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Flora's father surfaces!

By Staff Correspondent
A man named Abdus Salam Bhuyan yesterday claimed that Flora's actual name is Khairunnessa and she is one of his three daughters.

Salam, 50, went to Alena Khan of Manobadhikar Bastobayan Sanstha and told her that Khairunnessa, student of class nine, left home in September when she was rebuked by him for watching TV for long periods.

Salam said he hailed from village Pushkunirpar under Muradnagar thana in Brahmanbaria district. He claimed that her daughter Khairunnessa left home when she was rebuked for watching TV and not going to school.

He produced a photo, which resembled Flora's appearance, Alena Khan told the Daily Star yesterday.

Alena Khan, said she will take Flora to village Pushkunirpar to verify Salam's claim.

Flora was found abandoned at the Zia International Airport on October 24. She had claimed that she and her 'papa' came to ZIA in an evening flight.

Govt considering action against unauthorised establishments at Dhanmondi

Government is considering action against illegal establishments in Dhanmondi area that are blamed for deterioration of law and order in the capital's posh residential area, reports UNB.

Educational institutions and clinics in the area are among the unauthorised establishments frequented by various types of people.

Police recently submitted a report blaming outsiders who come to these establishments for committing crimes in the area.

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Esha	7-15	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
জনশক্তি, কর্মসংস্থান ও প্রশিক্ষণ ব্যুরো
৮৯/২, কাকরাইল, ঢাকা

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বিষয়: ওয়েজ আর্নাদের সুবিধার্থে হোস্টেল কমপ্লেক্স নির্মাণ সংক্রান্ত দরপত্র আহ্বান

বিদেশ গমনকারী ও প্রবাসে কর্মরতদের সুবিধার্থে হোস্টেল কমপ্লেক্স নির্মাণের জন্য রুম/মহলা/খান/মহল/বেডরুম/বানার অন্তর্গত রাজস্ব অনুমোদিত কমপক্ষে ৩০ ফুট ব্যস্তার পাশে শিক্ষা, স্বাস্থ্য, পর্যটন, ব্যবসা ও যোগাযোগ ইত্যাদি সুবিধা সম্পন্ন এলাকায় ন্যূনতম ৪০ শতাংশ জমির মালিকানা হস্তান্তরসহ আনুমানিক ২.৮৫ লক্ষ কর্ণফুট আয়তন বিশিষ্ট প্লটগুলি তখন সিভিল অনুযায়ী নির্মাণের জন্য অভিজ্ঞ স্থাপত্যমূলক ডেভেলপারের নিকট হইতে কারিগরি ও আর্থিক দরপত্র দুই খাম আকারে (Two envelope system) আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে।

টেডার সিভিল প্রান্তি ও দাখিলের বিধিগত বিবরণঃ

ক্র/নং	বিবরণ	স্থান ও সময়
০১	টেডার সিভিল প্রান্তির স্থান	পরিচালক (কম্পানি), জনশক্তি, কর্মসংস্থান ও প্রশিক্ষণ ব্যুরো (৬ষ্ঠ তলা), ৮৯/২, কাকরাইল, ঢাকা।
০২	টেডার সিভিল বিরক্তির তারিখ	৩০/১১/২০০০ইং হইতে ১০/১২/২০০০ইং (অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে)।
০৩	টেডার সিভিলের মূল্য	১০,০০০/- (দশ হাজার) টাকা (নগদ মূল্যে), অফেরতযোগ্য।
০৪	প্রস্তাব দাখিলের সর্বশেষ তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	১১/০২/২০০১ইং বিকাল ১-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত। অভিরিক্ত মহাপরিচালক, কক্ষ নং-১০৬ (২য় তলা), জনশক্তি, কর্মসংস্থান ও প্রশিক্ষণ ব্যুরো, ৮৯/২, কাকরাইল, ঢাকা।
০৫	কারিগরি প্রস্তাব খোলার তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	১১/০২/২০০১ইং বিকাল ৩-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত। অভিরিক্ত মহাপরিচালক, কক্ষ নং-১০৬ (২য় তলা), জনশক্তি, কর্মসংস্থান ও প্রশিক্ষণ ব্যুরো, ৮৯/২, কাকরাইল, ঢাকা।

কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতীত কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিল বা আর্থিক বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

হোস্টেল কমপ্লেক্স ও গৃহায়ন বিষয়ক কর্মটির পক্ষে
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ওয়েজ আর্নাদের সুবিধার্থে নির্মাণের পরিচালনা পোর্ট।

PM's directive goes unheeded Vested groups thwart transfer of over 500 jalmahals

By Shehab Ahmed

Despite a directive from the Prime Minister, the Fisheries Ministry is yet to get hold of the 568 wetlands (jalmahals), rich in fisheries, for their conservation under a sustainable management plan to boost fish production in the country.

Fisheries Ministry sources said only about 30 jalmahals above 20 acres each have been handed over to it by the Land Ministry since April 14 this year.

Transfer of the other jalmahals has become uncertain as vested groups who thrive on their earnings have managed to thwart the process, sources said. Earnings from the water bodies run into millions of taka annually.

The lessees sub-let the water bodies to others who catch everything including the fries, which depletes the fish resources.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina earlier directed

the Land Ministry to hand over the water bodies to the Fisheries Ministry instead of leasing those to local influential people for increasing fish production and better management of the eco-system with people's participation.

Against this backdrop, the Fisheries Ministry has planned to develop the wetlands as fish habitats to regenerate the dwindling fish resources.

The Fisheries Department in cooperation with the local administration and NGOs will manage those with people's participation. To help the process, the Water Development Board will excavate the canals and other channels so that those can serve the purpose of outlets for fish and water.

But the vested quarters in connivance with some officials of the local administration have so far managed to put the plan on virtual hold, making it uncertain, the sources added.



Abahani's prolific Ghanaian striker Kennedy scoring his team's second goal against Mohammedans at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. Abahani won the Premier Division football league 'super four' clash 3-1 (Story on page 13).

Non-payment of huge debts KNM virtually shut down

From Quazi Amanullah

KHULNA, Nov 17: Resumption of production in Khulna New Print Mills (KNM) is not possible unless funds are provided.

Production in the mill is stopped since November 9 due to

lack of furnace oil, pulp and other raw materials.

KNM authorities said the mill has no funds to purchase the inputs, which cost Tk eight lakh daily.

The oil companies and the Sundarbans Forest Division have stopped supply of oil and Gewa wood for non-payment of huge outstanding bills, a top official of KNM told this correspondent this morning.

The mill owes Tk 30 crore to oil companies, Tk 15 crore to the Sundarbans Forest Division, Tk 20 crore to the Power Development Board and Tk 40 crore to Sonali Bank, the official said.

"We are expecting a cheque for Tk 50 lakh as advance from Bangladesh Book Publishers' Association on condition of supplying newsprint to it", he said.

The mill is virtually closed down, some dealers and buyers claimed. They made advance payments totalling about Tk two crore for supply of newsprint, and are now planning to go to court to realise the money, they said.

Publishers of some dailies and weeklies made advance payments totalling over Tk one crore for supply of newsprint. On the other hand, publishers of two Dhaka dailies owe huge amounts to the mill against supply of newsprint on credit section said.

The stoppage of production has created labour unrest. Last month's salary and wages have not been paid to employees and workers, who have threat

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Let's heal the wounds of war

Clinton says in Hanoi

HANOI, Nov 17: Standing in what was an enemy capital until 25 years ago, US President Bill Clinton told the Vietnamese people today that the United States joins with them in honouring the sacrifices of war so that "a painful past can be redeemed in a peaceful and prosperous future," reports AP.

To a communist nation still suspicious of the West, Clinton pleaded for a more open Vietnamese society and economy.

He said the new generation deserves "the chance to live in your tomorrows, not our yesterdays."

"We cannot change the past," said the first American president to come to Vietnam since the war's end. "What we can change is the future."

In an unprecedented act, the authorities broadcast his speech live. His immediate audience was

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United States President Bill Clinton together with his Vietnamese counterpart Tran Duc Luong (R) during the welcoming ceremony at the Presidential Palace in Hanoi yesterday. Clinton's visit is the first ever by a US president to the unified communist state.

NASAKA continues to plant landmines

BANDARBAN, Nov 17: Myanmar border forces (NASAKA) continued to plant landmines in Bangladesh-Myanmar borders sparking tension in frontier villages and prompting BDR to lodge protest with their counterparts, reports BSS.

Officials said NASAKA forces in a fresh move began planting hundreds of mines within the five miles area of the 'zero point' defying the international border laws despite the death of three Bangladeshi woodcutters including a 13-year old boy in mine blast in the past week.

BDR officials said they had ordered border reinforcement as the NASAKA forces were yet to respond to a proposal for flag meetings.

Jubo League activist shot dead in Khulna

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Nov 17: Jubo League activist Shahidul Islam 28, was shot dead by some unidentified miscreants at east Bania Khamar under Khulna thana at 5pm today.

Police and witnesses said Shahidul came under attack while he was returning home by a rickshaw.

He was shot in his head and chest and died on the spot.

Police said Shahidul might have been killed a sequel to previous enmity. His body was sent to morgue for autopsy.

Police further said that Shahidul was a terrorist and one of the accused in Chhatra Dal leader Rezwana murder case recorded with Khulna thana in 1998.

He was the ring leader of 'Jalil Bahini' formed at east Bania Khamar last year, police said.

No case was filed in this connection till filing of this report.

Degree (Pass), Subsidiary Exams begin today

By Staff Correspondent

Degree Pass and Subsidiary examinations, 2000 under the National University will begin today.

A total of 3.21 lakh examinees, including 81,903 females will appear at the examinations in 602 centres in six divisions of the country.

Four hundred vigilance teams and 64 high-powered mobile teams comprising teachers from universities and colleges have been formed to check unfair means and maintain law and order during the examinations.

The examinations were earlier scheduled for October 29. The date has been shifted due to floods in the southwestern districts.

In the pass course, there will be 1,12,598 BA examinees; 83,911 BSS; 19,866 BSc; 34,641 B.Com; 33 Bachelor of Music and 2,797 Certificate Course examinees. Examinations in the flood affected southwestern districts will be held later. The schedule will be announced soon.

Hardliners press for JCD led by Pintu and Laltu

By Rezaul Karim

BNP hardliners have again made a move to establish their supremacy in the party and win over the party chief to implement their plans.

Sources said they met Khaleda Zia on Tuesday night, briefed her about the party situation "in their own way" and insisted that the new central committee of BNP's student front Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal be formed with Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu and Shahabuddin Ahmed Laltu at the top.

The party chief, who could not attend party activities for nearly a month due to her illness, was apparently convinced by the hardliners. They took the advantage as most of the moderate leaders are now out of the capital on party programmes, the sources said.

In an earlier move the hardliners had convinced Khaleda Zia to form the JCD central committee with Pintu and Laltu but it failed as majority of the party leaders and activists in BNP and JCD strongly opposed it.

Khaleda Zia refrained from taking any decision in this regard as top party leaders threatened to resign.

The hardliners, who were almost absent from party programmes on November 7, briefed her that the moderate leaders "compromised" with the government and announced a mass procession programme instead of holding the scheduled public meeting at Paltan Maidan defying a government restriction.

Although the November 7 mass procession was a "big success," the hardliners gave her a "bad impression" about it. She was apparently dissatisfied over the recent role of some moderate leaders and agreed with the hardliners to form the JCD central committee with Pintu and Laltu at the top, party insiders said.

Her approval in this regard is likely in a couple of

days, a senior leader belonging to the hardline group said.

"She is now fully convinced and will soon make major changes by inducting new faces in the leadership to bring dynamism in party activities and intensify the current anti-government movement," he said.

It was learnt that the hardliners held a series of secret meetings in the city in last few days. They also held a number of meetings yesterday and the day before and chalked out plans to win over her.

Talking to The Daily Star, a number of senior BNP leaders expressed their surprise over the "mysterious activities" of the hardliners. They damaged the image of the party in the past by implementation their imprudent decisions and programmes and have become active again to destroy the party before the upcoming national election, the leaders said.

They said it will be difficult to maintain discipline in the party and most of the top leaders may resign if the party chief forms the JCD central committee as proposed by the hardliners and takes decision on their advice.

Unusual incidents may take place in the party any time as majority of leaders and activists of the party and its front organisations are frustrated in this situation, one of them said.

The hardliners, failing to implement their "hasty plans" in recent days, have now become desperate and are creating pressure on the party chairperson, he said.

Meanwhile, a strong resentment is prevailing in the rank and file of BNP and its front organisations over the hardliners' move. There is an apprehension among some party leaders that the conflict between the hardliners and moderates may take a serious

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