



**DRU election**  
**Anwarul Haq**  
**president,**  
**Masum gen secy**

By Staff Correspondent  
A new executive committee of Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) was elected yesterday with M Anwarul Haq and Motahar Hussain Masum as its president and general secretary respectively.

M Anwarul Haq, a special correspondent of The Daily Star, was elected president unopposed for a second term while Abul Bashar of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha became vice president.

The election was held at Jatiya Press Club auditorium. Computerised voting system was used during the polling. The results were declared in the evening.

Other elected office-bearers are: Joint secretary - Saleh Shibly (UNB), treasurer - Qudus Afrad (Purbokone), organising secretary - Rezaul Karim Lotus (The Daily Star), sports secretary - Inzul Kabir Sunon (Matnblumi), cultural secretary - Shaban Mahmud (BTV), and office secretary - Assaduzzaman Samrat (Ajker Kago).

Earlier, Pathik Saha of the Bhorer Dak and Anamur Rahman of the Purbanchal were elected publicity secretary and research secretary respectively unopposed.

Ten elected members of the executive committee are Farid Ahmed, Munni Saha, Harunur Rashid, Mahmud Al Faisal, Md Baduzzaman, Rashid Ahmed Mirul, Shawkat Osman Rachi, Sultan Mahmud Badal, Subash Chandra Badal and Khairul Alam Bakul.

**Prof Yunus gets King Hussein Humanitarian Leadership Award**

Professor Muhammad Yunus, founder of Grameen Bank, has received the first King Hussein Humanitarian Leadership Award for his pioneering work in the global micro finance movement, reports UNB.

The award was given in Amman on Wednesday at a simple ceremony marking the birthday of late King Hussein by King Abdullah-II of Jordan.

The award which carries a 50,000 US dollar prize was received by Grameen Trust's Assistant General Manager Lania Mursheed on behalf of Prof Yunus who addressed the ceremony via pre-recorded video tape.

The King Hussein Humanitarian Leadership Award was introduced to recognise efforts to promote sustainable development, human rights, tolerance, equity and peace.

**Diploma Nurses Assoc meet held**

By Staff Correspondent  
The central executive council of the Bangladesh Diploma Nurses Association held a meeting at the Suhrawardy Hospital Campus yesterday.

President of the association Taposh Bhattacharya presided over the meeting. The new committee of city unit of the association was formed at the meet. Krishna Rani Dey was elected president, Delwara Chowdhury Dipa general secretary and Akram Hossain the organizing secretary of the committee.

The speakers at the meeting raised their various demands including wage scale for nurses, proper promotion, overtime payment and shift allowance.

They called for realisation of their demands by January 2001.

Among others, Ishrat Jahan, Fatema Khatun, Kana Bala, Jasmine Nahar, Jasimuddin, Shalinoor Khanam, Selina Khatun, Mira Ghosh and Prava Bishwas, spoke at the meeting.



Visitors at the solo sculpture show of Professor Hamiduzzaman Khan which began at Shilpangan Art Gallery in the city yesterday.

**20 pc of healthcare wastes hazardous to life**

**WHO facts-sheet reveals**

Immunisation, diagnostic tests, medical treatment, laboratory examinations and the like are life-saving healthcare activities, but the wastes and byproducts they generate bounce back the noble tasks proving hazardous to life, reports UNB.

"From the total of wastes generated by the healthcare activities, almost 80 per cent are general wastes comparable to domestic wastes. The remaining 20 per cent approximate are considered hazardous materials that may be infectious, toxic or radioactive," says the World Health Organisation.

WHO, in its facts-sheet available here, says the wastes and byproducts cover a diverse range of materials. Infectious and anatomic wastes together represent the majority of the hazardous wastes, up to 15 per cent of the total wastes from the healthcare activities.

Sharp syringes, disposable scalpels and blades represent

one per cent of the total wastes, chemicals and pharmaceuticals amount to about three per cent of wastes while genotoxic waste, radioactive matters and wastes with high heavy metal content amount to one per cent of the total wastes from the healthcare activities.

As per WHO, cultures and stocks of infectious agents, wastes from infected patients, wastes contaminated with blood and its derivatives, discarded diagnostic samples, infected animals from laboratories and contaminated materials like swabs and bandages are considered as infectious wastes. Anatomic wastes are recognisable body parts and animal carcasses.

Genotoxic wastes are highly hazardous, mutagenic, teratogenic which is capable of producing fetal malformation, radioactive matters such as glassware contaminated with radioactive diagnostic material or radiotherapeutic materials and wastes with high heavy metal content broken mercury thermometers.

WHO says high-income countries can generate up to 6 kg of hazardous waste per person per year, but the total healthcare waste per person per year is 0.5 to 3 kg in the low-income countries where medical waste is usually not separated into hazardous or non-hazardous waste.

"Healthcare waste is a reservoir of potentially harmful micro-organisms, which can infect patients, healthcare workers and general public," WHO says.

The major sources of healthcare wastes are hospitals and other healthcare establishments, laboratories and research centres, mortuary and autopsy centre, blood banks and nursing homes for the elderly.

Other potential infectious risks include the spread of, sometimes resistant, micro-organisms, from healthcare establishments into the environment. "These risks have so far been only poorly investigated," WHO experts explained in its facts-sheet.

Throughout the world every year an estimated 12000 million injections are administered. If those needles and syringes are not properly disposed of, they generate a considerable risk for injury and infection and opportunities for reuse.

WHO says worldwide 8-16 million hepatitis B, 2.3 to 4.7 million hepatitis C and 80,000 to 160,000 HIV infections are estimated to occur yearly from reuse of syringe needles without sterilization and many of these infections could be avoided if syringes were disposed of safely.

Referring to the diagnosis of six children with a mild form of smallpox (vaccinia virus) after having played with glass ampoules containing expired smallpox vaccine at a garbage dump in Vladivostok of Russia this year, WHO also suggests

the vaccine ampoules should have been treated before being discarded.

The world body points out the problems connected with the healthcare wastes as absence of waste management, lack of awareness about the health hazards, insufficient financial and human resources and poor control of waste disposal for which many countries do not have appropriate regulations or do not enforce them.

According to the "polluter pays" principle, the responsibility of appropriate handling and disposal of waste lies with the waste producer, usually being the healthcare provider or the establishment involved in related activities.

In its facts-sheet WHO put forward some remedial steps. Those include building comprehensive system addressing responsibilities, resource allocation and handling and disposal, awareness raising and training about risks related to healthcare waste and safe and sound practices, and selection of safe and environment-friendly management options to protect people from hazards when collecting, handling, storing, transporting, treating or disposing of wastes.

**Bangladesh, Denmark agree on prudent macroeconomic policy**

Bangladesh and Denmark in their annual consultation agreed on the importance of political stability, working democracy and a prudent macroeconomic policy for securing development and poverty reduction in the country, reports UNB.

The 5-day consultation between the two countries began in Dhaka on November 13 and concluded yesterday adopting the recommendations.

Denmark hoped the general elections in 2001 would be free and fair and lead to strengthen democracy in Bangladesh.

While assuring increased development assistance in future, the Danish side hoped that a new government formed through the coming polls would

undertake necessary economic reforms to overcome the development challenges facing Bangladesh.

ERD Joint Secretary AKM Khairul Islam led the Bangladesh delegation while head of the department for Asia and the Pacific, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, Carsten Nilas Pedersen led his country's delegation.

At the talks the two sides discussed political and economic situation in Bangladesh, and the development cooperation between the two countries. The two delegations agreed that Danish development assistance in the future would also be channelled to Chittagong Hill Tracts.

The Danish delegation commended the government of Bangladesh and the PCJSS for the Peace Accord in December 1997 and urged full implementation of the accord. They expressed the hope that the development assistance would strengthen the peace process.

It is envisaged that the country strategy for the period 2001-05 would focus on sector programme support to water supply, transport and agriculture. Assistance will also be given to improve human rights, building of the democracy, including decentralization, and gender issues.

Denmark underlined that the main objective for Danish development assistance is poverty alleviation. Bangladesh has made progress in this regard and the government has declared poverty alleviation its highest goal.

However, with about half the population under the poverty line and with the increasing

population, the challenges are enormous.

The delegation confirmed that the development cooperation is based on the concept of sector programme support and that all three sector programmes to an amount of 1.8 billion DKK or Tk 1,170 crore had been approved by the Danish authorities and signed by the two governments.

It was informed that slow establishment of new components and slow implementation of ongoing activities had made it necessary to reduce the country frame in 2000 (from 280 million DKK (Tk 182 crore) to 230 million DKK (Tk 149.5 crore)). The Danish assistance to Bangladesh is expected to increase to 375 million DKK (Tk 243 crore) in 2004.

With regard to the cooperation with drinking water and sanitation the two sides recognized the seriousness of arsenic in water. The Danish delegation informed that it was ready to sign an Arsenic Mitigation Component to start early 2001.

They agreed that shipping policy is crucial for development of the transport-sector programme support.

Both sides stressed the importance of civil society, including NGOs, and the role of the civil society to improve the human rights situation and the rights for women and children.

**Sculpture show of Hamiduzzaman opens in city**

By Staff Correspondent  
A ten-day solo sculpture show of renowned sculptor Professor Hamiduzzaman Khan began at Shilpangan Art Gallery in the city yesterday.

Prof Dr Anisuzzaman formally opened the exhibition. Sculptor Prof Abdur Razzak presided over the inaugural function.

Hamiduzzaman was among the few sculptors who were invited to Seoul Olympic.

He also represented Bangladesh in the international sculptors' convention. As many as 60 works of the sculptor are on display, says a press release.

**Seven convicted in Ctg**

CHITTAGONG: Nov 17: A court here Tuesday sentenced seven people to various jail terms in separate cases, reports UNB.

Of the convicts, Shahabuddin was sentenced to seven years imprisonment and fined Tk 5000, in default, to suffer one year more in jail.

The case history in brief: Shahabuddin attacked a minor boy, Rabiul Hossain, at city's Jamalata on Apr 12, 1999, leaving him critically injured.

The other convicts were identified as Muhammad Ishaque, Alauddin, Jasim, Nuruddin, Selim, and Nasima Akhter of Sholoshahar in Panchlaish Thana.

They were convicted in three other cases.

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**Rotary News**  
**Dhaka North West**  
The regular weekly meeting & club assembly of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held today at Dhaka Club Ltd Ramna, at 5.00 pm, says a press release.  
Members of the club 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, Shahbag, says a press release.  
Rotarians have been cordially invited to attend for fellowship and make-up.

**সিলেট গ্যাস ফিল্ডস লিমিটেড**  
(পেট্রোবাংলার একটি কোম্পানী)  
**Sylhet Gas Fields Limited**  
(A Company of Petrobangla)

**Re-Tender Notice**

**Invitation for Bid (IFB) for Procurement of Supply, Dismantling & Installation of Insulation Materials for Insulating the Bottom, Middle & Top Section of the De-Ethanolizer Column**

I.F.B. No. SGFL/FP-12/2000 Dated: 15-11-2000

I. Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, a Company of Petrobangla, invites sealed offers in the form of bid under International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures for turnkey supply, dismantling & installation of insulation materials for De-ethanolizer column and remedy of defects (if arises) upon putting into services at Kailashitla Gas Field (MSTE plant), Sylhet, Bangladesh.

II. The details of the scope and conditions of supply, terms and the information required to be furnished by the bidders, etc. are given in the tender document.

III. The tender document will be available from 16-11-2000 to 17-12-2000 between 09:00 hrs. and 17:00 hrs. on all working days on payment of Tk. 1000.00 (non-refundable) at the following addresses:

1. Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, P.O. Chiknagool, Sylhet, Bangladesh	2. Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, Dhaka Liaison Office, House No. 85, Road No. 11/A, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka, Bangladesh
3. Bakhrabad Gas Systems Ltd, Dhaka Liaison Office, Plot No. 3, Road No. 2/A, Banani, Dhaka, Bangladesh.	4. Bangladesh Gas Fields Co. Ltd., Dhaka Liaison Office, 97, Bijoy Nagar, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
5. Titas Gas T&D Company Ltd., Titas Bhaban, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka, Bangladesh.	6. Bangladesh Petroleum & Exploration Co. Ltd., HBFC Building, 22, Purana Paltan, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
7. Gas Transmission Company Ltd, House-1, Road-12, Section-3, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka-1230, Bangladesh.	8. Accounts Division, Petrobangla, Petrocentre, 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

IV. A single envelope tendering procedure will be followed. One sealed envelope will contain both the "Technical Proposal" consisting of the technical aspects only without any reference to price and the "Financial Proposal" consisting of the financial aspects.

V. Bids will be received (both the proposals) in SGFL's Head Office at Sylhet and its Liaison Office at Dhaka up to 12:00 hrs. (BST) on 18-12-2000 and will be opened on the same day at 12.15 hrs (BST) in presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend the opening of the tender.

VI. No extension of the closing date and time will be allowed by SGFL on any account and bid(s) received after the deadline for submission of bids will be returned unopened.

VII. In case of any unavoidable circumstance such as strike, civil commotion, government declared holiday etc., bids will be received and opened on the following working day at the same place and time.

VIII. No tender document will be sold on the day of bid opening.

IX. Sylhet Gas Fields Limited reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or annul the bidding process without assigning any reason.

GD-1056 General Manager (Administration)

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**Death anniversary**

Today is the first death anniversary of Advocate Md Abu Siddique, a retired government officer, says a press release.

On the occasion, a discussion and *milad mahfil* will be held at 4 pm at his Gulshan residence. Relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the *milad*.

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The second death anniversary of Dr. Ali Ahmad, former Principal of Dhaka College and an eminent educationist and writer, will be observed today, says a press release.

On the occasion, a *milad mahfil* and *doa* will be held after *Asr* prayers at his residence at Road No 19 (Old), 10A (New), 1<sup>st</sup> Extn, Dhanmondi.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the *milad*.

**SEMINAR**  
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Office of the Executive Engineer  
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**(R&H) Tender Invitation Notice**

**Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are invited.**

1. Tender Notice No	: 8 (eight)/TRD: Year-2000-2001.
2. Name of work	: Different types of work on different kilometres on Bhuapur-Tarakandi Road under Tangail Road Division during 2000-2001 fiscal year. Divided into 4 (four) groups.
3. Estimated cost	: Taka = As per group list.
4. Security money	: Taka = As per group list will have to be deposited in the forms of Bank Draft/Treasury Chalan from any scheduled bank in favour of the Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Tangail.
5. Specific time limit for completion of work	: As per group list.
6. Eligibility of tenderers	: As per group list (R&H) enlisted general category of contractors.
7. Offices where tenders will be available	: Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Dhaka/Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Tangail/Mymensingh/Jamalpur/Kishoreganj/Netrokona/Sherpur/Executive Engineer (R&H), Bridge Design Division-1 (Eastern Zone), Bridge Zone, Dhaka/Planning & Design Division, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/Deputy Commissioner, Tangail/Police Super, Tangail/Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H) under Tangail Road Division, Road Sub-Division, Tangail/Mirzapur/Modhupur/1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Tangail and Officer-in-Charge, Sadar Thana, Tangail.
8. Office to receive tenders	: Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Dhaka/Additional Chief Engineer (R&H), Dhaka Zone, Sark Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Superintending Engineer (R&H), Road Circle, Mymensingh/Planning Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/Procurement & Monitoring Circle, Dhaka/Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Tangail/Mymensingh/Jamalpur/Sherpur/Kishoreganj/Netrokona/Deputy Commissioner, Tangail/Police Super, Tangail and Officer-in-Charge, Sadar Thana, Tangail.
9. Last date of selling tender	: 27-11-2000 till office hours.
10. Last date of receiving tender	: 28-11-2000 till 12-30 pm.
11. Date and time of opening tender	: 6-12-2000 at 2-00 pm.
12. Date of lottery	: Will be held on 14-12-2000 at 11-00 am in the office of the undersigned.

**Group List**

Groups	Name of work and location	Head of expenditure	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time for completion of work	Cost of tender document	Eligibility of contractors	Remarks
1 (one)	Bituminous surfacing work along with repairing of depression and undolance on 7th (part) and 8th (part) kilometres of Bhuapur-Tarakandi Road under Tangail Road Division during 2000-2001 fiscal year.	ADP	Tk 31,72,549/-	Tk 63,451/=	45 (forty-five) days	Tk 1020/=	"A" to "C" general category of contractors	
2 (two)	Bituminous surfacing work with special repairing work on the existing pavement of 8th (part) and 13th (part) kilometres of Bhuapur-Tarakandi Road under Tangail Road Division during 2000-2001 fiscal year.	-Do-	Tk 26,39,149/=	Tk 52,783/=	45 (forty-five) days	Tk 1020/=	-Do-	
3 (three)	Bituminous surfacing work with necessary upgrading (part) on the existing pavement of 15th (part) and 16th (part) kilometre of Bhuapur-Tarakandi Road under Tangail Road Division during 2000-2001 fiscal year.	-Do-	Tk 26,91,095/-	Tk 53,822/-	45 (forty-five) days	Tk 1020/=	-Do-	
4 (four)	Bituminous surfacing work with necessary upgrading (part) on the existing pavement of 16th (part) and 17th (part) kilometres of Bhuapur-Tarakandi Road under Tangail Road Division during 2000-2001 fiscal year.	-Do-	Tk 26,16,357/=	Tk 52,327/=	45 (forty-five) days	Tk 1020/=	-Do-	

NB: The official in the office to receive tenders will receive tenders on the specific date as per tender notice and will send the tenders in sealed condition to the Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Tangail through a special messenger.

**A K M Reazul Islam**  
Executive Engineer (R&H)  
Road Division  
Tangail

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