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Roundtable on fundamentalism in South Asia
Broader unity of progressive forces against fundamentalism stressed

Speakers at a roundtable in the city yesterday laid emphasis on a broader unity of all progressive forces irrespective of party and opinion to take an offensive step against religious fundamentalism, reports BSS.

"We, the members of the civil society, have to take a fresh vow to eliminate religious fanaticism as they are very much threats to the independence and sovereignty, civilization and the women empowerment in the country," they said.

Existing law," they observed.

National Professor Kabir Chowdhury chaired the roundtable while Professor Khan Sarwar Murshed, Justice K M Sobhan, Kalim Sharafi, Barrister Shaukat Ali Khan, Advocate Gazul Huq, poet Shamsur Rahman, Chitra Bhattacharya MP, Barrister Amirul Islam, Journalist Ali Akbar, Prof Borhanuddin Khan Jahangir, Ajoy Roy, poet Syed Shamsul Huq, Barrister Shafiq Ahmed,

Maulana Abdul Awal, Prof Meer Mobasher Ali, Fanna Kater M, former Foreign Secretary Wahur Rahman, Artist Hasheem Khan, Ramendu Majumder, Dr Kazi Farook Ahmed, Principal Abdul Ahad Chowdhury, Architect Rabiul Hussain, Avesha Khan, Managing Director and Chief Editor of BSS Haroon Habib, Prof Nanchandra Bhomic, Khushi Kabir, Shanto Kabir, Urmi Rahman and Sara Zaker took part in it.

Bangladesh to get Tk 146 cr co-op assistance from Germany

Bangladesh will receive a German grant of 63.4 million Deutsche mark, equivalent to about Tk 146 crore, in financial and technical cooperation assistance for 2000, says UNB.

The allocation for development finance is 20 per cent higher than that of 1999.

In addition, DM 2.40 million will be provided as food aid through World Food Programme.

German Delegation leader Dr Rainer Goerdeler, deputy director general of German Economic Cooperation and Development Ministry, announced the grants as a three-day bilateral annual negotiations 2000 on economic cooperation concluded here Thursday.

Joint secretary of the Economic Relations Division Mohammad Abdur Razzak led the home side at the talks.

Capping the talks the delegation leaders signed the summary record of the negotiations for the respective governments. German Ambassador in Dhaka Uwe Schramm was present.

The financial cooperation projects include Mymensingh Combined Cycle Power Station, Phase III (DM 25.00 million), Comprehensive Primary Education Programme (DM 5.00

million), Programme for the Promotion of Investment in the Private Sector (DM 10.00 million) and HSP (DM 10.00 million). Procurement of Oral contraceptives.

Among the technical cooperation projects are Promotion of Renewable Energies (DM 4.00 million), Comprehensive Primary Education Programme (DM 2.00 million), Basic Health Services and Community Development in the CHT Areas (DM 1.00 million), Promotion of Gender Equality (DM 3.00 million) and FBCCI Data Bank and Information System (DM 1.00 million).

Today's SKOP convention postponed

By Staff Correspondent

The national convention of Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad (SKOP) scheduled for today has been postponed due to unavoidable circumstance. Fresh date of the convention will be announced soon.

The decision was taken at a meeting of SKOP on Tuesday with SKOP leader Abdul Kader in the chair, said a press release.



Feroz Khan, Chairman and Director of Bangla TV, a London-based TV channel, addressing a press conference in the city yesterday.

Rotary News

North West meeting

Regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held today at the Dhaka Club Ltd, Ramna, Dhaka at 5:30 pm, says a press release.

Members have been requested to attend on time.

Weekly meeting

The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held today at 1:30 pm at Dhaka Club Ltd at Shahbagh, says a press release.

Rotarians have been invited to attend for fellowship and make-up.

The meeting will be followed by Club Assembly.

Students' bodies welcome admission seekers at DU

By DU Correspondent

Different students organisations brought out separate processions on the Dhaka University campus welcoming admission seekers yesterday.

The first year honours admission test of 'Ga' unit (Commerce group) for the 2000-2001 session of the university was held yesterday.

Ruling party's student wing Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), JSD-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) brought out separate processions and paraded the campus welcoming the freshers.

Weekly News & Views on web site

The Weekly News & Views, a leading political magazine of the country will be on the web site from today, says a press release.

Those who want to know the latest political events and commentary may please find www.newsandviews-bd.com

Seminar on renewable energy ends

A three-day long international seminar on Commercialisation of Renewable Energy Technologies concluded at BRAC-CDM, Gazipur on Thursday with a visit to the solar village at Narsingdi by energy experts, says a press release.

Lt. General Mohammad Noor Uddin Khan, Minister for Science and Technology attended the concluding session as chief guest while Arabinda Gor, Secretary, Power Division, was present as special guest.

Presided over by Dr. M Enisuf, ex-chairman, BCSIR and energy adviser to Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies the concluding session adopted several important resolutions including formation of a Renewable Energy Development Agency (REDA) under the Ministry of Science and Technology for development and dissemination of renewable energy technologies.

22 scientific papers presented in six technical sessions, 63 energy experts.

President opens symposium on liver diseases

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday inaugurated the 4th international symposium on Liver Disease, 2000 with the hope that the disease could be prevented and cured with necessary care and medication, reports BSS.

Describing liver disease as one of the most common health problems in the country, the President noted that a large number of people who suffer from this communicable disease could be saved.

Association for the Study of Liver, Dhaka, Bangladesh organized the seminar. The inaugural function was addressed, among others, by State Minister for Health and Family Welfare M Amanullah, Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Sheikh Mujib Medical University Prof MA Quadri and President of the Association Prof Mobin Khan.

The President said of the liver diseases Viral Hepatitis is the common liver ailment in the country which is endemic round the year and reaches epidemics proportion after monsoon. He said Hepatitis E Virus is a major cause of sporadic and acute viral hepatitis which can easily be prevented by ensuring safe drinking water and improvement of sanitation.

Referring to Hepatitis B, a major cause of chronic liver disease and liver cancer throughout the world, he said it is more so in a developing country like Bangladesh. Terminating the disease (Hepatitis B) preventable through vaccination, the President expressed the hope that the symposium would throw necessary light on the most effective means of its prevention.

BUET term exams date changed

By Staff Correspondent

All the term final examinations of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) will begin on November 15 instead of November 8.

Level-1/Term-1 of 1999-2000 session, Level-1/Term-2, Level-2/Term-1, Level-3/Term-1 of 1998-1999, Level-3/Term-2, Level-4/Term-1, Level-5/Term-1 of 1997-1998 session and Level-5/Term-2 of 1996-1997 session of the Faculty of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Electrical and Electronic Engineering Faculty of Architecture and Planning will start on November 15.

DRU awards for reporting

Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) will give six prizes in various fields of reporting, marking its annual general meeting, reports UNB.

Of the awards two are Manik Mia Award (sponsored by Daily Ittefaq) for investigating report, Zabur Hossain Smriti Award (sponsored by Bhorer Kagaj) for report on women and children repression.

The other awards will be given for economic report (sponsored by FBCCI), sports report (sponsored by Navana), crime report (sponsored by Home Ministry) and report or feature on Liberation War (sponsored by Shaheed Jaya Hasina Hena Kadir Smriti Parisad).

Each award, except the report or feature on Liberation War (sponsored by Shaheed Jaya Hasina Hena Kadir Smriti Parisad), is valued at Tk 50,000 while the value of the later is Tk 10,000.

Only the interested reporters of unity are eligible for the competition and they will have to submit five copies of the report by November 9, 2000 at DRU office at Shegun Bagicha.

The reports published during December 1, 1999 to October 30, 2000 will be considered for the competition.

Talk on "Religion and Politics in Asia" today

By DU Correspondent

A special talk on "Reflection on Religion and Politics in Asia" will be held today at 10:00 am at Institute of Business Administration (IBA) auditorium of the Dhaka University.

Dr Chandra Muzaffar, former Professor of Political Science and Director of Institute of Civilisations of the University of Malaya, Malaysia will present the keynote speech on the topic.

The programme will be presided over by Prof Talukder Maniruzzaman of the Department of Political Science at the Dhaka University.

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Name of work : Construction of bituminous carpeting road in the Rangpur District Registry Office Building Compound during the year 2000-2001.

Estimated cost : Taka = 1,32,692/=

Earnest money : Taka = 2,654/=

Tender form, other description, all terms and conditions and schedule etc can be seen and purchased in the office of the undersigned all the office of Executive Engineers under Public Works Circle, Rangpur and office of the Sub-Divisional Engineers, Public Works Sub-Division-1/2, Rangpur till 22/11/2000 during office hours at 5:00 PM.

Khandaker Salah Uddin Executive Engineer Public Works Division Rangpur. DFP-26244-30/10 C-1949

Dhaka WASA Tender Notice

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Tenders are invited from Dhaka WASA enlisted 1st, 2nd class civil contractors for 200 (two hundred) nos 150 & 100 mm dia sewerage connection work at the areas under MODS Zone-1. Amount of the estimated cost of the work is Tk 7,05,691.50. Tenders will be received up to 12:00 Noon of 20-11-2000 and will be opened on the same day at 2:00 PM in presence of the tenderers or their representatives (if any).

Schedule of the tender will be available at the office of the Chief Accounts Officer of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka and all MODS Zone Offices of Dhaka WASA. Other details will be available at the office of the undersigned.

Address: Fakirapul Steel Tank Compound, Dhaka.

Jahangir Alam Chowdhury Executive Engineer (IR) MODS Zone-1 Dhaka WASA. DFP-26011-26/10 C-1944

Bangladesh Power Development Board Sale Notice

- Name of goods sold : Old, used and partially suitable for use and unsuitable for work Tarta Steel Alkaline Storage Battery Cell.
- Eligibility to participate in sale : Sale forms in sealed envelopes are invited from PDB enlisted Ka, Kha and Ga class contractors during the year 1999-2000 and traders and industrial establishments related to the concerned goods (details will be found in the schedule and special terms and conditions).
- Cost of sale form/document : Can be purchased on payment of Taka 100/00 (one hundred) only in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of Deputy Director (Accounts), RAO, পি.ই.এ. অশুগঞ্জ and can be purchased on cash payment from Janata Bank, Ashuganj Bazar Branch (which is non-refundable).
- Place of availability of sale form and the last date : a) Chief Engineer (Generation), PDB, WAPDA Bhaban, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka. b) Chief Engineer (PSC), PDB, Biddiut Bhaban, A Ghani Road, Dhaka. c) Chief Engineer (O&M), RPSC, PDB, Ashuganj, B'baria. d) Manager (Maintenance), PDB, Ashuganj, B'baria and with the permission from the undersigned on cash payment from Janata Bank, Ashuganj Bazar Branch, can be purchased till 20-11-2000 and 6-8-1407 Bangla.
- Place, date and time of receiving sale form : a) Chief Engineer (Generation), PDB, WAPDA Bhaban, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka. b) Chief Engineer (PSC), PDB, Biddiut Bhaban, No 1, A Ghani Road, Dhaka. c) Office of the undersigned and will be received on 21-11-2000 and 7-8-1407 Bangla till 12:00 Noon.
- Date and time of opening sale form : Will be opened on 21-11-2000 and 7-8-1407 Bangla at 12:30 PM in the offices concerned before the tenderers present (if anyone remain present).

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Re-Lease Notice

It is hereby notified for general information that, tenders in sealed cover are re-invited from entrepreneurs/firms involved/interested in shrimp industry activities for 5 (five) years lease out off operation and maintenance of the undermentioned 1 (one) Shrimp Landing Centre & Service Centre under the Directorate of Fisheries with a view to maintaining post-harvest primary qualitative standard of shrimp/fish by hygienic execution of shrimp/fish unloading, sorting, grading, washing, ice-packing etc.

- Shrimp Landing Centre & Service Centre, Islampur, PS-Cox's Bazar Sadar, Dist-Cox's Bazar.
- Tender document can be purchased against cash payment of Tk 250.00 (two hundred fifty) only (non-refundable) during office hours up to 19-11-2000 from the office of District Fisheries Officer, Cox's Bazar & Treasurer, Matsya Bhaban, Room No. 824 on application to the respective District Fisheries Officer, Cox's Bazar & Deputy Director (Shrimp), Directorate of Fisheries, Matsya Bhaban, Dhaka.
- Tenders will be received in tender box kept at the office of District Fisheries Officer, Cox's Bazar & Deputy Director (Shrimp), Directorate of Fisheries, Matsya Bhaban, Dhaka (Room No. 412) up to 1-00 PM of 21-11-2000 and the list of tenders received will be announced on the same day at 1:30 PM in presence (if any) of the attending tenderers. The tenders received will be opened on 23-11-2000 at 3:00 PM at the office chamber of Deputy Director (Shrimp), Directorate of Fisheries, Matsya Bhaban, Dhaka (Room No. 412) in presence (if any) of the attending tenderers.
- Earnest money at the rate 10 (ten) per cent of total quoted amount should be deposited with the tender in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft/CD from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of "Director (Marine), Directorate of Fisheries, Matsya Bhaban, Dhaka".
- Other necessary information and terms & conditions can be known by purchasing tender.
- The undersigned reserves the right to accept any one or reject all of the tenders without assigning any reason.

Md. Masudur Rahman Director General Directorate of Fisheries Matsya Bhaban, Dhaka. DFP-26161-29/10 G-1943

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board Office of the Director Procurement, Telephone Exchange Building, Gulshan, Dhaka-1212 No. DP/F-10/IT/99-2000/170 Dated: 30-10-2000 Sub: Time extension of International Re-Tender No. DP/F-10/IT/99-2000/26 Dated 23-08-2000 & amendment No. DP/F-10/IT/99-2000/29 Dated 27-08-2000 for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Digital Switching and related equipment etc. for 50,000 Line Digital Telephone under 200KL DTI project on turn-key basis.

Due to unavoidable circumstances the closing and opening date of abandoned tender has been shifted from 06-11-2000 to 14-11-2000. All other terms and conditions of the tender will remain unchanged.

Md. Mosharrar Hossain Dy. Director (Foreign Procurement) BITB, Dhaka DFP-26482-01/11/2000 C-1940 Phone: 880-2-8827599

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