



Dr Astrid N Heiberg, visiting president of International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Society, addressing a press conference in the city yesterday.

IFRC to grant Tk 18.4 cr to BRCS this year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Society will provide Tk 18.45 crore to Bangladesh Red Crescent Society this year for its various on going activities.

This was disclosed by the visiting president of International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Society Dr. Astrid N. Heiberg yesterday at a press conference.

She appreciated the quality of work and services in Bangladesh by the volunteers of the society. "I am deeply impressed to see the dedication of hundreds of Red Crescent volunteers and staff of the national society."

She said the cyclone preparedness programme of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society is well known all over the world for its grass root-level volunteer-based organisation jointly implemented with the government.

During her five-day stay in Bangladesh Dr. Astrid N Heiberg visited Comilla, Noakhali, Chittagong and Cox's Bazar and saw health, disaster preparedness and refugee operations being carried out by Bangladesh Red Crescent Society.

She also called on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed and Minister for Health and Family Welfare Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim.

Biman carried 25,403 Hajj pilgrims to Jeddah this yr

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Biman by its 54 Hajj flights carried a total of 25,403 ballotee and non-ballotee pilgrims to Jeddah from February 2 to 27 this year for performing the holy Hajj, a Biman press release said in the city yesterday.

Biman prepared its schedules to conduct 59 Hajj flights for a total 27,500 Hajjis (pilgrims) including 8 flights for ballotee and 51 flights for non-ballotee pilgrims.

But 8 flights in the schedule's first phase had to be cancelled due to complexities in the new systems introduced for the non-ballotee Hajjis, the press release said.

However, Biman has afterwards covered a portion of the cancelled flights. The return Hajj flights of Biman starts from March 10, the press release also said.

Prices of essentials remain stable

UNB, Dhaka

Prices of daily necessities have remained stable and their supply in the market is satisfactory.

A meeting on supply and stock situation of essentials, held at the Commerce Ministry yesterday, said prices of rice, pulses, onion, salt and edible oil did not increase as usually seen ahead of Eid-ul-Azha.

Eid-ul-Azha in 3 uzs of Chandpur today

UNB, Chandpur

In line with a 70-year-old practice, residents of 25 villages in three Upazilas of the district will observe Eid-ul-Azha today following Saudi Arabia.

The Eid will be observed on March 7 in other parts of the country as decided by the National Moon Sighting Committee.

Devout Muslims of the villages of Hajiganj, Faridganj and Matlab Upazilas have been observing the religious festivals as per Saudi schedule for the last 70 years.

Followers of Moulana Ishak of villages Sadra in Hajiganj started observing Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Azha according to Saudi timetable in 1931. They also observed the fast of the month of Ramazan one or two days ahead of other parts of the country.

The Eid congregations will be held in three Upazilas at 8 am and 9 am today.

UNHCR signs agreement with Bar Council

BSS, Dhaka

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has signed an agreement with Bangladesh Bar Council (BBC) to promote refugee law in the country.

According to BBC, Bar Council and UNHCR will jointly conduct two separate training in Dhaka and Chittagong by September this year.

Representatives from different government and private sector organisations including three services of armed forces division, BDR, Police, and NGOs will participate in the training.

Vice Chairman of the Council, Barrister M Amir-ul Islam and deputy representative of UNHCR Danilo Bautista signed the agreement on behalf of their respective sides.

Int'l Women's Day March 8

UNB, Dhaka

Although International Women's Day will be observed across the world on March 8, women organisations in the country will observe the day on March 12 due to Eid vacation.

To mark the day, 48 women organisations have chalked out elaborate programmes and formed a committee to successfully hold the programmes.

They have been observing the day since 1991 highlighting various aspects of women rights.

BKL to observe Peasants Killing Day Mar 15

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Krishak League (BKL) will observe the Peasants Killing Day across the country on March 15 to pay tribute to 18 farmers who were gunned down by BNP government in 1995 while they were demanding fertiliser.

The BKL along with other progressive peasants' organisations will observe the day through holding discussion, wearing black badges and distributing posters.

A discussion will be held in the capital where members of the Cabinet and national leaders are expected to deliver their speeches.

President of BKL and State Minister for Land Alhaj Rashid Mosharruf and General Secretary Harunur Rashid Hawlader requested the party fellows to observe the day with due significance.

Speaker returns home

BSS, Dhaka

Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury returns home this morning from New York on completion of his treatment, Jatiya Sangsad sources said yesterday.

He is reported to be better now.

The Speaker will celebrate Eid-ul-Azha in the capital and receive people at his Dhanmondi residence in the afternoon, sources added.

Goods worth Tk 15 lakh gutted

UNB, Barisal

Valuables worth about Tk 15 lakh were gutted in a devastating fire at a textile mill in BSIC industrial belt on Saturday.

Witnesses said the fire originated at about 12:45 pm from an electric short circuit at Five Star Textile Mills and soon engulfed its various sections.

Technical Manager of the mill, Alamgir Hossain, said over 1,000 kg of cotton was burnt to ashes in the fire.

Two terrorists arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Detective Branch (DB) police arrested two armed activists and recovered a gun with 10 rounds of bullets from Rupdad village in Saikupa upazila of Jhenidah district on Saturday night.

The arrested were identified as Ibrahim alias Ibra, 40, of village Dighalgram and Bakka, 45, of Nakole of Jhenidah district, according to police sources.

Police said that, on a tip off, a contingent of police led by DB Inspector MA Jali went to the spot and caught the accused while five others managed to flee.

A case was filed with Jhenidah police in this connection. The arrested were sent to court.

WCC gen secy arrives on March 10

Dr Konrad Raiser, General Secretary, World Council of Churches (WCC) will arrive in the city on March 10, on a four day visit to the country, says a press release.

The WCC is a voluntary association of Protestant and Orthodox Churches from more than 100 countries of the world.

During his stay in Bangladesh, Dr. Raiser will call on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed and meet religious leaders of different faiths. Besides, he will take part in a discussion meeting on "Jubilee and Third World Debt" with leading personalities from various sections of society.

His programme also includes a trip to Gazipur where he will have a meeting with tribal people and also visit a Micro-credit programme.

The WCC was formally launched in 1948 at its first Assembly in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

Battery export Task force to look into India's anti-dumping move

UNB, Dhaka

The government has formed a task force to examine India's reported anti-dumping move against lead battery exports from Bangladesh.

The Task Force, after ascertaining whether the move is a violation of SAPTA and anti-dumping and countervailing agreements of WTO, will suggest measures to protect the interest of Bangladeshi exporters.

Headed by the Tariff Commission Chairman, the Task Force comprises of representatives from the Commerce Ministry, Export Promotion Bureau, FBCCI, MCCI and exporters concerned.

Bangladesh Accumulator and Battery Manufacturers Association earlier pointed out that Indian authorities, prompted by two leading battery manufacturers, initiated a move to restrict battery imports from Bangladesh that controls only 0.5 per cent of India's battery market.

Interestingly, one of those two companies signed a joint venture agreement with a Bangladeshi automobile group to set up a battery plant here and export the products to India.

Post office holiday Mar 6-8

BSS, Dhaka

All post offices in the country will remain closed on March 6, 7 and 8 on account of the Eid-ul-Azha.

However, the offices which have GEP and EMS services will remain open except the Eid day.

Due to holidays for three consecutive days, unregistered normal letters would be distributed on the day before the Eid and envelopes and stamps will be sold from the counter of the RMS (Mail and Sorting) offices.

Cash, ornaments worth Tk 15 lakh looted in Satkhira

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Robbers looted cash and ornaments totalling to a value around Tk 50 lakh from a wedding party at Bhadrakali village in Kaliganj thana under Satkhira on Saturday.

The armed robbers, numbering between 20 to 25, attacked the house of Tarun Kumar Dey of the village while the wedding ceremony of his daughter Suparna Dey was being held.

They blasted crackers indiscriminately and snatched away ornaments and cash from the guests at the party.

Land Wanted at Gulshan

A multinational joint venture company wants to buy 8-10 katha of land on Gulshan (Commercial) Avenue. Interested sellers may send their proposal with Location, Measurement and Price per katha (excluding conversion fee) to the Box No C-306, The Daily Star before 20th March 2001. 100% payment will be made in one go.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer, R&H
Chandpur Road Division
Chandpur

R&H lease Quotation Notice (2nd Call)

1. Quotation notice : 02/EE/CRD/2000-2001
 2. Name of work : Quotation notice for realising toll through lease from vehicles etc crossing by ferry (with the supply of fuel & lubricant by the lease at Chandpur Ferry Ghat under Chandpur Road Division during 2000-2001 fiscal year. (For 365 days).
 3. Earnest money : At the rate of 2% (two per cent of the quotation quoted rate) in the form of BD/TC/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of the undersigned will have to be deposited.
 4. Names of offices where quotation documents will be available : Divisonal Commissioner Chittagong/undersigned/ Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Comilla/B-bania/Planning & Design Division, Comilla/Planning Division-1(PD), Sarak Bhaban Bhaban, Ramna, Dahak and offices of all Sub-Divisional Engineer under this Division.
 5. Names of offices to receive quotation documents : Additional Chief Engineer, R&H, Comilla Zone, Comilla/Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong/Superintending Engineer, R&H, Road Circle, Comilla/Procurement & Monitoring Circle, Dhaka and the office of the undersigned.
 7. Special time for realising toll : 365 (three hundred sixty-five) days.
 8. Last date of selling quotation : 11-03-2001 till office hours.
 9. Date and time of receiving quotation : 12-03-2001 till 12:30 PM
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Directorate General Defence Purchase Ministry of Defence New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215 Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders in foreign currency are invited from bonafide manufacturers/dealers/suppliers/vendors (enlisted firms in DGDP) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Air Force.

Sl No	Name of items & qty	Date of selling From To	Date of opening	Currency	Tender No	Cost of L/T
a.	IC Tester Qty-02 Ea	08-3-2001 18-4-2001	19-04-2001	Foreign	8021/AP-4	Tk 50.00

2. Tender schedule with detailed specifications/conditions will be available on payment in respective value (non-refundable) on any working day between 0800 hrs to 1300 hrs. The tender will be opened on the specified date at 1000 hrs in presence of the bidders (if present).

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Squadron Leader
for Director General

Diabetic Association of Bangladesh Ibrahim Memorial Diabetes Centre 122 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1000 Tender Notice

Date of Receiving/Opening 09.04.2001 (Monday)

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from the reputed, bonafide, manufacturers/suppliers/authorized agents for the procurement of equipment as stated below. Detailed description of the equipment has been mentioned in the tender documents.

Tender Nos.	Name of Tendered Stores	Value of Tender Documents in Tk. (Non-refundable)
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Special Terms and Conditions :

1. Tender documents are available in the Cash Section of BIRDEM (Room No. 208) on all working days from 10.03.2001 to 08.04.2001 at 8.00 A.M to 12.00 hour (noon) which will have to be obtained against payment of the value of the tender documents.
2. Tenders will be receive in a Tender box kept in front of the room No. 224 on the receiving/opening date (09-04-2001) up to 12.00 hours (noon) and be opened at 12.30 hours (noon) on the same day in presence of the tenderers (if any).
3. No Tender documents will be sold on the receiving/opening date of tender.
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Sealed tenders in two-envelope system under terms and conditions mentioned are invited from bonafide supplier establishments/agents for purchasing the undermentioned equipment for a project titled 'Evaluation of Sixteen Selected Projects' under implementation of Implementation Close Observation & Evaluation Division.

- a) Photocopier machine - 2 (two) (capacity to print 20+ copies per minute).
- b) Multimedia projector-1 (one) (ANSI Lumens 1300 + with screen size 96"x96").
- c) Aircondition - 2 (two) (window-type and with the capacity of 2.5 tons).

Tenders will be received in the office of the undersigned on 12/3/2001 till 12-Noon and the technical offers will be opened the same day at 12-30 pm before the tenderers present (if anyone remains present).

Terms & conditions

- 1) Attested copy of trade licence of the concerned establishment renewed upto date, attested copy of certificate of payment of income tax upto date and security money at the rate of 2.5% of the quoted rate in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft or Sanchay Patra in favour of the undersigned will have to be deposited (refundable).
- 2) Schedule regarding description of the said equipment can be procured from the office of the Project Director after the publication of the tender notice from the office of the Project Director during office hours on payment of Taka 400/- (four hundred) in cash (non-refundable).
- 3) No schedule will be sold on the day of opening tender.
- 4) The single and total cost of the said work will have to be written in figures and words.
- 5) No incomplete tender will be accepted.
- 6) Tenders will have to be submitted in two-envelope system (one technical and the other is financial).
- 7) Necessary arrangements will have to be made for installing the supplied equipments in the office room.
- 8) Accessories to be supplied with the equipment and other service facilities description must be mentioned.
- 9) There should be warranty for at least 2 years for the equipments.
- 10) 4 (four) copies of bill will have to be submitted after supplying different equipments within 7 (seven) days of receiving work order.
- 11) The authority reserves the power to accept or reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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