



Former Advisor to the World Bank Osman Faruk formally joined BNP yesterday. Picture shows party chairperson Khaleda Zia receiving bouquet from him at her 29 Minto Road official residence on the occasion.

63 held on various charges in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Oct 22: Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) arrested 63 miscreants on various charges from different parts of the city during past 24 hours ending six pm today, reports BSS.

Double Mooring police arrested Feroz, 23, Badal, 30, Bachchu, 22, and Belal Hossain, 23, from Dewanhat over-bridge area and recovered from their possession one booster gun and eight cartridges.

Kotwali police arrested Moklesur Rahman, 21, from Mohsin College hostel gate and recovered from his possession one light gun and one cartridge.

Death condoled

Environment and Forest Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury has expressed deep shock at the death of elderly politician and former member of the parliament Chowdhury Harun-ur-Rashid, reports UNB.

In a message of condolence today, the minister said at his death, the nation has lost a progressive politician.

She said his contribution in all democratic movements including Language Movement and Liberation War will be remembered forever.

The minister prayed for the salvation of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members.

Film show in aid of flood victims

SAVAR, Oct 22: A two-day film show in aid of the flood victims will begin at the central auditorium of Jahangirnagar University (JU) on October 24, reports BSS.

The film show is being organised by the Jahangirnagar Film Society. Two films will be shown on October 24 - "Hollow Man" at 5:30 pm and Humayun Ahmed's "Shirvan Megher Din" at 7:30 pm.

On October 25, three films will be screened - "Spartacus" at 11 am, "Me, Myself and Inme" at 5:30 pm and "Mission Impossible-2" at 7:30 pm.

Khaleda greets new DUJ body

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia has greeted the newly-elected executive committee of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ), reports UNB.

In a statement, Begum Zia said freedom of the press is one of the major preconditions of democracy the curbing of which only endangers the democracy.

She accused the Awami League government of trying to gag the press by police attack on journalists, frequently raising the price of newsprint and biased distribution of government ads.

Begum Zia called upon the new DUJ executive committee to raise its voice against the government.

Tele exchange reopens

The 600-line Sharsha Auto Telephone Exchange which went inoperative due to flooding was reopened Thursday, reports UNB.

The NWD facility of the exchange restored the following day, said a BTB press release yesterday.

However, some 200 telephones under the exchange still remained inoperative as its many cables were damaged by the floodwaters.

The exchange was closed as floodwaters poured into on September 27, causing damage to its machinery.

BTB, however, continued the emergency services by installing a 10-line CB board and a trunk line, the release added.

Metropolitan

Constitution has no clear provision to safeguard women's rights

Workshop on implementation of CEDAW convention in the country told

By Staff Correspondent

The Constitution asserts gender equality but there is no definite provision in it to safeguard the fundamental rights of women in the country. Also the Constitution is silent regarding private law of citizens, thus widening the discrimination against women prevailing in the society.

Barrister Amirul Islam pointed out the above at a day-long workshop "Constitution and Legal Provisions of Bangladesh in Implementing CEDAW: A Comparative Study" organised by Steps Towards Development at the auditorium of the IDB Bhaban in the city yesterday.

"Although Article 27 and 28 of the Constitution asserts gender equality, this is the equality of participation in public affairs of the state. But nowhere in the Constitution is there any direct provision in the Constitution to safeguard fundamental human rights of women," Barrister Amirul Islam said.

Minister for Agriculture Motia Chowdhury attended the workshop as chief guest.

The workshop was divided

into two sessions. Speakers at the first session "CEDAW and Constitution and Legal Provisions of Bangladesh" included Joint Secretary of Ministry of Law and Parliamentary Affairs Anwarul Haque, Barrister Amirul Islam and member and former chairperson of the UN CEDAW Committee Salma Khan.

Justice KM Sobhan was the moderator.

Speakers in the second session "National Activities in Implementing CEDAW Government and NGO initiatives" included former director and Joint Secretary of the Directorate of Women Nilufar Begum, former vice-president and founder member of Women for Women Rowshan Jahan and Researcher of Ain-O-Salish Kendra Nilufar Matin. Gender and Governance consultant of British Council Farah Kabir was the moderator of this panel.

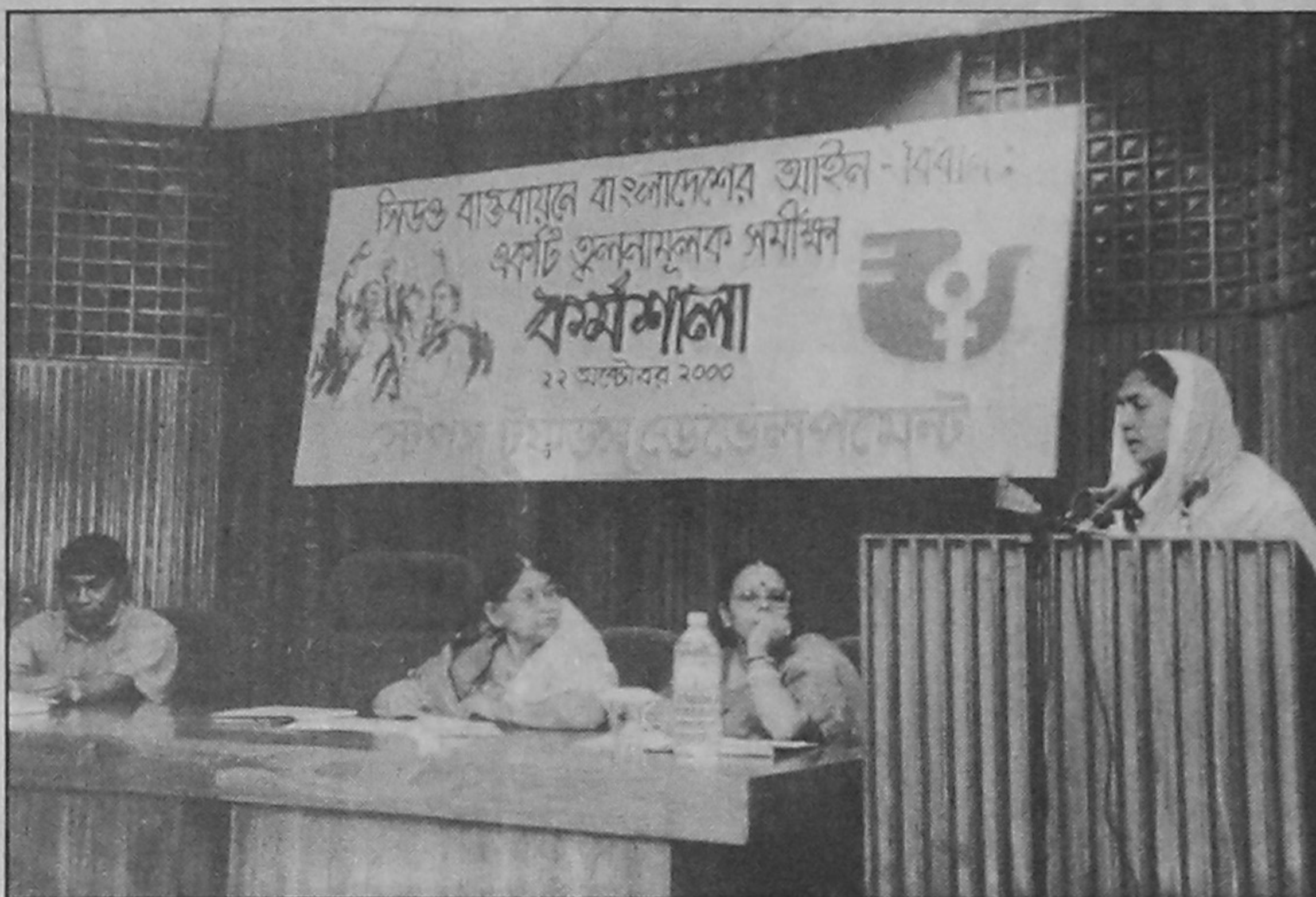
"Article 4 of the CEDAW Convention states that no temporal special benefit-provision for any backward community of the country will be considered as discriminatory. Article 28 of the Constitution of Bangladesh

echoes this very principle," Agriculture Minister Motia Chowdhury said in her speech.

"The government has undertaken schemes like reservation of ten per cent seats for women in the Parliament, introduction of quotas in government services as positive discrimination for women, direct election at reserved seats at local government bodies, appointment of sixty per cent women teachers at Primary schools and taking special measures for women's education," the minister said.

The participants made recommendations for mobilisation of rural poor women and ensuring dignity of female garment workers, family law reforms and lifting of the reservations on the CEDAW convention that still exists.

Convention on Elimination of All Kinds of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) is a complete guide for establishing women's human right and government should take immediate measures to lift the restrictions on article 2 and article 16-1(c) of the convention, they said.



Minister for agriculture Motia Chowdhury speaking at a workshop on "Constitution and Legal Provisions of Bangladesh in Implementing CEDAW: A Comparative Study" organised by Steps Towards Development at the IDB Bhaban auditorium in the city yesterday.



Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) held a press conference at the National Press Club yesterday on the outcome of a meeting of ADAB representatives with the local administration, bar council and press club members at Laxmipur Circuit House on Saturday.

Govt urged to restore normalcy in Laxmipur

Chairperson of the Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) Kushi Kabir yesterday expressed grave concern over the prevailing law and order situation in Laxmipur district, reports BSS.

"The government especially the Home Minister should immediately intervene to bring back normalcy," she said at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club.

Kushi Kabir was speaking on the outcome of a meeting of ADAB representatives with local administration, bar council and press club members on the situation in the district held at Laxmipur circuit house on Saturday.

The ADAB team members including Justice K M Sobhan.

Chowdhury Khurshid Alam, Ajoy Roy, Dr. Abdul Latif Mallick, Bidhan Krishna Sen, Maulana Hossain Ali Abu Sayed, Abul Barakat Dulal and Saleh Ahmed visited the trouble-torn district.

The ADAB chairperson referred to the statement of police officials regarding their failure to arrest the criminals who had abducted Nurul Islam. She urged the Home Minister to take necessary steps to restore normalcy in the district.

An unusual situation is prevailing in the locality, she said, adding that the common people of the town are panic-stricken.

She said such a situation can not be allowed to continue.

BSF DG calls on Home Secy

Director General of Indian Border Security Force (BSF) E N Ramnathan made a courtesy call on Home Secretary M M Reza at his office in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

During the meeting, they discussed matters relating to mutual interests.

While discussing various problems of border, they expressed hope that mutual cooperation between BDR and BSF would be strengthened to resolve the problems.

BDR Director General ALM Fazlur Rahman, Joint Secretaries of the Home Ministry Amirul Islam and Zannatul Haque, Staff Officer of BSF Headquarters P S Chahal and Director of Foreign Ministry of India Banashree Bose Harrison were also present on the occasion.

Volkswagen rally on Nov 25

The second grand Volkswagen rally will be brought out on November 25, reports UNB.

The colourful rally organised by the Volkswagen Club of Bangladesh will be brought out from Manik Miah Avenue at 10 am and will end at the Martyrs Memorial in Savar. Some 50 VW Beetles are likely to participate in the rally.

A seven-member Coordination Committee of VW Club of Bangladesh has been formed to make the programme a success.

BCIC International Tender Notice

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Managing Director, Khulna Newsprint Mills Ltd, Town Khalishpur, Khulna invites sealed quotation under 2 (two) envelope system against International Tender Enquiry No. KNM/PD(F)-23/2000 dated 03-10-2000 for purchase of Bearings on C&F Mongla liner term basis under Cash Foreign Exchange. The quotation will be received within 11:00 AM on 29-11-2000 in the office of the Sr. General Manager (Purchase), BCIC, Dhaka and Addl. Chief Manager (Purchase), KNM Ltd, Khulna which shall be opened immediately thereafter. Tender documents shall be available on payment of Tk 200.00 (two hundred) per set (non-refundable) from 1) KNM Ltd, Khulna 2) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka & 3) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong. Earnest Money is Tk 1% of the total quoted C&F (C) value. No tender documents shall be sold on the date of opening. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof. BCIC-937-15/10/2000 Addl Chief Manager (Purchase) DFP-25122-17/10 G-1839 for Managing Director

CHANGE OF NAME

The name of "The Foundation for Promotion of Education and Research" (Registration Nos. under the Joint Stock Companies and Firms is S-1471(31)/92 dated 13-5-92 and under the NGO Bureau is 698 dated 15 April 1993), 12 Kemal Atatürk Avenue, Banani, Dhaka-1213, has been changed as "The North South University Foundation" on approval of the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms on 01 June 1997.

Cancel appointment of 37 travel agents: ARTAB

CHITTAGONG, Oct 22: Association of Registered Travel Agencies in Bangladesh (ARTAB) yesterday called upon the government to cancel appointment of 37 new travel agents for Umrah and Non-ballottee Hajis, a press release of ARTAB said, reports BSS.

The Executives Committee of ARTAB at a meeting at its central office at KC Dey Road, demanded the restoration of old system under which all travel agencies were allowed to procure air tickets and complete other formalities for Non-ballottee Hajis.

The ARTAB meeting called for taking into consideration the loss and sufferings of the old travel agencies because of appointment of 37 new agencies.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Moulvibazar Telephone: 52245

Tender Invitation Notice

1. Tender Notice No-5(five) EE R&H, Road Division, Moulvibazar 2000-2001.
2. Name of work : Work of supply of stonechips singles P-gravels, brick etc for routine repairing work of different roads under Moulvibazar Road Division during 2000-2001 fiscal year.

3. Head of expenditure of : 168-Road, Bridge & Kheyaghat-2, Repair (Ferry).
4. Estimated cost : Taka 8,13,748/00
5. Earnest money : 16,275/00
6. Authority to approve estimate : Superintending Engineer, R&H, Sylhet Road Circle, Sylhet.
7. Time for completion of work : 45 days (forty-five days).

8. Offices in which tender will be sold : 1) Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division Moulvibazar/Hobiganj/Sylhet/Sunamganj/Procurement (Civil) Division, Dhaka/Planning & Design Division, Comilla.
- 2) Sub Divisional Engineer, R&H, Road Sub-Division, Moulvibazar/Kulaura/Srimongal, Mechanical Sub-Division, Moulvibazar.

9. Offices in which tender will be received : 1) Additional Chief Engineer, R&H, Comilla Zone, Comilla.
- 2) Superintending Engineer, R&H, Sylhet Road Circle, Sylhet.
- 3) Superintending Engineer, R&H, Procurement & Monitoring Circle, Dhaka.
- 4) Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Moulvibazar.

10. Last date of selling tender : 31/10/2000/Eng/16/7/1407Bang till office hours.
11. Date and time of receiving tender : 1/11/2000/Eng/17/7/1407Bang till 12:30 PM.
12. Specific time and date for opening tender : 5/11/2000/Eng/21/07/1407Bang at 12:45 PM.

13. Date and time of lottery to be held : 8/11/2000/Eng/24/07/1407Bang at 12:45 PM in the office chamber of the undersigned.
14. Eligibility of contractor : "A" to "D" general category contractors.

Abul Bashar Mohiuddin Ahmad
Executive Engineer, R&H
Road Division, Moulvibazar.
DFP-25159-17/10
G-1844

Tender Invitation Notice by R&H Department

1. Tender Notice No : 04/MWD/2000-2001
2. Name of work : Work of supply of spare parts for self-starter of 110 HP capacity Daf Engine of utility type 2 (developed) ferry No 12 and 16 (Model No-DNTD-620) of Jamalpur Ferry Ghat under Workshop Division (R&H), Mymensingh during 2000-2001 fiscal year.

3. Head of expenditure : 168-Road, Bridge & Kheyaghat-2, Repair (Ferry).
4. Estimated expenditure : Taka 95,500/-
5. Amount of earnest money : Taka 1,910/-

6. Time limit for completion of work : 10 (ten) days from the date of issue of work order.
7. Eligibility of contractors : General category contractors with financial and regional capabilities enlisted with R&H Department.

8. Offices in which tenders can be purchased : Executive Engineer (R&H), Workshop Division, Mymensingh/Dhaka/Feni and Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Workshop Sub-Division, Mymensingh.
9. Name of official and office to receive tender : 1) Superintending Engineer (R&H), Workshop Circle, Tejgaon, Dhaka.

- 2) Executive Engineer (R&H), Workshop Division, Mymensingh/Dhaka/Feni.
10. Last date and time of selling tender : 31-10-2000 (during office hours).
11. Last date and time for receiving sealed tender : 01-11-2000 (till 12-30 PM).

12. Date and time of opening tender box by other concerned receiving officials : 01-11-2000 at 1:00 PM.
13. Date and time of opening tender box and opening all sealed tenders by the undersigned : 07-11-2000 at 11:00 AM.

14. Date and time of holding lottery (if necessary) : 07-11-2000 at 11:30 AM.

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Time Extension Notice

The following changes are made in Tender Enquiry No. Pur-29/16-T/2000 dt 18-09-2000. All other terms & conditions will remain unchanged.

- a) Date of selling: Up to 05-11-2000.
- b) Date of submission: 07-11-2000.

Project Director 16-Town Power Dist. Project BPDB, Dhaka.

Biddut/Jana-750(4)/2000-2001 DFP-25116-17/10 G-1840

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