protocols, avoiding IT monopolies and hostility between technology producers would also help produce and develop affordable and useful hard and software.

Respect for the cultural diversity of the planet would help prevent new impositions of cultural patterns via the IT tools. The quality of information is one of the new challenges that will certainly need to be faced with the further development of global communications.

Information should not be a luxury available to only a few, rather it should give opportunity of bringing knowledge to people at all levels throughout the world.

## President, PM felicitate King Fahd

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday said the bonds of friendship and cooperation that characterise the relations between Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia, the two brotherly countries, will be further developed and consolidated in the years ahead, reports BSS.

In a message on the eve of the National Day of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, President Shahabuddin extended his heartfelt felicitations to the King of Saudi Arabia, Khadimul Haramain Al Saud bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud.



Students of Green Gems International School seen in a still from a drama Mahua at the Shishu Academy auditorium. The school held its annual cultural programme yesterday.

— Star photo

## Women's delegation visiting China

BEIJING, Sept 22: A 5-member women's delegation led by the Chairperson of Jatiya Mohila Sangstha Iy Rahman is now visiting China at the invitation of Awami League (AL) Women's Federation (ACWF), the apex body of women of the Government of the People's Republic of China, reports BSS.

The visit is aimed at gathering knowledge about women development projects of China and establishing a relationship between the two apex bodies to cooperate in the field of poverty alleviation of women of both the countries.

China has put in commendable efforts during the last 15 years to mitigate the sufferings of the Chinese women and have been running successfully over three thousand women entrepreneurship development projects.

## Two AL leaders expelled in Naogaon

NAOGAON, Sept 22: Two chairman candidates of the newly-constituted Nazpur Poursava and Awami League leaders of Patnitala upazila have been expelled from the party for defying its decision, reports UNB.

According to insiders, president of upazila unit of Awami League Kazi Abdul Majid and office secretary Sukumer Das were expelled from the party on Sept 12 as they were contesting the election against party candidate Eshak Hossain in defiance of its decision.

The other chairman candidates are Mofazzal Hossain, Abu Taher Chowdhury, Ajit Kumar, Nurul Islam and Lutfur Rahman.

## Funds raised for Amit's treatment

FARIDPUR, Sept 22: A popular vocalist has raised Tk 50,000 from a concert here for the treatment of ailing schoolboy Sukrat Rahman Amit, reports UNB.

The 12-year-old boy has been undergoing treatment at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University in Dhaka since being attacked by the rare wild polio virus.

Vocalist Even organised the programme titled 'Concert for Life' at Kabi Jasimuddin Hall in the town in collaboration with Faridpur Reporters' Unity, enthralled a large number of crowds of 100 minutes.

Evan and Rana handed over the proceeds to the Deputy Commissioner of the district for the treatment of Amit.



Convener of BNP city unit Sadek Hossain Khoka leading a procession of BNP's greater Noakhali district unit in the city yesterday. They were protesting the abduction of party leader advocate Nurul Islam.



## BCIC International Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

Managing Director, Chhatak Cement Co Ltd, Chhatak, Sunamganj hereby invites sealed quotation on C&F (C) Chittagong basis for supply of Chemicals against Tender Enquiry No PD/F/CCCL/8/2000-2001 dt. 6-9-2000. The tenders accompanied with 1% (one per cent) earnest money/ bid bond and also money receipt evidencing purchase of tender documents will be received up to 10:00 am on 30-10-2000 and be opened immediately thereafter the same day both the places i.e. in Purchase Division, BCIC, Head Office, Dhaka & at Purchase Deptt, Chhatak Cement Co Ltd on payment of Tk 750.00 in cash (non-refundable). The tender documents will be available from the office of the (1) The Controller of Accounts, BCIC Head Office, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka, (2) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong and (3) Chhatak Cement Co Ltd except the opening day of the tenders.

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DFP-22634-18/9  
G-1651

## Indian Dance and Music Festival from Sept 26-28

A three-day Indian Dance and Music Festival will be held in three divisional headquarters of the country from September 26 to 28, an Indian High Commission press release said, reports BSS.

The Dhawan Khatak Group led by Vaswati Misra, a renowned choreographer and student of Pandit Birju Maharaj, will perform classical dance at National Museum in Dhaka on September 26 and Zilla Parishad Hall in Rajshahi on September 28.

Deepak Chowdhury, a lead-

ing Indian sitar player and disciple of Pandit Ravi Shankar, will present a sitar recital at Muslim Hall in Chittagong on September 26 and National Museum in Dhaka on September 27.

Complementary passes for the programme in Dhaka will be available from the Information and Cultural Wing, High Commission of India while passes for the performances outside Dhaka can be collected from the Assistant High Commissions of India in the respective cities.

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The Managing Director, Jamuna Fertilizer Company Ltd, Tarakandi, Sarishabari, Jamalpur hereby invites sealed tender on C&F (C), Chittagong basis under any suitable financial source in two envelope system for import of BOLT, NUT AND TEE against Tender Enquiry No JFCL/FP/MTS/PM/2.469/307 dated 14.9.2000. The tender will be received simultaneously at BCIC Bhaban, Dhaka and JFCL Office, Tarakandi, Jamalpur up to 11:00 AM on 25.10.2000 and will be opened on the same day thereafter. Tender documents containing detailed terms and conditions will be available on payment of Tk 100/= (non-refundable) in cash from the Office of the (i) Controller of Accounts, BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka (ii) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong and (iii) Jamuna Fertilizer Company Ltd, on all working days. The Management reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all tender without assigning any reason thereof. No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening of tender.

BCIC-829-17/9/2000  
DFP- 22758-19/9  
G-1659

Abdul Wadud  
Dy. Manager (FP)  
For Managing Director

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Department of Environment Paribesh Bhaban, E-16, Agargaon Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207

### Notice Inviting Tender No. 1 (2000-2001)

Sealed tenders in prescribed forms are hereby invited from bonafide agents of internationally reputed company only for supplying of 2 (two) sets of Computer (DELL, IBM, GATEWAY and COMPAQ brand only), Printer (Laser Jet) and UPS of internationally reputed company.

1. Cost of tender documents: Tk. 400/= (four hundred) only non-refundable.
2. Bid closing date & time: 03/10/2000 at 2-30 PM.
3. Tender schedule/documents will be available at the office of the undersigned from 9 AM to 5 PM on all working days up to 2/10/2000.

Amount of bid security: 2.5% of bid amount.

M. Reazuddin  
Project Director  
Preparation of Initial  
National Communication in Response to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

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National Communication in Response to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).



## বাংলাদেশ বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ড Bangladesh Power Development Board Amendment Notice

### Amendment No-2 Extension of time for bid submission of Bhola 20 MW Power Plant Project

Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) invited tender for installation of 20 MW Gas Fired Power Plant in Bhola, which was published in different national dailies in July 2000. The date of submission of Technical and Financial Proposals for Bhola 20 MW Power Plant Project has been re-fixed on 02-11-2000 up to 11:00 AM (BDT) instead of 02-10-2000.

Other terms and conditions shall however remain the same.

Md Seraj Uddullah  
Secretary  
Bangladesh Power Development Board  
Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Biddut/Jana-561(5)/2000-2001  
GD-881



## Bangladesh Sugar & Food Industries Corporation

### International Tender Notice for Import of Boiler Tubes & U-Bends Tubes

Tender No BSFIC/PD-1/All-Mills/B Tubes/01/2000 Dated: 11-9-2000

Sealed tenders are hereby invited by Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation, Dhaka from bonafide manufacturers/suppliers on C&F (C) Chittagong/Benapole basis for import of Boiler Tubes & U-Bends of Sugar Mills.

Tender will be received up to 11:00 AM on 24-10-2000 in the tender box kept at Purchase Division, 3, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka and opened on the same day at 11:05 AM in the Chamber of Chief (Purchase) in presence of tenderer (if any). Tender documents with detailed specifications and other terms and conditions will be available from the Addl. Chief Account (Cash) of this Corporation at Adamjee Court (4th floor), Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka on cash payment of Tk 750.00 (Taka seven hundred and fifty) only (non-refundable) during 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM on all working days. No tender document will be sold on the date of opening of the tender. The Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

SF-110  
DFP-22681-18/9  
G-1650

Abdullah  
Addl Chief (Purchase)

## Rotary News

### North West meeting

The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held at Dhaka Club Ltd at 5:30 pm today, says a press release.

Rotarians have been requested to attend on time.

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

Rotarians have been invited to attend for fellowship and make-up.

## Saudi envoy hosts reception

Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Abdullah Mohammed Al-Obeid Al-Namlah hosted a reception at a city hotel yesterday evening marking the National Day of KSA, reports BSS.

A large number of elite including ministers, political leaders both from the ruling and opposition parties, diplomats attended the reception.

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## বাংলা একাডেমী কম্পিউটার প্রশিক্ষণ কোর্স ভর্তি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

আগামী ১৭ কার্তিক ১৪০৭/০১ নভেম্বর ২০০০ থেকে বাংলা একাডেমী পরিচালিত কম্পিউটার প্রশিক্ষণ কোর্স ৩১তম ব্যাচের ৩ (তিন) মাস মেয়াদী প্রশিক্ষণ শুরু হবে। কোর্সে কম্পিউটারের তত্ত্বীয় জ্ঞান এবং উইন্ডোজ অপারেটিং সিস্টেমে মাইক্রোসফট ওয়ার্ড-৯৭, মাইক্রোসফট এক্সেল-৯৭ এবং অলভাস পেরসোনার-৫.০ প্রোগ্রামের ব্যবহারিক বিষয়বলী প্রশিক্ষণ প্রদান করা হবে। এছাড়াও প্রশিক্ষার্থীদেরকে বাংলা বানান ও বাংলা ভাষার শব্দ প্রয়োগ সম্পর্কে সম্যক ধারণা দেওয়া হবে। কোর্স ফি অফিস মনোনীত প্রত্যেক প্রশিক্ষার্থীর জন্য ৩,০০০.০০ (তিন হাজার) টাকা ত্রস চকের মাধ্যমে এবং ব্যক্তিগতভাবে অংশগ্রহণকারী প্রত্যেকের জন্য ২,৫০০.০০ (দুহাজার পাঁচশত) টাকা পে-অর্ডারের মাধ্যমে "বাংলা একাডেমী হিসাব নং সিডি-১"-এর অনুকূলে কোর্স শুরুর পূর্বেই আবেদনপত্রের সঙ্গে সংযুক্ত করে জমা দিতে হবে।

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