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Employees and officials of Islamic Trade and Commerce Limited (ITCL) brought out a procession in the city yesterday following a rally to protest the recent attacks on its trades and sales centres. - Star photo

World Children's Day today

World Children's Day will be observed throughout the country today as part of a global campaign for proper grooming of children through establishing their rights, reports UNB.

Various socio-cultural organisations have chalked out elaborate programmes, including discussion and rally, to observe the Children's Day and the Child Rights Week. Child Rights Week from September 29 to October 5 is being observed.

Women and Children Affairs Ministry has also drawn programmes at central, divisional, district, upazila and union levels to create public awareness about child rights.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the main programme of the day at Osmani Memorial Hall at 10.30 am today.

Country Representative of Unicef Shahida Azfar will be present as special guest. State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Prof Zinatunnessa Talukder will preside over the function.

Shishu Park will remain open for children on the World Children's Day from 10 am to 4 pm.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed gave separate messages on eve of the day highlighting its significance.

In his message, President Shahabuddin Ahmed greeted the children and laid emphasis on creating opportunities and facilities for them to become worthy citizen.

Biman launches website

By Staff Correspondent Bangladesh Biman launched its web site yesterday with relevant information on the national carrier including schedules, fleet, stations and other corporate information.

The address of the web site is www.bimanair.com. Biman sources said.

Scouts' 'Shapla Cub' award ceremony on Thursday

Bangladesh Scouts will hold its 'Shapla Cub' award giving ceremony at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium on Thursday, reports UNB.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to distribute prizes at the function among 406 best cubs for the year 1998 and 1999, said a press release.

UK introduces new visa for visitors

The British Government will introduce a new type of visa facilitating visitors' today easy entry to the United Kingdom and unlimited travel in and out during its validity, reports UNB.

"This reflects the government's commitment to a fairer, faster and firmer entry clearance process," said a British High Commission release in the city yesterday.

Until now, a visa has been issued at a British Mission abroad but the decision to give a visitor permission to enter the UK has been taken by the port of entry. That is now changing.

From today, the entry clearance officer issuing a visa abroad will also grant leave to enter and an immigration officer at the port of entry simply verify that the visa is valid and in a genuine passport.

This change has another benefit for travellers. The new standard visa will cost the same as the current single-entry visa. But it will allow unlimited travel in and out of the UK during its validity.

Besides, the visitors can travel to continental Europe and back regularly without having to reapply for a visa.

The new visa will usually be valid for six months from the date of issue. But the British authority will encourage early applications to avoid delay at peak periods. An applicant may therefore ask for a visa to come into effect up to three months

after its date of issue. Frequent travellers and business visitors can still apply for multiple-entry visas, valid for one year, two years or five years. Each visit during that period can last a maximum of six months.

Airlines and other passenger carriers have welcomed this effort to speed the arrival process for visitors to the UK.

"This new arrangement ensures that bona fide passengers will benefit from a more streamlined approach to our immigration controls whilst providing the opportunity for resources to be better directed towards areas of greater concern," said the Home Office Minister, Barbara Roche MP, who is responsible for immigration matters.

Foreign Office Minister Keith Vaz, MP, who is responsible for entry-clearance work overseas, said this is a great improvement in services for travellers to the UK.

"We are working hard to ensure that the visa-issuing process is as straightforward as possible, and this new visa and the resulting more streamlined entry to the UK is part of the process," he added.

The new change results from the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999. Airlines and other carriers will find it easier to recognise valid visas as they will need only to check the "valid from" and "valid to" dates.



Children brought out a procession in the city yesterday carrying banners to remind everyone of their fundamental rights. The procession was organised by Dhaka City Corporation as part of its Child Rights Week 2000 programmes. - Star photo

Tributes paid to Shahityabisharad Abdul Karim

Speakers at a discussion at the Jatiya Press Club (JPC) yesterday paid tribute to eminent litterateur and researcher on *punthi* Abdul Karim Sahityabisharad, reports BSS.

They said that his invaluable writings and publications should be preserved properly so that the future generation can learn from the research work.

Chittagong Journalists Forum-Dhaka (CJFD) organised the discussion to mark the 47th death anniversary of Abdul Karim Sahityabisharad, who authored 412 stories and edited 16 rare *punthi* of pre-modern Bangla literature.

Labour and Employment Minister MA Mannan attended the discussion as the chief guest.

BCL's call to reject today's hartal

By DU Correspondent

Ruling party backed student organisation Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday brought out a procession on the Dhaka University campus in protest of opposition sponsored hartal today.

Following the procession BCL held a rally in front of the DUCSU building on the campus at noon.

Speaking at the rally, BCL leaders said that the opposition alliance have called hartal on World Children's Day, forgetting and ignoring the rights of children.

"The countrymen will not tolerate the hartal while eight districts have been flooded," they said adding "this move proves that their politics is not pro-people and they are only after power."

They urged the student community to reject the hartal. Presided over by Bahadur

Bepari, the rally was addressed, among others, by Ajay Kar Khokan and AKM Azim.

Meanwhile, BCL announced that they will hold a rally on the DU campus to mark World Children's Day today. They will also distribute food and cloth among children today.

Meanwhile, BCL has formed six teams comprising the central leaders to help and conduct distribution of relief among the flood affected peoples in six districts including Jhenidah, Jessore, Meherpur, Chuadanga, Kushtia and Satkhira.

The teams, lead by Liakat Ali started their respective relief missions yesterday.

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Today is the 1st death anniversary of late Justice Anwarul Haque Chowdhury. He died on 2nd Oct., 1999, 21st Jamadeus Sani. All his relatives, friends & acquaintances are requested to pray for his eternal peace.

Flod-hit area Health professionals' leave suspended

All types of leave of the medical professionals in the flood-hit districts have been suspended today until further government order to contain outbreak of diseases, reports BSS.

The decision was taken at a high level meeting on 'Reviewing flood and diarrhoea situation of the country' with Health and Family Welfare Minister Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim in the chair.

State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr M Anamullah and Health Secretary Sayed Alamgir Faruq Chowdhury, among others, were present.

The meeting was informed that 461 medical teams have

been working in the affected areas where 3,843 people were attacked with different water-borne diseases like diarrhoea.

The meeting decided to deploy more medical teams in the affected areas and sanctioned sufficient additional fund to combat diarrhoea and other water-borne diseases. The meeting also decided to supply anti-snake serum to the concerned civil surgeons.

The minister also directed the medical teams to monitor the shelter camps round the clock and decided to include family planning doctors to work with medical teams.

বাংলাদেশ ডায়াবেটিক সমিতি
 ন্যাশনাল ডায়াগনস্টিক নেটওয়ার্ক (এনডিএন)
 ৬৯-এম গ্রীন রোড পাহুপথ ঢাকা

ফার্মেসী স্থাপন সংক্রান্ত পুনঃদরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ন্যাশনাল ডায়াগনস্টিক নেটওয়ার্ক (এনডিএন)-এর মিরপুর, উত্তরা, জুরাইন ও রামপুরা কেন্দ্রে ফার্মেসী স্থাপনের জন্য প্রকৃত কেমিস্ট এন্ড ড্রাগিস্ট/ফার্মেসী মালিকদের পক্ষ থেকে সীলমোহর করা আবেদনপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

দরপত্র শিডিউল প্রতিসেট নগদ ১০০.০০ (একশত) টাকার বিনিময়ে এনডিএন প্রধান কার্যালয়ের (৬৯-এম, গ্রীন রোড পাহুপথ ঢাকা) রিসিপশন কাউন্টার থেকে ৩রা অক্টোবর থেকে ১০ই অক্টোবর, ২০০০ সকাল ৯:০০ থেকে দুপুর ২:৩০ মি: পর্যন্ত সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। দরপত্র জমা দেয়ার শেষ সময় ১১ অক্টোবর ২০০০ দুপুর ৩:২৫ মি: এবং একই দিন দুপুর ৩:৩০ মি: আবেদনকারীর উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেউ থাকেন) দরপত্র খোলা হবে। কোনো কারণ না দেখিয়েই সকল অথবা যে কোনো আবেদনপত্র (আংশিক বা সম্পূর্ণ) গ্রহণ/বাতিলের ক্ষমতা এনডিএন কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

প্রকল্প পরিচালক

POSITION VACANT

An international research institution has the following position for the deserving candidates for their Dhaka office in connection with their research project in Bangladesh.

Secretary: The incumbent should be proficient in operation of computers with working experience in Windows 97/98 and other package programs. He/she should have a minimum English typing speed of 45 WPM with an accuracy of 90%. Experience in editing and publishing desirable, but not essential. A diploma in Secretarial Science will be considered as an added qualification. Fluency in written and spoken English is considered essential. Candidates qualifying GCE 'O' level will be given preference. Short-listed candidates will have to take a practical test on typing and computer skills. Attractive compensation package may be offered for the deserving candidates.

Apply in confidence with two recent passport size photographs, C.V., certified copies of all educational certificates/degrees, testimonials and references, to **Box # C-1009, C/o The Daily Star, 19 Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215 by October 10, 2000.** Only short-listed candidates will be called for interview.

Notice Inviting Tenders No 2 (E/M) of 2000-2001

- Tenders in sealed cover are hereby invited in Form No. 2911 from special class, combined class I (one), class-II (one) and class III (two) of E/M approved contractors of this Department for the under-mentioned work and will be received by the undersigned, Executive Engineer, PWD Division I/II, Rajshahi/Natore/ Naogaon and Sub-Divisional Engineer, PWD Sub-Division, Nowabgonj up to 12-00 Noon of 11-10-2000 and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM.
- Name of work : Construction of Textile Vocational Institute at Ishurdi, Pabna under the scheme "Implementation of SSC (Vocational) Textile Course." (S.H.: Providing EI & fans in the Administrative and Academic Bhaban, and installation of LT overhead line).
- Estimated cost : Tk 8,64,628/=.
- Earnest money : Tk 17,293/= in the form of Sanchayapatra/B.D., C.D. from any scheduled bank. Fixed deposit holder to submit a certificate from the concerned Executive Engineer received within three months.
- The tender form together with the schedule of items, specification, terms and conditions, plans etc. can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned and above-mentioned offices during office hours on payment of usual charges up to the previous day of receiving tender.

Md. Shah Alam
 Executive Engineer
 PWD Division, Pabna.
 DFP-23209-25/9
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Bangladesh Sugar & Food Industries Corporation
 Adamjee Court (5th floor), 115-120
 Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited by the Chief Engineer, Bangladesh Sugar & Food Industries Corporation for the following works:

- Name of works : Supply, Erection (including civil foundation) and commissioning, on turn-key basis of 10 MT capacity double girder EOT crane and mechanical cane feed table with all necessary machinery and spare parts for Rajshahi Sugar Mills Ltd.
- Earnest money : Bank Draft/Pay Order/ Bank Guarantee of Taka three lacks only in favour of Bangladesh Sugar & Food Industries Corporation.
- Period of completion : Work to be completed within 210 days from the date of issuance of work order.
- Price of schedule : One thousand taka only.
- Place of sale of tender schedule : Additional Chief Accountant (Cash), BSFIC, Adamjee Court (4th Floor), 115-120, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
- Last date of sale of tender schedule : 6.11.2000 during office hours.
- Office for receipt of the tender : Office of the Chief Engineer, Bangladesh Sugar & Food Industries Corporation, Adamjee Court (5th Floor), 115-120, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
- Qualifications/prerequisite of the tender : (a) Tenderer or his principal must be a ISO 9001/ISO 9002 certificate holder. (b) Tenderer or his principal must have experiences of a similar work. (c) Tenderer must be financially solvent to carryout the work and he shall attach bank solvency certificate, trade licences and VAT registration certificate.
- Date of receipt of tender : Up to 11:30 AM on 7.11.2000 and tender will be opened on 12:00 Noon on the same day.
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