

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 Panchagarh-Deviganj-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 Paltu, Publicity Secretary Abdul Mannan, Office Secretary Abdul Mannan Khan, Farida Asa Rouf, MP, and joint convenors of Nilphamari Awami League Anwar Hossain and Jonab Ali were present on the occasion.

Saudi envoy assures cooperation during hajj

Saudi Ambassador to Bangladesh Abdullah Bin Mohamed Al-Ohaide Al-Namla yesterday assured all sorts of cooperation to Bangladesh 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.

BTV's dev projects reviewed

A meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Ministry yesterday reviewed the progress of different development of the Bangladesh Television including the one of BMRE of its Dhaka Centre, reports BSS.

A Jatiya Saigad press release said the meeting with chairman of the committee Abul Kalam Azad thanked Japanese government for its Taka 69 crore assistance for the BMRE and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her personal initiative to revive the project, which was abandoned by Japan during the previous regime.

The meeting also joined by State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed, reviewed measures for expanding and strengthening the transmission network, installation of five relay stations, expanding the reporting mechanism and satellite news gathering under different projects.

Committee members Sultan Mohammad Monsur Ahmed, Begum Shahin Monwara Haq and N K Alam Chowdhury took part in the meeting while Information Secretary M I Chowdhury and other senior officials were present.



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

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.

Chudanga, Meherpur, Chapainabaganj, Rajshahi, Pabna, Sirajganj, and Naogaon, districts were given 25 metric tons of rice each. The government also allocated Taka 50,000 each to Chudanga, Meherpur, and Chapainabaganj, while Taka 25,000 to Rajshahi, Pabna, Sirajganj and Naogaon.

Besides, 20 metric tons of rice and Taka 50,000 have already been allocated to the deputy commissioners of the flooded districts for distribution among the affected people.

Army has been deployed to carry out rescue operations in the affected areas and they are working with speed boats and other rescue materials.

State Minister for Relief and Disaster Management Talukdar Abdul Khaleque has been visiting the flood affected areas of Jhenidah, Meherpur and Chudanga to see for himself the flood situation and relief activities there.

The chehlum of Prof (Retd) Dr Syeda Firoza Begum will be held today after Asr prayers at her residence at 19/E, Green Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka, says a press release.

Rotary News

Weekly meeting
Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Paltan will be held today at Hotel Pacific, 120/B Motijheel C/A, at 1 pm today, says a press release.

Members and visiting Rotarians are requested to attend the meeting on time.

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Seminar on Nat'l Health Policy begins today

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

Dr Naila Khan will present the key-note paper at the first session of the seminar, organised by Shasthya Shonglap. Dr Zafarullah Choudhury of Gonoshasthya Kendra, Rashed Khan Menon of Workers Party, Nilfar 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 Prodip Ghosh, 25, was abducted from in front of his house and taken to an open field at Suritola 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 back and back, hospital sources said.

Photography exhibition

By DU Correspondent

The second solo exhibition of photographs by AMM Ikram titled 'Good Morning Sydney' begins at the Alliance Francaise in the city today.

Abdul Mannan Kashuri will inaugurate the exhibition while State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed will be present as special guest.

A total of 31 photos highlighting the Olympic city will be put on display.

Organised by Environment and Ecological Conservation Organisation (EECO), the exhibition will remain open from September 25 to 28 and from October 1 to 5 from 5 pm to 8 pm daily.

Eating Out

Shikara is a Gourmet Restaurant

that serves Indian and Thai dishes on the city's new skyline.

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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. — Star photo

Directorate General Defence Purchase



Ministry of Defence

New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders in foreign currency are invited from bonafide 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 From To	Date of Opening	Currency	Tender No
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1. Spares for Caterpillar DG (Qty - 90 L/I) 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 selling 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).

ISPR/Misc/2000/779

DFP-22908-20/9

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Lt Commander BN

For Director General

Dhaka WASA Tender Notice

(পানির অপচয় রোধে কাজ শেষে কলের মুখ বন্ধ করুন)

Tenders are invited from Class I, II and III enlisted civil contractors of Dhaka WASA for construction of RCC column and RS joint on 5 deep tubewells installed/replaced at various sites of Dhaka Metropolitan are under Interim Project-4. The amount of estimated money for the work is Tk 2,58,540/=. Tenders will be received on 9-10-2000 till 12:00 Noon and will be opened the same day at 2:30 PM before tenderers or their representative (if anyone remains present).

Schedule of tender will be available in the office of the Chief Accounts Officer of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka and all MODS Zone offices of Dhaka WASA. Other details will be available in the office of the undersigned.

Address: "WASA Bhaban" 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka WASA-PI-297/2000 DFP-22736-19/9 G-1664

AKM Zafarullah
Project Director
Interim Project-4
Dhaka WASA.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Deputy Commissioner Nilphamari Nejarat Section

Memo No: DCNP/Nejarat(TLM) 5(2)/2000/424(50) Date: 13/9/2000

Tender Notice

Tenders are invited from supplier contractors/bonafide traders of concerned goods separately as per groups. In order to implement the Total Literacy Movement (TLM) programme in the Project-4, Scenario-2 in Nilphamari district, Nilphamari sadar (Pourashava), Dimla, Domar, Sayedpur Upazila (including pourashava) and the rest of the 3 unions of Jal Dhaka Upazila and 1 union of Kishoreganj upazila under the Non-formal Education Directorate, Dhaka. Education materials as for example: Group No-1 Ball pen and chalk, Group No-2 Jute mat, Group No-3 Hurricane, Group No-4 Slate and pencil, Group No-5 Attendance register and inspection register, blackboard and duster, Group No-6 Excise Khata. Tenders will be received on 12-10-2000 till 12:00 Noon in the tender box kept at the office of the Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) and the office of the Divisional Commissioner Rajshahi and the tender box will be opened the same day at 12:30 PM before the tenderers present (if there is any). Schedule of tender and papers related to terms and conditions will have to be purchased on 11-10-2000 during office hours from this office (Nejarat) and Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi on payment of cost for each group. For Group No-1 Taka 1,000/- (one thousand), Group No 2 to 6 each group Taka 750/- (seven hundred fifty) (non-refundable).

It is requested to contact the Nejarat Section of this office for detailed information.

ABM Kamarul Islam
Deputy Commissioner
Nilphamari
&
President
Chetona-Nilphamari.

DFP-22689-19/9

G-1666

DESA Local Re-Tender Notice

নিয়মিত বিদ্যুৎ বিল পরিশোধ করুন
সর্বোত্তম বিদ্যুৎ ব্যবহার হ্রাস করুন

Memo No PS-2/Pro-2/315

Dated: 6/9/2000

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 submission/opening date	Cost of tender document
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1. 135/ER-3/DOF CUT-OUT 11KV DROP OUT FUSE CUT-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:

a) Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka-Division, 1st 12 storied Govt. Building, Dhaka

b) General Manager, Consumer's Services (North), Dhaka Electric Supply Authority, House No-73, Road No-S/A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka.

c) General Manager, Consumer's Services (South), Dhaka Electric Supply Authority, 12/1/A, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.

d) Project Director, Greater Dhaka Power Distribution Project, House No 47, Road No 135, Gulshan, Dhaka.

e) Director, Procurement & Store Management Dte, Dhaka Electric Supply Authority, 1, Abdul Ghani Road, Dhaka-1000

f) Secretary, 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