

2 killed in separate road accidents

KHULNA, Oct 11: A teenaged boy was killed and another seriously injured in a road accident at Meghna-Jamuna Cross Road under Khulishpur upazila of the district yesterday, reports BSS.

Police said the accident occurred when Kalu Sheikh, 14, and Rafiqul, 14, were crossing the road riding on a bicycle. They were hit by a lorry. Kalu

‘20,000 private practitioners to be involved in health services’

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim yesterday said the government is planning to involve 20,000 private practitioners with the improved health delivery services to make the health and population sector programme a success, reports BSS.

He was speaking as chief guest the concluding session of the 2-day national workshop on General Practices and Family Medicine in Bangladesh, organised by Department for International Development (DFID), at a city hotel.

The minister said the government would provide all facilities to involve the private practitioners for the wellbeing of the common people, which will help establish the health delivery services on strong footing at the grassroots level.

He laid emphasis on reorganising the existing scattered initiatives to make the primary healthcare services available to all and bring about a qualitative changes in the healthcare system of the country.

Presided over by the Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Dhiraj Kumar Nath, the function is also addressed, among others, by the Vice-Chancellor of Mahipul Academy for Higher Education of India Prof B M Hegde, National Professor Nurul Islam, team leader of Public-Private Partnership Program Dr Vel Gillan, Senior Health Advisor of DFID Frank Atherton and Director of Medical Education Board Prof Shah Monir Hossain.

Sheikh died on the spot. Rafiqul was seriously injured and admitted to Khulna Medical College Hospital in a critical condition.

A case was filed with Khulishpur police station in this connection.

A UNB report from Savar adds: A policeman was killed and two others were injured in a road mishap at Ballarpur here early today.

The dead was identified as Sultan Ahmed, 28, a constable of Anubazar police outpost.

Police said the mishap took place when a Dhaka-bound truck went down a 25-feet ditch after knocking them down near Raj Filling Station at about 1 am. Sultan died on the spot.

The injured constables - Nurul Islam and Abdur Razzak - were admitted to the upazila health complex.

However, the truck driver fled the scene. A case was filed.

World Maritime Day today

World Maritime Day will be observed in the country today as elsewhere around the globe, reports UNB.

This year's theme of the day is "Making Maritime Partnership: International Maritime Organisation".

To mark the day, Department of Shipping will hold a seminar titled 'Expansion of the Fleet of National Flag Carrier at LGED auditorium at 10 am.

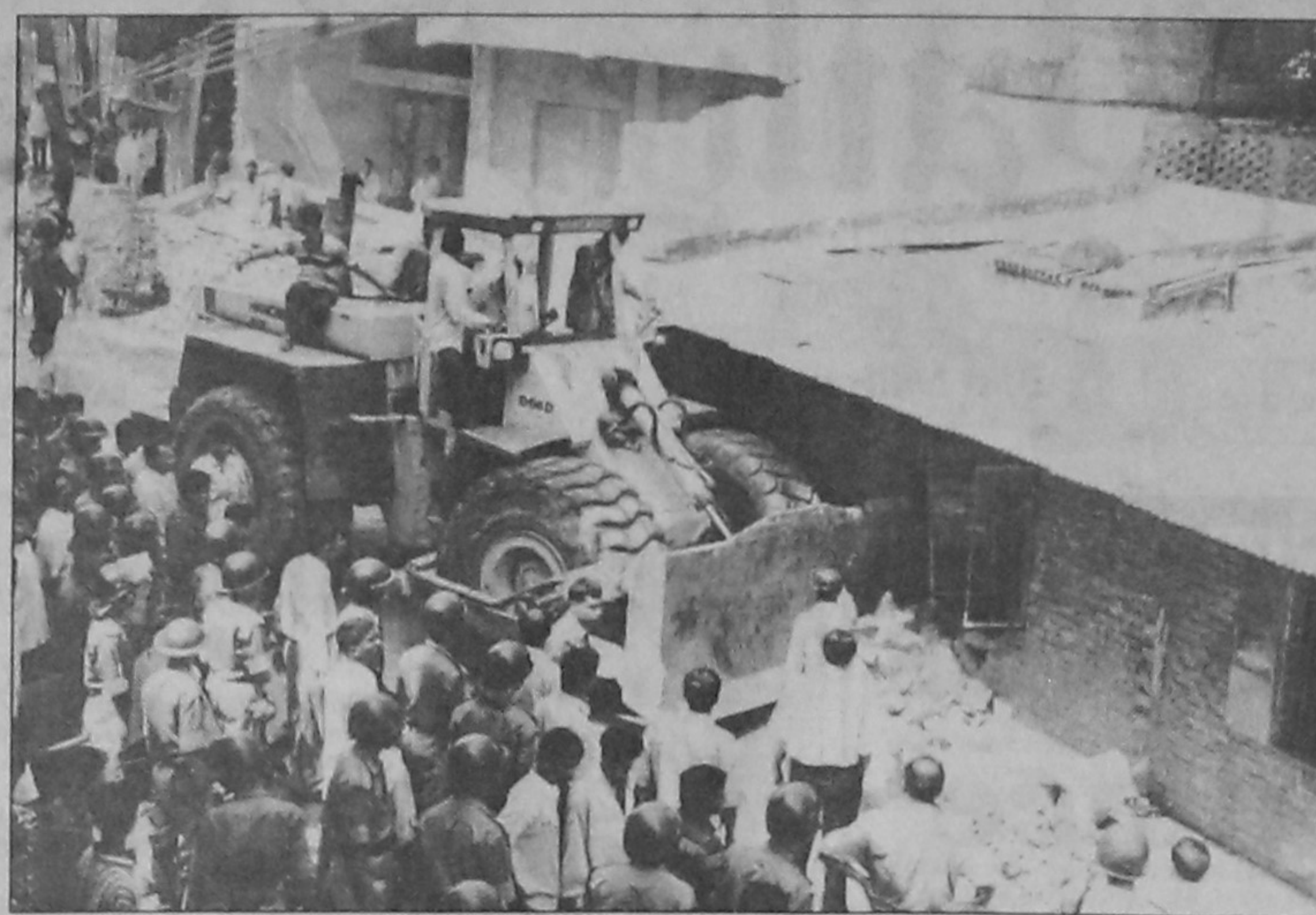
Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria will inaugurate the seminar while State Minister for Shipping Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya will be present as special guest.

PM's message

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said maritime transportation plays a vital role in socio-economic activities of the country, reports BSS.

"Observance of the World Maritime Day in riverine Bangladesh is very significant and the day has special importance to us," she said in a message on the eve of the day.

She said since the early days, the seafarer Bangladesh has been associated with maritime transportation.



Rajuk yesterday carried out a demolish drive to clean up illegal structures between Notre Dame College to Matsha Bhaban at Kakrail.

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Involvement of youths in disaster management stressed

Early warning and preparation can go a long way in mitigating losses during natural disasters

By Staff Correspondent

Early warning and proper preparation can go a long way to bring down losses during natural disasters. Involvement of educated and trained youths in management of disaster preparation will also help reduction of loss and sufferings of the disaster-struck people to a large extent.

The above was emphasised by speakers at a discussion on "Disaster Prevention, Education and Youth" held yesterday at the CIRAP auditorium. Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief and Disaster management Bureau jointly organised the discussion marking the occasion of International Day for Disaster Reduction (IDDR) - 2000. Five keynote papers on forecasting, dissemination of information of disaster and role of youths in disaster management were

presented at the discussion.

Secretary to the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief Hiralal Bala chaired the meeting while expert of Training and Mass Awareness and Disaster Management Bureau moderated it.

In his keynote paper "Role of Youth and Education in Dissemination of Flood Information" National Project Director and Flood Forecasting and Warning Project ANH Akhter Hossain said flood information should be reached to the right people at the right time.

Referring to a recent study, he said that if the information is reached only to the district level officials but not to the most vulnerable people, a large number of affected people do not receive the information.

M Akram Hossain of Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD) said that a proper warning system could play a vital role in management. "Awareness is also a must along with warning for mitigation of

sufferings from disasters," he said in his keynote paper "Disaster Awareness Among Youths."

"We will get fruitful and effective results if BMD issues proper and timely warnings and youths are properly utilised at times of disasters," he added.

Dr AM Chowdhury of SPARSO and Prof. Rowshan Ara of Dhaka University also placed two keynotes on the occasion.

Agricultural Minister Begum Matia Chowdhury while inaugurating ceremony of the IDDR at the same venue earlier in the morning, urged the United Nations for further cooperation to face natural disaster and poverty alleviation.

Referring to various government steps for the flood-affected people, she said the government itself will not be able to face such natural calamities, everybody should come forward to mitigate the sufferings of the victims.

Govt has adequate food stock for flood victims

Int'l help may be needed only for rehabilitation of flood victims, minister says.

By Staff Correspondent

The government has successfully managed to reduce the sufferings of flood affected people so far but its main task will start soon after the recession of flood water. State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Talukdar Abdul Khaleque said yesterday.

The state minister, however, refuted allegations of participation in relief activities while addressing a press conference at the ministry yesterday on the flood situation and relief-rehabilitation programme of the flooded south-western region of the country.

Talukdar also said that the government has adequate food stock to meet the requirements of the flood victims and is only going to seek international help for rehabilitation of the flood victims.

The government has distributed 4,875 metric tonnes of rice and Tk 31 lakh among the flood victims at the south-west and other flooded regions till Tuesday last.

Besides, 2175 metric ton rice and Tk six lakh has been allocated for seven districts for distribution in the next three days. The seven districts are Satkhira, Jessore, Meherpur, Jhenidah, Chuadanga, Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj.

The minister claimed that flood situation in most of the

districts is improving and the flood water at worst affected Shatkhira is expected to recede within the next three or four days.

When asked why government did not take necessary steps before flooding began on the night of September 22, the minister said that the districts like Meherpur, Chuadanga had not seen floods in the last 50 years and the flood was set in so fast that the area was submerged before the government could do anything about it.

The government was well able to distribute food and other relief materials in the camps as well as the remote flood affected areas of the country with the help of its different agencies, he said.

The disaster management committees at union and thana level comprise of elected representatives of the people, government officials and distinguished local personalities. Thus, relief activities in the affected areas have no linkage with the politics of the ruling party, he said.

The government will give agriculture loans on easy terms and those, who have already have such loans, will not have to repay those within the next one year, the state minister said.

Besides, agro-materials will be distributed among the farmers free of cost to help overcome the set back suffered by loss of crops during flood, he added.

The government however will need the help of donor countries for renovation of infrastructural loss, Talukdar said.

"We have already obtained baby food and other blended food from World Food Programme and UNICEF respectively," he said.

When his attention was brought to fact that Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) has already urged for international help, the state minister said, "It is their own business. It will be better to ask them why they did so."

The state minister admitted that some dirty elements had been engaged in theft and robbery in the flood affected areas during the initial stages of the disaster but additional police forces had been immediately deployed to step up security in the areas.

The number of flood victims rose to 30 lakh yesterday, the ministry officials said.

Among others acting secretary of the ministry Babu Hiralal Bala and other concerned officials were present during the press conference.

World Vision Day today

By Staff Correspondent

The World Vision Day will be observed today for the first time in the country as elsewhere in the globe with a slogan 'Vision 2020'.

As part of the effort to protect vision world-wide elaborate programmes have been chalked out to mark the day. The programmes include holding of rally, seminar and free eye camp.

A rally will be brought out from the North Plaza of Chaudhury Uddyan at 8:00 am, which will be concluded at the National Institute of Ophthalmology (NIO) premises.

Representatives from different government, non-government and voluntary organisations will take part in the rally to launch a social movement to eradicate blindness, said a press release issued by Sight Savers International (SSI).

A seminar will be held at the NIO conference room at 9:00 am, which will be attended by Director General of Directorate of Health Prof ABM Ahsanullah, District Governor of Lions International-315-A-2 Lt MA Hasan, and Director of Medical Education and Health Manpower Development Prof Shah Manir Hossain and Country Representative of SSI M Jalaluddin Khan.

Khaleda condoles death of Bandarnaike

BNP chairperson and Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia has expressed her deep shock at the death of former Sri Lankan Prime Minister Srimavo Bandarnaike, reports UNB.

In a condolence message, she said being the world's first woman Prime Minister, Bandarnaike not only represented the hopes and aspirations but also became a symbol of power of womanhood in general.

Begum Zia commented that Srimavo was the precursor of women's statesmanship and showed the path which was subsequently followed by many of the women leaders all over the world.

Construction of NAM Confce Centre, other buildings nearing completion

Construction of the Bangabandhu Conference Centre and other buildings for holding the summit meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) are expected to be complete by next month, reports BSS.

This was told at a meeting of the National Preparatory Committee for the NAM Summit held at the Foreign Ministry yesterday.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad presided over the meeting, which was also attended by Civil Aviation Minister Engineer Musharraf Hussain.

Foreign Secretary, Works Secretary, Civil Aviation Secretary and concerned officials and engineers were present.

The meeting reviewed the progress so far achieved in terms of construction of the Bangabandhu Conference Centre and other buildings for accommodation of the delegates and guests.

The concerned quarters have been asked to expedite the provision of service facilities at the conference centre and other newly-constructed buildings before the summit.

UNB-UNI sign accord

United News of Bangladesh and United News of India recently signed an agreement under which UNB acquired the exclusive right to market, sell and distribute the UNI News Service in Bangladesh, reports UNB.

Likewise, UNI also acquired the exclusive right to market, sell and distribute the UNB News Service in India.

Virender Mohan and Enayeturrahman Khan signed the agreement on behalf of UNI and UNB respectively.

BAI orientation class on Oct 15

By DU Correspondent

The orientation class of the first year BSc Ag students of the session 1999-2000 of Bangladesh Agricultural Institute (BAI) will be held on October 15 at 12:30 pm at the institute auditorium, said a press release.

Regular classes will begin from October 16.

All newly-admitted students have been asked to attend the orientation class, the release added.



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(Tender Notice No.16/VII(2000-2001))

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The time for completion of the work will be 3 (three) months from the date of issuance of work order. A pre-bid meeting will be held in the office chamber of Chief Engineer, PWD on 6th November, 2000 at 3.00 PM.

Tender document may be examined from the office of the Executive Engineer, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, PWD Division No III, Dhaka and any queries regarding this tender may be made through Fax No 8117412.

Tender document may be purchased from the office of the Executive Engineer, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, PWD Division No III, Dhaka, Eden Bldg. PWD Division, Dhaka & Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka on cash payment of Taka 5 (five) thousand (non-refundable) only during office hours on all working days from 15.10.2000 to 31.10.2000. Earnest money amounting to Taka 4.00 (four) lacs in the form of Call Deposit/Bank Draft/Pay Order/Security Deposit Receipt from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of Executive Engineer, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar PWD Division No III, Dhaka shall have to be submitted along with the technical offer of the tender.

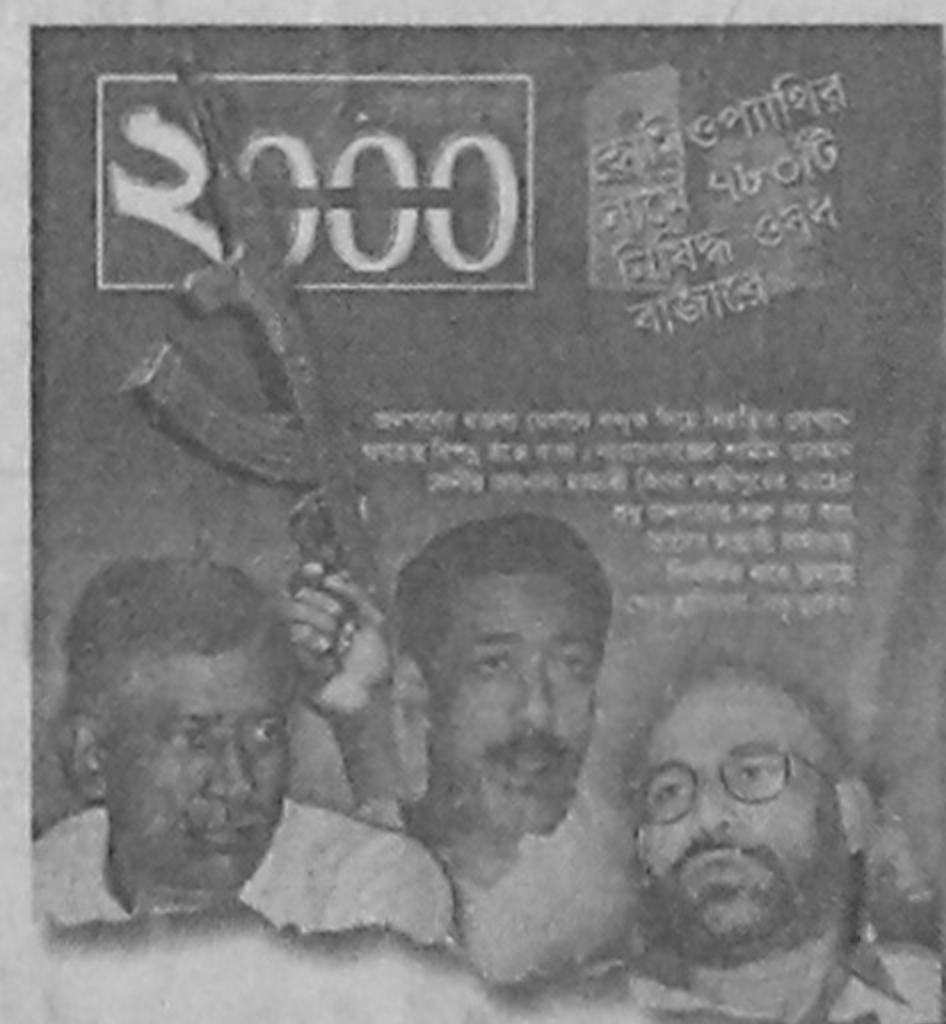
The tender will be received by the office of the Executive Engineer, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar PWD Division-III, Dhaka, PWD Eden Bldg. Division, Dhaka/Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka up to 12.30 PM on 27th November, 2000. The technical offer will be opened on the same day at 2.00 PM in the office of the Executive Engineer, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar PWD Division-III, Dhaka in presence of tenderers or his/their authorised representative, if any.

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

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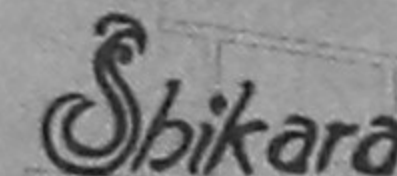
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