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# Bangladesh has endless opportunities all over the democratic world

PM interviewed on completion of 4-day official visit to US



Chairman of Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) and noted economist Prof Rehman Sobhan speaking at a convention on 'Increase in the number of and direct election to reserved seats for women in the parliament' held at the CIRDAP auditorium in the city yesterday. -- Star photo

## Country reiterates support to ME peace process

Bangladesh reiterated its commitment in upholding the unflinching support to the Middle East peace process. Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Atul Hasan Chowdhury has told the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) reports BSS from New York.

Making a statement at the 10<sup>th</sup> emergency special session of the UNGA on "Illegal Israeli Actions in the Occupied East Jerusalem and the Rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory", Chowdhury said the present government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina remains committed to uphold the legitimate rights of the Palestinians and materialize the Middle-East peace process.

The State Minister recalled the statement at the UNGA by the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman 26 years ago, when he (Bangabandhu) had expressed Bangladesh's unequivocal support for the just and legitimate cause of Palestine and peace in the Middle-East.

Chowdhury expressed his government's deep concern at the escalation of violence in the occupied territories and excessive use of force against Palestinian civilians by Israeli troops resulting in heavy casualties.

He described the heavy casualties in Palestine most tragic and uncalled for the strongly condemned such attacks. He accused the Israeli leaders for frustrating the Middle-East peace process in a planned and calculated provocation.

Expressing the deep condolence of Bangladesh government to the bereaved families, the state minister demanded inquiry of the recent violence and bringing those to justice, responsible for this. At the same time, the state minister called for refraining from all activities of provocation and making all endeavour to restore peace.

Chowdhury said his government believed that the cycle of violence in the region could only end through a just and comprehensive peace agreement based on the relevant UN resolutions and the various international agreements.

He reiterated Bangladesh's full support to establish an independent state with Jerusalem as its capital. He also urged Israel to stop building new settlements in occupied Arab territories.

Chowdhury pointed out that the United Nations has permanent responsibility with respect to the Palestinian and the Arab territories under occupation of Israel until a comprehensive, just and lasting settlement is reached.

Earlier in the beginning of his statement, he appreciated the efforts made by President Clinton and President Hosni Mubarak to stop violence in Palestine.

He also lauded the efforts of UN Secretary General Kofi Annan in holding the emergency summit at Sharm-el-Sheikh on 16 and 17 October 2000.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has firmly affirmed that with the process of democratization and re-strengthening of civil society, Bangladesh, once degraded as a land of despair, has now become a country of dignity and endless opportunities not only to Americans but also to the entire democratic world, reports BSS.

My visit to the United States has not only become fruitful in enhancing American investment in Bangladesh but also establishing the country in a dignified position in the community of democratic world," She told BSS Chief Editor Haroon Habib yesterday in her first press interview at the end of her 4-day official visit to Washington.

Within few hours of her official talks with President Bill Clinton at the White House, Sheikh Hasina left for home from Andrews Air Force Base (Washington) and gave the interview on board Biman Bangladesh Airlines at midnight last night outlining the outcome of her visit.

The Prime Minister said she believes that the United States would become a very close friendly country of Bangladesh and also an active development partner through the historic relations that has established with her official visit to Washington that took place after 26 years since the Father of the Nation visited Washington in October, 74 soon after country's independence.

Referring to her nearly an hour-long "significant" formal talks with President Bill Clinton, Sheikh Hasina said that the meeting yielded positive outcome in furthering bilateral relations between the two countries. She expressed her strong hope that her 4-day official visit to the USA at the invitation of President Clinton would play a significant role in promoting cordial relations between the two countries.

In reply to a question on the extradition of the convicted killers of Bangabandhu, some of whom took shelter in the USA, the Prime Minister noted that not only the view of US Attorney General MS Janet Reno but also the comment of President Clinton on the issue is very note-worthy. Clinton himself said his country can not be a paradise for such heinous killers and criminals, she pointed out.

In this connection, Sheikh Hasina further said that democracy is being practised in the USA for over 200 years and the Americans have been upholding democratic values and norms with proud for long. So I think, she said, the foreign killers and criminals who have been convicted by courts would not have any room in a country like USA.

Sheikh Hasina said in case of extradition of such convicted killers and criminals, it was not imperative if there was any prisoner-exchange treaty between the two countries. The government of that country can deport such offenders in their respective countries if it desires so, she added.

There are many instances she said added that through Interlope "Red alert" was sent throughout the world about these killers. Besides, US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has in her hands special powers to hand over such convicted criminals to the respective countries under the protection of laws.

However, without giving further details, the Prime Minister said she is very happy with the outcome of her meetings with President Clinton and other top US officials including the Attorney General Reno over the issue of extradition of the convicted killers of Bangabandhu.

In reply to another question on US investment in Bangladesh, she expressed her optimism that the US investment would increase manifold in the coming years. During taking over responsibility of the present government, the US investment in the country was only 20 million dollars. Today this figure stood at 800 million dollars, she noted.

When asked particularly on which issues her visit to USA would benefit the country, the Prime Minister said many Bangladesh expatriates in the USA would be benefited as she had fruitful discussion on undocumented Bangladeshis residing in that country.

Sheikh Hasina said despite receiving scholarships many meritorious Bangladeshi students are not getting US visa. "I took the matter to the notice of President Clinton who responded positively on the issue," she said.

The Prime Minister, while referring to her demand for quota and tariff-free entry of Bangladesh goods into the US market, said she is optimistic of getting such facilities like other least developed countries (LDCs) already enjoying such benefits.

She said she had also fruitful discussions on relief of Bangladesh's debts to USA. "I raised the issue with President Clinton in the White House and received positive response from the US leadership," she added.

Sheikh Hasina said discussions on oil, gas and energy sectors took place during her visit. Follow up discussions will take place on the issue later with the American companies, she added.

"I think Bangladesh today occupies an honourable place in the democratic world ... I

also think that a significant change has also developed in the outlook of the United States on Bangladesh," she remarked.

## Prof Qaisuddin takes over as BOU VC

Prof M Qaisuddin took over as the Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh Open University (BOU) yesterday, reports UNB. Before joining BOU, Prof Qaisuddin was the Vice Chancellor of the Islamic University in Kushtia.

## মতিঝিলের সন্নিহিত বাড়া ভাড়া

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**Local Tender Notice**  
No. 8 (DFP/2000-2001)

Sealed tenders are invited from local representatives of manufacturing firms for purchase of 20 split type aircooler machines (5 ton capacity) under the BMRE Project of this Directorate.

Tender schedule will be available at Tk 750/= (non-refundable) per set from 18-10-2000 to 02-11-2000 during office hours at the Accounts Section of this Directorate. Tenders will be opened on 05-11-2000 at 12-15 min.

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1. Shobujmoti Trust, a not-for-profit organization registered under the Companies Act 1994, has decided to construct on Design Build basis, using its own resources, a 500 bed general hospital at Khilgaon, Dhaka-Shobujmoti General Hospital (SGH)-on a parcel of land measuring approximately 33 kathas (23,000 sft) that has been duly allotted to it on a lease basis by Ministry of Works, Government of Bangladesh upon full payment of dues as per its prescribed rate/valuation.

Other than a general wing, a medical centre and a state of the art diagnostic centre, SGH will also have specialized units relating to heart, kidney, cancer and pediatrics. SGH will be managed and operated on a 'cost recovery basis'. 30% of the beds/capacity will be set aside for subsidized/free treatment of financially lesser well off residents of Khilgaon, Shobujbag and Motijheel Thanas. None of the shareholders of the Trust are entitled to enjoy any financial benefits from operation of SGH.

2. Tenders are being invited on the basis of two envelopes from enlisted special class contractors/firms under any government/semi-government organization and only those who have completed projects worth Tk. 15 crores in a single tender will be eligible to participate. Local firms may associate with experienced foreign consultant/construction firm(s) to enhance their capability. Bidders will submit two separate envelopes-one for 'Technical Proposal' and the other for 'Financial Proposal'.

3. Bid is to be accompanied by a bid security of Tk. 50 (fifty) lacs and both Technical and Financial Proposals should remain valid for a period of 120 (one hundred twenty) days. The Technical Proposal will be opened immediately upon closing of tenders in presence of bidder's representatives who choose to attend the bid opening. Financial Proposal of only those bidders who have been deemed to qualify technically, will be opened after due notification.

4. A complete set of bid documents will be available from the office of Project Co-ordinator, Shobujmoti General Hospital, Shobujmoti Bhaban, 287/12-C Khilgaon, Biswa Road, Dhaka-1219 during office hours from October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2000 to November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2000 upon payment of Tk. 15,000.00 (nonrefundable) in the form of Bank Draft from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of 'Project Co-ordinator, Shobujmoti Trust, Dhaka'.

5. A pre-bid meeting will be held in the office of the Project Co-ordinator at 10-00 hours on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2000 at the address below. Tender documents must be duly completed and submitted to the undersigned by 18-00 hours on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2000.

**Dr. Kazi Ziauddin Ahmed**  
Project Co-ordinator  
Shobujmoti General Hospital  
Shobujmoti Bhaban, 287/12-C Khilgaon,  
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Agriculture Information Service  
Khamarbari, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215

No 1500 Dated: 27-6-1407/ 12/10/2000

**Tender Notice**

Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide sellers/suppliers establishments for supplying the undermentioned goods of Agriculture Information Service.

Serial no	Description of goods	Number/quantity	Cost of schedule
1	Computer Printer	2 (two) pieces	100/-

Interested tenderers can procure detailed tender schedule containing specification, terms and conditions, rules and regulations on or before 30/10/2000 during office hours from the first building of Agriculture Information Service, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Khamarbari, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215 on payment of specific cost (non-refundable). In order to purchase tender schedule application will have to be given in the pads of the respective business establishments, to the Director, Agriculture Information Service, Khamarbari, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215. Up-to-date income tax certificate and VAT certificate, bank solvency certificate and attested photocopy of trade licence for the current year will have to be enclosed with the application. Original copies of the said papers will have to be produced at the time of taking tender schedule.

Tender will have to be submitted with earnest money at the rate of 2.5% of the quoted cost in the form of bank draft/pay-order from any schedule bank in favour of the Director, Agriculture Information Service.

Tender must be submitted in a sealed envelope to the Director, Agriculture Information Service, Khamarbari, Dhaka-1215 on 31/10/2000 by 2.00 pm in the tender box kept at the above mentioned address and will be opened the same day at 2.30 pm before the tenderers present (if anyone remains present).

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

Director,  
Agriculture Information Service  
Khamarbari, Dhaka-1215

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**Directorate General Defence Purchase**  
Ministry of Defence  
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**Tender Notice**

1. Sealed tender in foreign currency is invited from bonafide Manufacturers/Dealers/Suppliers (Enlisted Firms in DGDP) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Navy.

Sl No	Name of Items & Qty	Date of Selling	To	Date of Opening	Tender No
1.	Lithium Battery (Qty-02 L/I)	29-10-2000	07-12-2000	10-12-2000	6558/NP-3
2.	Spares for HF Manpack TX/RX Model: SGC-715 (Qty-02 L/I)	29-10-2000	07-12-2000	10-12-2000	6559/NP-2
3.	Spares for Frequency Counter Model: FC756 (Qty-10 L/I)	29-10-2000	07-12-2000	10-12-2000	6560/NP-2
4.	Spares for Depth Sounder Model: DE 726B (Qty-02 L/I)	29-10-2000	07-12-2000	10-12-2000	6561/NP-2
5.	Spares for Baudouin Main Engine (Qty-02 L/I)	29-10-2000	07-12-2000	10-12-2000	6562/NP-2
6.	Spares for Bridge Simulator (Qty-15 L/I)	29-10-2000	07-12-2000	10-12-2000	6564/NP-2

2. Tender schedule with detailed specification/condition 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 hrs 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

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**Local Tender Notice**  
Number-9 (DFP/2000-2001)

Sealed tenders are invited from importers/supplier establishments for purchasing the undermentioned raw films.

Description	Quantity
1) 16mm colour raw picture positive	1,55,100 feet

Each set of tender schedule will be available on payment of Taka 400/- from 15-10-2000 to 29-10-2000 during office hours from the Accounts Section of this department. Tender box will be opened on 30-10-2000 at 12:30 PM.

BM Salauddin  
Director (Film) &  
Member-Secretary,  
Tender Committee

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