

Effective confidence building needed in Asian region

BSS, Dhaka

Appropriate dialogue-mechanism coupled with political will to evolve convergence of views as far as possible would help develop confidence building measures (CBMs) in the regional countries, a seminar was told yesterday.

Speakers on the last day of the two-day seminar dealing mainly with Southeast Asia's links with Bangladesh in different perspectives opined that nations in South Asia need to learn CBMs from adjacent Southeast Asian region since beneficial ventures like the SAARC are being afflicted by lack of necessary political under-

standing.

Organised by the Bangladesh Institute for International and Strategic Studies (BISS), yesterday's deliberations were spread into two sessions. Session on "Confidence Building and Security in Southeast Asian Countries" was presided over by former ambassador Anwar Hashim where papers were presented by Dr Atir Rahaman of BIDS and AKM Abdus Sabur and Mohammad Humayun Kabir of BISS.

The second session on "Myanmar - its role in fostering Bangladesh - Southeast Asian Relations" was chaired by former foreign secretary Abul Ahsan and papers were read by the Holiday chief editor Enayetullah Khan and Professor Imtiaz Ahmad of Dhaka University. BISS director general Major General Jamil D' Ahsan and Myanmarese Ambassador U Ohn Thwin also spoke.

The speakers often drew parallels in the south Asian and Southeast Asian scenario and lamented that what could be possible in one region is largely absent in the other because of mistrust and inhabitation. Nations in south Asia must stop look askance at each other for the sake of furthering the SAARC and improvement of the political environment in the region.

They observed that ASEAN had overcome much of inter-group conflicts and shifted emphasis from "political to economic" issues to turn the forum meaningful. Among others, former foreign secretary Barrister AKH Morshed, former ambassador QM AR Rahim, Major General (Retd) Syed Mohammad Ibrahim, journalist and columnist Zaglul A Chowdhury also spoke.

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The project objective is to develop entrepreneurship of small and landless farmers of agroforestry on private land or homesteads.

JS body meet on Social Welfare ministry held

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The members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Social Welfare led by its chairman Dabirul Islam visited the UAE Moitree Shopping Complex and the Moitree Housing Complex in the city's Banani area yesterday.

Later they went to the Al-Nahiyah Trust at Mirpur and reviewed the activities of the Trust, according to an official press release.

Academic recognition to Al-Nahiyah School, providing necessary help to orphans to become self-reliant, preservation of environment of Al-Nahiyah Children Family and preservation of quota for the retarded came up for discussion at the meeting.

A three-member sub-committee was formed with Dabirul Islam as the convenor to submit a report on irregularities in the appointment of night guards by the Social Welfare Department. The two other members of the committee are Utkil Abdus Sattar Bhuiyan and Syeda Zebunnissa Iliaque.

Tk 17.5 cr German grant for farmers' project

UNB, Dhaka

Germany will provide a grant of seven million Deutsche Mark equivalent to approximately Tk 17.5 crore for Small Farmer Agroforestry Programme under German-Bangladesh technical cooperation.

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The guest speaker A. B. Chowdhury, Vice Chairman, Export Promotion Bureau, will speak on "Export Potential of Bangladesh."

Rotary News

Weekly meeting

The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhanmondi Dhaka will be held today at 5.30 pm at Dhaka Club Upstairs Family Lounge, says a press release.

The guest speaker A. B. Chowdhury, Vice Chairman, Export Promotion Bureau, will speak on "Export Potential of Bangladesh."

To-Let in Sylhet

The ground floor of "Asiya Mansion" situated in between "Standard Chartered Bank" and "Bank Asia" adjacent to the shrine of Hazrat Shahjalal (RA) at Niloy-62, East Darga Gate, Chowhatta, Sylhet, is to be let out. The existing space of the floor is 1600 sft having scope for expansion as per requirement. The site is very suitable for bank and other company purpose. Interested person/company is requested to contact the undersigned for detailed information.

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Tender Notice

Tender No BAPEX/SRIKAIL/LOCAL/TEN-002/2001 Dated: 24.5.2001

1. Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration & Production Company Ltd (BAPEX) (A Company of Petrobangla) intends to carry out a detailed Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study to be undertaken for the Srikail Exploration Well Drilling Project in Muradnagar thana of Comilla District with the aim of making the project safe to the environment.

2. Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration & Production Company Ltd (BAPEX), invites proposals from local consulting firms having experience of similar services to provide the following consultancy services.

i) Name of the : Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study.

ii) Objectives : (c) The overall objectives of the above assignment is to conduct the required environmental studies and to prepare the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) reports for the aforementioned project.

(d) Obtaining environmental clearance from Department of Environment.

The consultant shall have to prepare the EIA reports covering the following assignment:

- Description of the existing environment.

- Legislative and Regulatory considerations.

- Assessment of the potential impacts of the project.

- Description of relevant socio-economic conditions.

- Recommendation of an environmental management plan with this study.

iv) More details of the scope of assignment have been provided in the terms of reference (TOR) of the tender document.

3. The tender document will be sold from 10.06.2001 between 9.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs on all working days on payment of Tk 1000/- (one thousand) non-refundable only at the following address:

Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration & Production Company Ltd (BAPEX). Accounts & Finance Division

Ibrahim Mansion (3rd floor)
11, Purana Paltan, Dhaka-1000,
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4. No tender document will be sold on the opening day of the bid.

5. All bids must be submitted by 11:00 hrs on 01.07.2001 to the address given below:

General Manager
Srikail Exploration Well Drilling Project
HBFC Building (8th floor),
22, Purana Paltan, Dhaka-1000,
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6. Bidders shall have to submit their bids containing "Technical & Financial" proposals in separate sealed envelopes (single stage two envelopes) and will be received at the Srikail Exploration Well Drilling Project Office, HBFC Building (8th floor), 22, Purana Paltan, Dhaka-1000, up to 11.00 hrs on 01.07.2001. The technical proposals will be opened on the same day at 11:30 hrs in presence of bidder(s) or their representatives, if any. The financial proposals of technically responsive bidder(s) will be opened at a later date for evaluation.

7. In case of any unavoidable circumstances bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time & same venue.

8. Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration & Production Company Ltd (BAPEX) reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason whatsoever.

General Manager

Srikail Exploration Well Drilling Project (BAPEX)

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PHOTO: STAR
Krishak Khetmajur Sangram Parishad brought out a procession in the city yesterday to press for their various demands including immediate launching of rice procurement drive.

FEMA launches campaign for awareness on voter list

BSS, Dhaka

Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) has launched a campaign to make the voter aware and encourage that they check their names in the voter list.

Under the drive, more than 40 volunteers from Journalist Association for Human Rights (JAHR) in association with volunteer from SCI, a member organization of FEMA, distributed voter guide, leaflets and displayed posters among the people, a FEMA release said.

The campaign was begun in front of Ananda Cinema Hall and covered different areas of Farmgate, the release added.

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Khulna Newsprint Mills Ltd, Town Khalishpur, Khulna invites sealed tenders under two-envelope system vide No. (1) PD-19, 186/2000-2001 dated 20-05-2001 for purchasing "600 Meter Cable", (2) PD-9, 202/2000-2001 dated 20-05-2001 for purchasing "Rubber Hose Pipe" & (3) PD-9, 54C/2000-2001 dated 20-05-2001 for purchasing "4 MT Bitumire." The cost of the tender documents for Sl. No. 1, 2 & 3 is Tk 100.00 Tk 50.00 and Tk 25.00 only (non-refundable) respectively. The tender documents will be available in (1) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha, Dhaka, (2) BCIC Branch Office, 6-Agrabad, Chittagong & (3) Accounts Deptt, KNM Ltd, Khulna. The tender will be received in the office of the (1) Addl. Chief Manager (Purchase), KNM Ltd, Khulna, (2) the Sr. General Manager (Purchase), BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha, Commercial Area, Dhaka and (3) The Dy. Commissioner of Police (North), Khulna up to 11.00 AM on 25-06-2001 and be opened immediately thereafter in presence of tenderers' representatives, if any. No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening of the tender. KNM authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.

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