

20th JS session starts today

By Staff Correspondent
The Jatiya Sangsad goes into session at 11 a.m. today with the mainstream opposition parties continuing to boycott parliament proceedings.

Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury, who had earlier made three attempts to bring the opposition back in the House, is unlikely to take such move this time around.

"But my invitation to the opposition is still open," said the Speaker while talking to The Daily Star at his parliament chamber yesterday.

It will be the 20th session of the seventh parliament and the seventh consecutive session sans the opposition who allege that they do not get proper treatment in the House. However, the opposition MPs registered a brief attendance during the 18th session to protect their membership.

The session is scheduled to run until November 23. However, a decision to this effect is likely to be taken at a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee scheduled at 10 a.m. The committee will also fix other businesses for the session.

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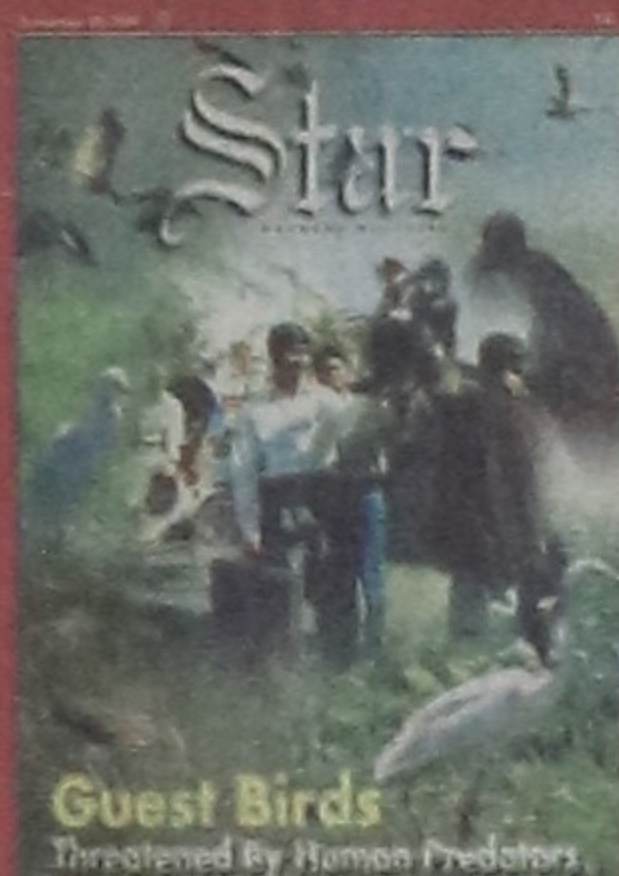
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Closest US presidential polls ever

Florida recount keeps Bush, Gore in anxious wait

WASHINGTON, Nov 8: Americans awoke without a new president today after Republican George W. Bush saw his apparent victory over Democrat Al Gore snatched away, at least for the time being, pending a recount in Florida, report agencies.

Gore, who had called the Texas governor to congratulate him after television networks declared Bush the winner, called him back an hour later and retracted his concession when Bush's lead in Florida evaporated and the state became too close to call.

Addressing what was meant to be a victory celebration for Bush in Austin, Texas, Bush campaign chairman Don Evans said he hoped and believed Bush would be the next president of the United States, telling them the Republican carried Florida by more than 1,200 votes.

"I'm confident when it's all said and done that we will prevail," he told Bush supporters, who had waited for hours in the rain to hear their candidate give a victory speech.

Gore campaign chairman William Daley appeared before Gore supporters standing in pouring rain in a Nashville, Tennessee Square to say the election was not over.

"I've been in politics a very long time but I don't think there's ever been a night like this one," Daley said. "Just an hour or so ago, the television networks called this race for Governor Bush. It now appears that their call was premature."

Daley said the vice president was ready to concede and support Bush "if and when he is officially elected president. But this race is simply too close to call."

Bush campaign spokesman Ari Fleischer said in morning television shows that the governor was "confident."

"I think we've gone into extra innings but we're still about to win this contest," Fleischer told ABC.

Daley described Gore's mood as "up," saying at this point Gore and his running mate Sen. Joseph Lieberman were ahead both in the popular vote and in electoral votes.

"There's no reason to concede when you are winning an election," Daley told NBC.

The Democrats brought in former Secretary of State Warren Christopher to oversee the recount in Florida. "He's going to make sure it's done in a professional way," said Daley.

Neither candidate made a public statement in the astounding post-midnight election finale, but Bush campaign chairman Donald Evans said, "We hope and believe we have elected the next president of the United States."

Gore had called Bush to congratulate him and then gone to the war memorial in downtown Nashville, Tennessee, to make a concession speech. Instead, campaign manager Daley appeared before the crowd and said the race was not over.

"Until the results in Florida become official our campaign continues," Daley said to cheering supporters.

In Austin, Texas, Bush spokesman Evans told a crowd waiting for a victory speech that Bush believed he had won Florida and the presidency.

"They're still counting, and I'm confident when it's all said and done, we will prevail," Evans said.

Voters Tuesday chose between the son of former Republican President George Bush and the son of a former senator in an election that teetered between the continuation of Democratic policies and a Republican "fresh start."

Turnout was surprisingly brisk, with many

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Fresh count ends today

MIAMI, Nov 8: The recount of votes in Florida that will decide the US presidential election is to begin Wednesday and continue to Thursday, state election officials said in Tallahassee, the state capital, reports AFP.

"It is expected that the recount will be completed by the close of business on Thursday, November 9, 2000," election officials said in a statement carried on the Web site of the Florida Department of State.

The department was responsible for the local organization of Tuesday's vote and will also supervise the vote recount.

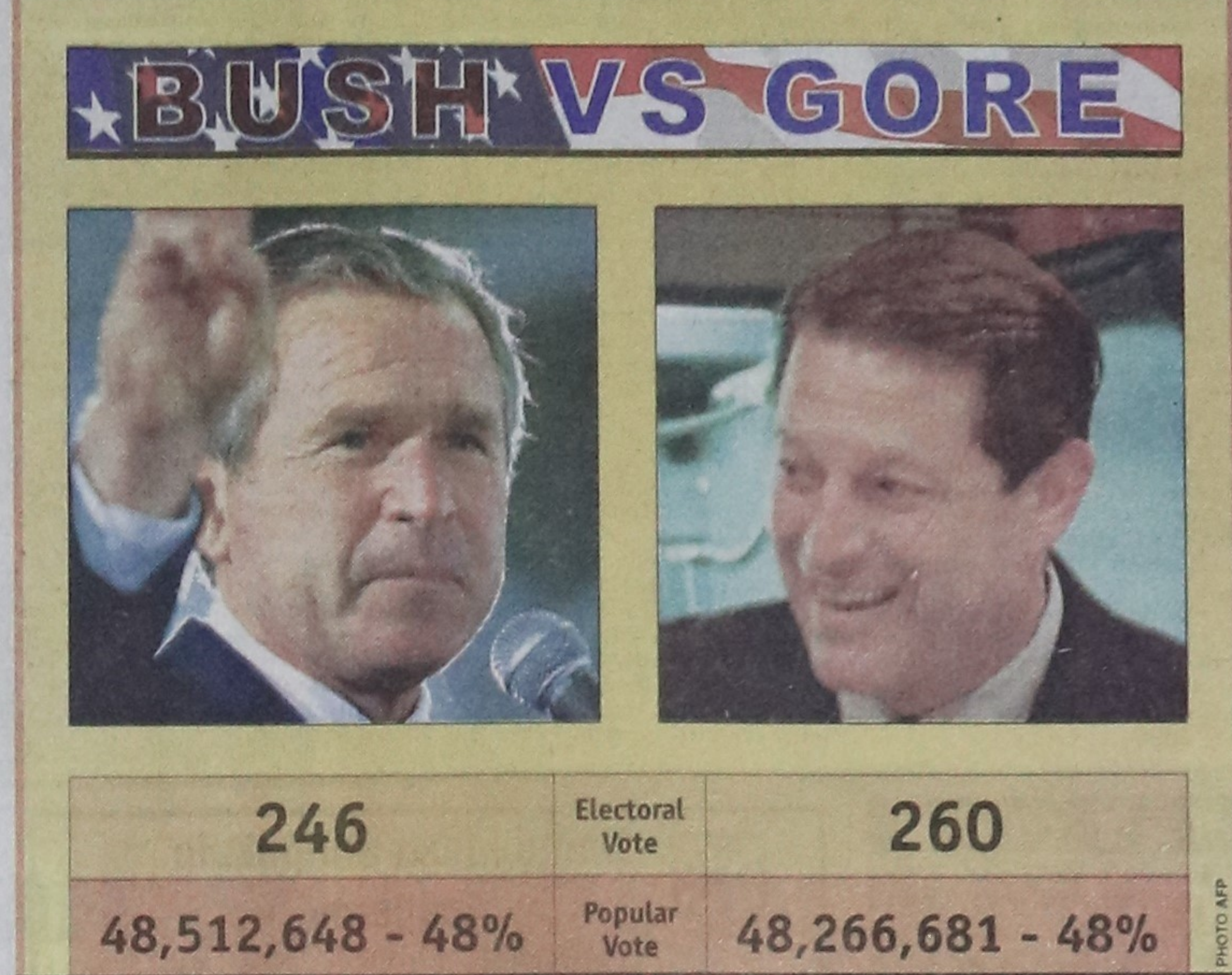
The department confirmed that votes counted so far give Republican candidate George W. Bush an advantage of 1,784 votes

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US First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton (R) and Chelsea Clinton (L) stand with US President Bill Clinton (C) as he salutes the crowd at Hillary's victory party on Tuesday at the Grand Hyatt in New York City.

--AFP photo



Hillary creates history

First First Lady to be elected Senator

NEW YORK, Nov 8: They called her a doormat and even a friend to terrorists. But now Hillary Rodham Clinton's enemies will have to call her "Senator."

On Tuesday, she became the only first lady ever elected to public office, easily beating Republican Rep Rick Lazio, a Long Island congressman who had trouble defining himself as more than the "anti-Hillary."

"Thank you for opening up your minds and your hearts, for seeing the possibility of what we could do together for our children and for our future, here in this state and in this nation," said Clinton, with the president and daughter Chelsea by her side. "I am profoundly grateful to all of you for giving me the chance to serve you."

Lazio, in conceding, said the effort was still worthwhile. "I feel like the Mets," he said, referring to the losing

of the recent World Series baseball championship. "I'm proud of this campaign... We conducted a campaign with integrity and honesty."

In his campaign, Lazio had portrayed Clinton as anti-Israeli because a Muslim group raised \$15,000 for her campaign. She returned the money, and in the end, she won 54 per cent of the Jewish vote.

It also apparently didn't matter that she never lived in New York until she and the president bought a home in the Westchester suburb of Chappaqua about a year ago. Exit polls showed that while a third of voters remain concerned Clinton is from out of state, almost the same number said they didn't care.

Clinton also was dogged at first by questions about why she had stayed married to her husband in spite of the Monica Lewinsky scandal. She defended the decision, saying, "I've made my

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Chief Whip's son sent to jail

By Staff Correspondent

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka yesterday sent Chief Whip Abul Hasnat Abdullah's son Ashik Abdullah to Dhaka Central Jail, rejecting his bail prayer.

He was arrested on Tuesday following filing of a case by one Nasreen Yakub with Dhanmondi thana on the same day.

In the FIR, she alleged that Ashik along with two accomplices stormed into her Dhanmondi house, beat his son and a guard, demanded money and threatened her with death. The case was filed under

Sections 447, 323, 427, 506, 585 and 307 of the Penal Code, police said.

Ashik's two accomplices -- Waheedul Haq Razon, 22 and Wasim Islam, 22 -- were arrested yesterday and produced before the CMM court. They were also sent to jail. Razon is the son of Fazlul Haq and Wasim is the son of Rezaul Islam.

Police did not seek remand for any of the three.

Police raided the houses of Razon and Wasim in Dhanmondi and Kalabagan Lack Circus areas early

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Ershad may get bail upon surrender

By Staff Correspondent

Jatiya Party Chairman H M Ershad may be granted bail within 48 hours of his surrender before the trial court for his conviction in a graft case, according to a counsel for the former military ruler.

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Government to allow more cell phone companies

By Mustak Hossain

The government will allow some more mobile telephone companies to make the service cheaper. Preparations are on to float tender in this regard early next year, a highly placed source in the Ministry of Post and Telecommunication (MPT) said.

The call rates now charged by the four companies are high compared to people's income, he said. Allowing more companies will create competition in the sector, lower the call rates and make the service affordable to people.

The new companies will be given GSM (Global System of Mobile) license to meet the increasing demand for telephone in the country, he said.

There are about 2,00,000 mobile phone users in the country now and the number is rising by 125 per cent annually, other sources said.

The new companies would also operate mobile-to-fixed phone services when installation of fixed phone services will be allowed in the private sector, the ministry official said in reply to a question.

He said even state owned Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board (BTB) would seek interconnection from WorldTel, which will install 300,000 telephone lines in the capital.

The existing mobile phone operators can not give mobile-to-fixed phone connection due to lack of interconnection. Even BTB, which provides fixed phone connections, does not have access to mobile phone network now due to lack of interconnection facility.

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Prodigal missions

Officials waste public money on hotel bills, different allowances

Star Report

Bangladesh missions in different countries wasted public money amounting to Tk 69.04 lakh in fiscal 1996-97 as officials there paid more hotel bills than they are entitled to and also drew foreign and entertainment allowances, violating rules.

These were detected in the latest annual audit report prepared by the Comptroller and Auditor General's Office and submitted to the President and the Parliament Secretariat recently.

Audit was conducted in 34 missions out of 69 and 61 audit objections involving massive financial irregularities were made.

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Indian cricketers undergo tough workout

Sports Reporter

The Indian cricketers had a tough practice session under the watchful eyes of coach Ansuman Gaekwad at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday morning.

Saurav Ganguly's men spent more than two hours at the nets before going through exercise and stretching session. Contrastingly, their opponents relaxed in the posh surroundings

of the Sheraton Hotel after checking in yesterday.

However, the star-studded Indian practice session attracted hundreds of cricket fans, who waited patiently at the gallery to have a glimpse of their heroes.

New India sensation Yuvraj Singh, who missed Tuesday's flight due to some passport complications, flew in from Bombay yesterday to join his teammates.

Yuvraj apart, Dona Ganguly also reached Dhaka to witness her husband make his debut as India Test captain on November 10.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh National Museum has organised a children's drawing competition this afternoon as part of the Bangladesh Cricket Board's celebration on the country's elevation to Test cricket.

The competition will be split into four groups. Class One to Two, Three to Five, Six to Eight and Nine to Ten.

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Culture Obaidul Quader will attend the programme as chief guest.

	Sun Rises	Sun Sets
Nov 9		5.15 pm
Nov 10	6-10 am	

Prayer Timings		
November 9		
Fajr	5:00	5:35
Zohr	12:45	1:15
Asr	4:00	4:15
Maghrib	5:25	5:30
Esha	7:15	7:45

Source: Islamic Foundation

Dhaka International Trade Fair-2001 Secretariat

Export Promotion Bureau

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Subject: Inviting applications from local/foreign organisations for participation in the "Dhaka International Trade Fair-2001" to be held from 20-01-2001 to 19-02-2001

Applications in prescribed form are invited from interested local/foreign public and private organisations for participation in the "Dhaka International Trade Fair (DITF)-2001" to be held from 20-01-2001 to 19-02-2001 at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka at the joint initiative of the Ministry of Commerce & Export Promotion Bureau.

2. (a) Application form of local participants may be collected from the Finance & Accounts Section of Export Promotion Bureau, Dhaka on payment of its price (non-refundable) as mentioned below:

- Pavilion	=	Tk. 5,000/-
- Mini-pavilion	=	Tk. 3,000/-
- Stall	=	Tk. 1,000/-

(b) Local applicants may submit their application form at the Bureau's Secretariat along with a Bank Draft/Pay Order for 5% of the prescribed rent as earnest money under Head of Account "Dhaka International Trade Fair Fund" and attested copies of valid Trade Licence, VAT Registration Certificate, Export Registration Certificate as well as PRC (if any), Receipt of Last Income Tax return showing TIN number. Applicants for Fast Food items must enclose a price list showing retail price of each food item.

3. (a) Application form of foreign participants will be supplied free of cost. The foreign participants should submit their application through their Missions in Bangladesh and those having no mission in Dhaka may apply through Govt. Trade bodies of their country;

(b) Every foreign applicant should submit Bank Draft for an amount of US\$ 300/- as security money alongwith the application;

(c) Pre-shipment Inspection (PSI) is mandatory for import of goods into Bangladesh;

(d) Clearance of goods will be allowed on submission of PSI report and on payment of customs duties and taxes or Bank Guarantee for equivalent amount at the time clearance of goods.

4. Rents for Pavilion covering an area of 50'x50', Mini pavilion covering an area of 25'x25' & Stall covering an area of 20'x15' are as follows:

For Local Participants (in Taka)		For Foreign Participants (in US Dollar)	
a. Pavilion	Tk. 2,25,000/-	a. Pavilion	US\$ 4500/-
b. Mini-pavilion	Tk. 1,25,000/-	b. Mini-pavilion	US\$ 2800/-
c. Stall	Tk. 70,000/-	c. Stall	US\$ 1800/-

5. Last date of submitting application at the Fair Secretariat of the Bureau is 30th November, 2000.

6. For detailed information, DITF-2001 Secretariat at the Export Promotion Bureau's Head Office may be contacted.

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