

Bharatnatyam performance

A Bharatnatyam performance by Bangladeshi artist Belayet Hossain Khan will be presented at Indian Cultural Centre in the city at 7 pm on September 28, reports BSS.

Khan will perform to the accompaniment of leading Indian vocalist Prof CV Chandrasekhar and on Mridangam by NV Balakrishnan.

This will be the first solo Bharatnatyam performance by a Bangladeshi artist with live music in the country. The Indian High Commission has organised the event.

Complimentary passes can be collected from the Information and Cultural Wing of the High Commission at House-121, Road 3, Dhamondin.

Rival students clash at Badre Alam College

GAZIPUR, Sept 25: Badre Alam University College was closed for two days following a clash between rival groups of students on the campus today, reports UNB.

Sounds of gunfire and explosion of homemade bombs were heard during the clash that left three people injured. Later, police brought the situation under control. They also recovered a gun from the spot.

Relief operation continues in flood-hit areas

Members of Bangladesh Rifles continued their relief operation in flood affected frontier areas of the country, reports UNB.

The BDR jawans were distributing medicine, bread, flour, sugar, flattened rice, and molasses among the flood-hit people in Thotapara, Ramkrishnapur, Chilmari in Kushtia, Mujibnagar, Roudranagar, Anandab in Meherpur, Baghadanga, Kusumpur, Shyamur and Srinathpur in Jhenidah, Zahurpur, Charasnapur and Wahedpur in Chapainawabganj and Poba and Godagari in Rajshahi districts.

GrameenPhone

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kept one of them hostage in Shashanghat area of the town, the sources said.

The contractor then contacted local Awami League leaders but they expressed their 'helplessness' and advised him to reach a settlement, one source said. Fearing reprisal, the contractor did not lodge any complaint with police.

The builder then paid Tk 30,000 to the gang and started work on the Tk seven lakh project after a delay of one month. The piece of land for construction of the transmission tower has been leased out by Bangladesh Railway.

"But soon the extortionists returned and asked the contractor to pay the remaining Tk 30,000 or stop the work," the source said. The matter is again being negotiated.

Some sources said although Shahidul and Mohidul are now in prison with several charges against them, they still control the gang through their men Salam and Zia.

Two girls

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ganged up on the embankment behind the air headquarters under Cantonment Police on Sunday when she was returning from her aunt's house at about 10 p.m., police said.

The gang comprising Shah Alam, Yusuf, Nazmul and Amir Hossain stopped her at Matka Ganga embankment, dragged her to an isolated place and raped her, police said quoting the FIR.

Cantonment police said they arrested Shah Alam and Yusuf, two of the accused in the rape case.

Chandpur polls

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Chandpur Municipality is 45,632. There were 21 polling centres with 96 booths.

Though no untoward incident occurred, police arrested 20 fake voters from different centres.

Four candidates contested the post of chairman while 26 women vied for 5 female commissioners and 74 candidates for 15 general ward commissioners.

During the polling the deputy commissioner, the police super, journalists, and 11-member FEMA observers team visited different centres.

Children Rights Week from Sept 29

Children Rights will be observed in the country from September 29 to October 5, reports BSS.

October 2 will be observed as "World Children Day". The Ministry for Women and Children Affairs has taken up an elaborate programme in this connection. An official press release said.

Different activities will be organised during the period in the capital, divisional headquarters, district, upazila and union levels to highlight the importance of "Children Rights Week". The theme of this year's Children Rights Week is "elimination of violence and ensuring physical safety of the children".

Besides, September 30 will be observed as "Girl Children Day" to create awareness about the rights of girls and implementation of the decisions in this regard.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the World Children Day at a function at the Osmani Memorial Hall on October 2.

The "Sishu Park" will remain open for the children on that day from 10 am to 4 pm.

The "Children Rights Week" will be launched at a function on September 29 at the Bangladesh Sishu Academy.

Shishu Kishore Mela to observe PM's birthday

Bangabandhu Shishu Kishore Mela, an organisation of the children and juveniles, has drawn up a two-day programme to observe the birthday of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on September 28, reports BSS.

The birthday will be observed as a mark of respect to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her contribution to world peace and her struggle for emancipation of people, the Mela press release said, adding that her endeavours were internationally recognised and also enhanced the image of Bangladesh in the world.

The programme will begin on September 27 with a colourful procession of the children and juveniles at 9 am.

A cultural function with the participation of child artists who won the national prize will be organised at the Osmani Memorial Hall at 5 pm on September 28. Dr Nilima Ibrahim will inaugurate the cultural function while noted poet Shamsur Rahman will attend it as chief guest.

President of Central Bangabandhu Shishu Kishore Mela Miah Monsof and general secretary Shirin Akhter Monju sought cooperation of all to make the programmes a success.

Rotary News

Weekly meeting

The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Sonarganga Dhaka will be held at 5:30 pm today at Dhaka Club Family Lounge, says a press release.

Members have been requested to attend on time.

The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka New City will be held at 5:30 pm today at Vintage Restaurant, Sobhanbagh, says a press release.

Rotarians have been requested to attend the meeting on time.



The participants of the South Asia Peacekeeping Operation Gaming Seminar visited the Peacekeeping Operation Training Centre (PKOTC) at Rajendrapur yesterday. - ISPR photo

Nat'l Health Policy under fire

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at a seminar yesterday said that the National Health Policy (NHP) has been drafted without any democratic involvement and it lacks directions in many aspects.

Until today, NHP document has not been subjected to public dialogue at national, local or even sectoral level, they said and observed that there was a lack of transparency during the formulation of the draft and the poor are marginalised in the policy.

They also observed that the policy is almost identical to the 'donor-prescribed' Health and Population Sector Programme (HPPSP) which hardly serves the interest of the poor in real sense.

The two-day seminar on "Critique of the National Health Policy: In Search of a People's Policy on Health" has been organised by Shasthya Shonglap.

Presenting the keynote paper, Dr Naila Zaman Khan said the policy lacks strong demand to raise budgetary allocation which she referred to as 'Maxi-

um service with minimum input'.

She argued that the policy fails to provide vision for a healthy and constructive future for the people of Bangladesh. Even within this bleak scenario, it does not provide a comprehensive view of present state of people's health, she added.

She pointed out that the policy does not prioritise poverty and health and there is no mention of government doctors and other professionals working in private clinics.

Dr Zafrullah Choudhury of Gonoshasthya Kendra said that the policy does not focus from the point of view of clients needs.

The main committee that prepared the document was dominated by doctors and some bureaucrats so the policy mainly serves interest of them, he said.

"The policy has been designed so that all affairs related to health and population is focused in the capital (centralised)."

Professor Muzaffar Ahmed of Dhaka University (IBA) pointed out that healthcare delivery system should take 'economics of rights' into account to address resource constraints.

Farhad Mazhar of UBINIG said that agriculture is a vital part that should be incorporated into health system. "Agriculture is directly related to health in the sense that it addresses the issue of food and nutrition and similar aspects."

Rashed Khan Menon of Workers Party, Dr Binayet Sen of BIDS, Nilufar Ahmed of World Bank and Rashid-e-Mahbub, president of BMA, also spoke at the seminar.

The seminar is being held at the Women's Voluntary Association (WVA) auditorium.

A 16-member committee has drafted the National Health Policy and the Cabinet has approved it. Shasthya Shonglap has reviewed the document as part of its commitment to the people's health.

Diplomat's death

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Singapore from Colombo as per local doctors' suggestion, he was taken to one hospital from another, said his father Akbar Ali at the press conference at the Jatiya Press Club.

"It was very unfortunate specially because all necessary arrangements and allocation of money for his treatment at Singapore were already there," Akbar Ali said.

On December 6, Feroze was admitted to Asha Central Hospital in Colombo, where neuro specialists had said he was suffering from Brain Stem Ischaemia and suggested immediate shifting to a hospital in Singapore.

Emirates airlines also agreed to 'medically evacuate' Feroze, he mentioned.

Instead of sending him to Singapore, he was taken to another hospital -- Naalika Hospital -- in Colombo, he said.

Feroze's wife repeatedly requested the High Commissioner for his early shifting to a Singapore hospital. But he became irritated and asked her 'not to dictate' him, Akbar Ali alleged.

The hospital in Colombo did not mention what tests were conducted and what kind of treatment was given to Feroze

there from December 14 to 19, he pointed out.

When his condition deteriorated, he was taken to Singapore. Doctors there suggested operation on December 24 but the date was shifted to December 28. The patient went into a 'deep coma' at the Mount Elizabeth Hospital on 24 December without having received any treatment. He was artificially kept alive till January 10.

The family then complained to the government about the alleged high handedness and negligence of the High Commissioner and also submitted related documents on January 31.

After the complaint was lodged, foreign ministry officials told the family that a departmental inquiry was initiated. But findings of the inquiry are yet to be known, Akbar Ali said.

Anonymous callers then threatened the widow and the family over telephone that they would abduct Tanveer Hayat, the only son of Feroze Hayat if the complaint was not withdrawn.

The widow and son of Feroze had to leave the country for security reasons, Akbar Ali said.



Robert Ottitsch, secretary general of Hope '87 Austria, giving away certificates to the trainees of Hope '87 Technical Training Centre at BIAH auditorium in the city recently.

Eating Out

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Qulkhwani



Md Aminul Huq, ex-superintending engineer of PWD (Pak) died on September 22 at a local clinic, Dhaka at the age of 74. He completed his BSc BE from Shipbur Engineering University (India) in 1947. He is survived by his wife (noted writer Runu Huq), only son Md Mohsinul Huq (senior project manager of Duke Energy Company, Charlotte, USA), eldest daughter Dr Sitara Jabeen Alam (NC USA), youngest daughter Tania Jabeen Mumba (Texas, USA) and also only grand daughter Noreen.

His qulkhwani will be held at his residence after Asr prayers on September 26. Relatives, friends & well-wishers of the deceased are requested to attend the qulkhwani and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

- Son & daughters



Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority

222 New Eskaton Road
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Date: 17-09-2000

Retender Notice

(Third Call)

No-15/2000-2001

Sealed tenders are invited from contractors as per eligibility for the undermentioned work under Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority:

Sl No Name of work Estimated expenditure (in taka) Eligibility of contractors Time fixed for completion of work Cost of tender document (in taka) (non-refundable)

1. Road construction (Single Layer Soling and Single Layer Herring Bone Bond) in Ishwardi EPZ, Pak shi, Pabna residential area. Tk 19,23,658.00 Contractors enlisted with government/semi-government/autonomous establishment who have the experience of construction of road for the cost of minimum 10 lakh taka in a single work order.

A contractor cannot engage himself in more than one work for an amount of one crore or more in zones and projects under BEPZA and the number of ongoing work will not be more than three in total.

Separate tenders will have to be submitted for each work. Earnest money as mentioned in the tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any schedule bank in favour of 'BEPZA' will have to be submitted with the tender.

Attested photocopies of following documents in support of their eligibility must be submitted with tender. Otherwise, tenders will be regarded as rejected.

1. Trade licence for the current year.

2. Enlistment certificate of contractors for the current year.

3. Certificate as tax-payer (TIN) from the income tax authority and VAT registration certificate.

4. Certificate regarding work and order for the similar work from an official at least the rank of an Executive Engineer. If the documents submitted alongwith tender are proved to be false or forged, then the tenders will be rejected alongwith forfeiture of the money.

Tenders can be purchased from the executive office of BEPZA, 222 New Eskaton Road, Dhaka, Chittagong EPZ, South Halishahar, Chittagong, Dhaka EPZ, Garskhari, Savar, Dhaka, Ishwardi EPZ, Pakshi, Pabna all the offices of divisional commissioners till 15-10-2000. In case of purchase of tender documents from the office of the divisional commissioner, it can be purchased on payment of specific cost in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any schedule bank in favour of BEPZA. Acknowledgement receipt/money receipt in support of payment of the said money will have to be enclosed with tender.

Tenders will be received on 16-10-2000 till 12:00 Noon in the office of the Chief Engineer at BEPZA Executive Office, in the office of the Project Engineer of Chittagong, Dhaka EPZ, in the office of the Project Directors of Ishwardi EPZ, Pakshi, Pabna and offices of all divisional commissioners.

Only on 18-10-2000 at 10:00 am in presence of the tenders (if there is any).

If the last date of selling of tender is any government holiday, then it can be purchased till the following working day and in that case tender can be submitted till the following day of the changed last date. If the day of submission/opening becomes a government holiday, then it will be submitted/opened the following working day. If the rate is submitted at the lowest level that is 10% below the estimated expenditure as per terms and conditions of tender by more than one establishment, then a lottery will be held on the day of opening tender that is on 18-10-2000 at 3:00 pm at the Executive Office of BEPZA in presence of the tenders concerned. If the documents submitted by the '1st' tender in the lottery are found right after examining as per terms and conditions of the tender, then the work order will be given to that establishment. Otherwise necessary arrangements will be made to give the work order to 2nd and 3rd tenderers after examining in phases.

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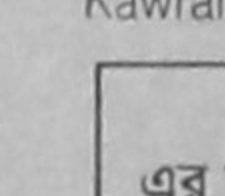
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Extension of Deadline for Submission of Bids

(IFIB No. AESM 450 RMS, Dated 17th Aug. 2000)

This is to notify for the information of all prospective bidders that pursuant to the relevant provisions of the bid document for the DESIGN-BUILD AND TURNKEY INSTALLATION OF ONE NATURAL GAS REGULATING & METERING STATION (RMS) UNDER GOB FINANCE FOR AES MEGHNAGHAT 450 MW CCPP, the deadline for submission of bids against the IFIB is hereby extended from 5th Oct 2000 to 16th Oct 2000. The bid document alongwith Addendum/Corrigendum No 1 will now be available for purchase by interested bidders up to 15th Oct 2000. All other terms and conditions of the bid document except those as amended by Addendum/Corrigendum No 1 shall remain unchanged.

25th Sept 2000

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Tender Notice No-10 (2000-2001)

Sealed tenders in the prescribed tender schedule of BRRI from BRRI-enlisted supplier establishments for supplying the undermentioned goods for Bangladesh Rice Research Institute.

Serial No	Description of work	Cost of each set of tender documents	Time limit for completion of work
1.	Gazipur-Mo-05-0101, Supply of spare parts for Isuzu Diesel Truck.	Tk. 400/- (four hundred).	20 days
2.	Supply of miscellaneous kinds of electrical goods	Tk 400/- (four hundred).	25 days

1. Earnest money : 5% of the total quoted cost in the forms of Bank Draft/Call Deposit Receipt/Pay Order from any enlisted commercial bank to the Director General of this establishment will have to be deposited. But in case of enlisted supplier establishment earnest money will not have to be deposited for purchase limit of Taka 3 lakh.

2. Time limit for selling tender : Till 15/10/2000 (all working days).

3. Place where tender will be : Accounts Division, BRRI, Joydevpur, Gazipur.

4. Place of receiving tender and timetable for opening : Tenders will be received in the tender box kept in front of the office of the Assistant Director (Procurement) BRRI on 16/10/2000 till 3:00 pm and tenders will be opened the same day at 3:30 pm in presence of the tenderers (if anyone is present). If it is not possible to open the tenders on the scheduled date due to unavoidable circumstances then the tenders will be received and opened the following working day in the same place at the same time.

5. The Institute authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Md Hedayetul Islam
Assistant Director
(Procurement)