

Opposition plotting to foil national elections: Hasina

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday accused the opposition alliance of plotting to foil the upcoming national elections by creating law and order situation, reports BSS.

"They are resorting to destructive activities to foil the coming polls realising that her government could not be defeated through elections, she said while addressing the leaders and workers of her party and front organisations from Nilphamari at Ganobhaban.

Sheikh Hasina said her government had earned people's confidence through its development-oriented programmes and the propaganda spread by the opposition against the Awami League for long 21 years after 1975 has been proved wrong.

Sheikh Hasina said the opposition had thought that the government would collapse as soon as the alliance was formed. They also thought that people would lend their total support to the alliance. "But they were disappointed when people did not respond to their falsehood to discredit the government," she added.

The Prime Minister said the alliance had failed to earn people's confidence as the government's performances are very good. She said it is only the pro-liberation forces that could

run the government properly and fulfill people's hopes and aspirations.

Sheikh Hasina said the BNP government had virtually turned Bangladesh into an Indian market by lifting duties and taxes from the Indian goods. As a result, the Indian goods had flooded our market.

"But my government has been able to persuade the Indian government to lift tariff from 25 Bangladeshi products for export to that country," she said.

The Prime Minister reiterated that election was the only

Shafi Sami returns

Foreign Secretary C M Shafi Sami returned home yesterday at the end of his week-long visit to the United States, reports BSS.

He held talks with the White House officials on the agenda of the coming bilateral official visit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to the US at the invitation of President Clinton.

The Prime Minister is scheduled to pay visit to the US in the last week of October this year.

means through which a government can be changed. Her party had established the voting rights of the people, she said, adding that none could foil the democratic process to change the government.

Sheikh Hasina said persons charged with corruption would be tried as per law of the land. The BNP government had bought Air Buses at higher prices through corrupt means.

On the contrary, she said, her government had saved 165 million US dollar in the purchase of MIG-29 aircraft.

The Prime Minister listed various development activities of her government and said those were directed toward people's welfare.

Sheikh Hasina said natural gas would be supplied to the northern region of the country. She also announced the construction of Pauchagarin-Devganj-Nilphamari regional highway for better communications. She said an EPZ named "Uttara" would be set up in Syedpur.

Awami League Joint General Secretary Muzaffar Hossain Palu, Publicity Secretary Abdul Mannan, Office Secretary Abdul Mannan Khan, Farida Asa Rouf, MP, and joint convenors of Nilphamari Awami League Anwar Hossain and Jonah Ali were present on the occasion.



The students and teachers of Badrunessa Mohila College jointly organised a cultural programme at the Shishu Academy auditorium yesterday in observance of the Education and Cultural Week.

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Directorate General Defence Purchase



Ministry of Defence
New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders in foreign currency are invited from bona fide manufacturers/dealers/suppliers/indentors (enlisted firms in DGDP) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Navy.

Sl No	Name of Items & Qty	Date of Selling		Date of Opening	Currency	Tender No
		From	To			
1.	Spares for Caterpillar DG. (Qty - 90 Ltr)	08-10-2000	16-11-2000	19-11-2000	F/C	6544/NP-2
2.	Tender schedule with detailed specifications/conditions will be available on payment as per I/T selfing rate (Not refundable) during office hours between 0800 hours to 1300 hours. The tender can be dropped latest by 1000 hours and opened at 1005 hours on the specified date of opening in the presence of tenderers (if present).					

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Lt Commander BN
For Director General

DESA Local Re-Tender Notice



নিয়মিত বিদ্যুৎ বিল পরিশোধ করুন
সকাবেলায় বিদ্যুৎ ব্যবহার করুন

Memo No PS-2/Pro-2/315

Dhaka Electric Supply Authority invites bids for Different Electrical Materials against the following tender for the Emergency Maintenance & Rehabilitation Project for Sub-Transmission & Distribution System under DESA Phase-3. Reputed manufacturers/their representatives are eligible to participate in this tender.

Sl No	Tender Enquiry number	Name of work	Last date for buying tender document	Tender sub-mission/opening date	Cost of tender document
1	135/ER-3/DOF CUT-OUT FUSE-CUT	11KV DROP OUT	5-11-2000	7-11-2000	Tk 5000/-

Tender documents will be available for inspection and purchase (through application) during normal office hours in any of the following offices:

- Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka-Division, 1st 12 storied Govt. Building, Dhaka.
- General Manager, Consumer's Services (North), Dhaka Electric Supply Authority, House No-73, Road No-S/A, Dhamondi, Dhaka.
- General Manager, Consumer's Services (South), Dhaka Electric Supply Authority, 12/I/A, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
- Procurement & Store Management Dte, Dhaka Electric Supply Authority, 1, Abdul Ghani Road, Dhaka-1000
- Director, Dhaka Electric Supply Authority, 1, Abdul Ghani Road, Dhaka.

The cost of tender documents (non-refundable) shall be paid through Pay Order/Demand Draft issued by any scheduled local bank favouring Director, Finance & Accounts, DESA. Tender document shall be obtained personally and DESA will not take any responsibility for sending tender documents to any body.

Tenders shall be received in the abovementioned offices on the specified date up to 11:30 hrs (BST) and tenders received will be opened publicly on the same day at 2:30 PM (BST) in the office of the undersigned in presence of the bidders/their representatives, if any. Late tenders, if any, shall summarily be rejected.

DESA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids at any stage without assigning any reason thereof.

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Director
Procurement & Stores, DESA.

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Saudi envoy assures cooperation during hajj

Saudi Ambassador to Bangladesh Abdullah Bin Mohamed Al-Obaid Al-Namli yesterday assured all sorts of cooperation to Bangladeshi nationals wishing to perform Hajj and Umrah, reports BSS.

The assurance came when the newly-appointed Ambassador called on the State Minister for Religious Affairs, Moulana Mohamed Nurul Islam, at the latter's secretariat office in the morning.

The Ambassador stayed with the state minister for about an hour and discussed matters of bilateral issues with special reference to Hajj and Umrah of Bangladeshi pilgrims.

The state minister apprised the ambassador of the policies of Bangladesh regarding performance of Hajj and Umrah pursued by the government.

The ambassador assured the state minister that he would extend all sorts of cooperation with regard to the performance of Hajj and Umrah and other allied matters so long he will be in Bangladesh. The state minister thanked him for the gesture of goodwill and cooperation.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina with the participants of the South Asia Peacekeeping Operations Gaming Seminar. The Prime Minister inaugurated the seminar in the city yesterday.

— ISPR photo

Seminar on Nat'l Health Policy begins today

By Staff Correspondent
A two-day seminar on 'Critique of the National Health Policy: In Search of a People's Policy on Health' begins in the city today, says a press release.

Dr Nafisa Khan will present the key-note paper at the first session of the seminar, organised by Shasthya Shonglap.

Dr Zafurullah Choudhury of Gonoshasthya Kendra, Rashed Khan Memon of Workers Party, Nilufar Ahmed of World Bank and BMA President Prof Rashid-e-Mahbub will take part in the discussion.

The seminar is split into six sessions. Health economics, food and nutrition, indigenous people's health and issues of disability, women's health and health in the workplace, legal aspects of health, water pollution and child health and immunisation are among the subjects that will be discussed during the seminar.

The seminar will be held at the Women's Voluntary Association auditorium in Dhanmondi.

Goldsmith injured

By Staff Correspondent
A goldsmith was critically injured after being abducted from in front of his Narinda residence in the old town, hospital sources said yesterday.

Family members did not disclose the names of the abductors or reasons for it. Police said they heard about the incident but no FIR was registered till last night.

The victim identified as Prodipt Ghosh, 25, was abducted from in front of his house and taken to an open field at Surtola at gun point, hospital sources said quoting the victim's family.

The gang, numbering about four, fired gunshots at him and left him in the field. He was later rushed to the DMCH in a critical condition with three bullets in his backbone and back, hospital sources said.

Relief materials sent to flood-hit districts

A large quantity of relief materials has been sent to the flooded affected districts for distribution among the flood and tornado-hit people, reports BSS.

The relief materials were sent by the Ministry of Relief and Disaster Management at the directive of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Chuadanga, Meherpur, Chapainababganj, Pabna, Sirajganj, and Naogaon districts will be given 25 metric tons of rice each. The government also allocated Taka 50,000 each to Chuadanga, Meherpur, and Chapainababganj, while Taka 25,000 to Rangpur.

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