

# Lone observatory centre not capable of monitoring quake

**BSS, Ctg**  
The lone seismic observatory centre of the country located in Chittagong city is not adequately capable of monitoring earthquake, experts said yesterday.

The centre cannot record the intensity of tremors and directions of their epicenters with its outdated and antiquated equipment, they said.

The observatory centre at Ambagan in this port city failed to measure on the Richter scale, the most objective quantitative basis of measuring earthquake, when the country was jolted by several major tremors since 1969.

Sources said the centre, which

went for autographic and visual record system since 1978, has also lost the sensitivity of its east-west and vertical point, two of the three major components of measuring tremors.

The photographic view of the observatory, which was set up in 1954, also became outdated as its north-south component is only functioning, the sources said.

Bangladesh, lying in a major seismic fault zone, is feared to be hit by a strong tremor in near future which might leave a trail of destruction of life and property in the absence of adequate and effective precautionary measures, geological experts believe.

Meteorological experts said Chittagong and eastern regions of the country, including Sylhet, are at high risks of tremors while less risky regions are south-western zones.

The seismic observatory centre also fails to supply instant report of any tremor from the centre due to non-availability of staff, it was alleged.

"No report of earthquake will be available from the centre if the country is hit by any tremor between 8:00 pm and 8:00 am," a staff of the centre said on condition of anonymity.

Talking to the news agency, the officer-in-charge of the centre said more persons should be appointed in the observatory and urged the government to provide necessary training to its staff. The centre should be modernised immediately, he added.

A high official of the Regional Office of the Meteorology Department, however, said the gov-

ernment is taking steps to employ staff round-the-clock at the centre to let people know the instant report of any earthquake.

He said the centre would soon be modernised and equipped with sophisticated technology to measure the intensity, locate direction and epicentre of any tremor.

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# Price hike of gas, electricity fuel protested

**UNB, Dhaka**  
Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) has demanded withdrawal of the government decision to raise prices of fuel, gas, electricity and water.

CPB president Manjurul Ahsan Khan and general secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim in a statement said prices of other essentials would also increase due to the price hike of fuel.

They called upon all to launch movement against the price spiral of daily necessities and take part in the already announced programme of the Left Democratic Front.

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# Obituary

**Md Shafiqur Rahman Khokon**, former manager of BTMC, died of cancer at his residence at Korotia, Tangail on December 28 at the age of 56, says a press release.

He is survived by his wife and two sons.

He was buried at his family graveyard.

**Altabumessa** Syeda Altabumessa, mother of Ingr Syed Munis Ali, managing director of Compath Limited, died of liver cancer on December 28 at her residence at Shahjalal Upashahar, Sylhet. She was 80, says a press release.

She left behind five sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and admirers.



Awami League acting president Abdus Samad Azad speaking at a discussion marking the Victory Day at the National Press Club yesterday. Bangladesh Chhatra League organised the meeting.

# Samyabadi Dal team meets PM

**BSS, Dhaka**  
Leaders of Samyabadi Dal (M-L) yesterday extended their support to the steps undertaken by the government to improve the country's law and order situation.

They said the steps would cast far-reaching and positive impact on the improvement of law and order.

The support came when a five-member delegation of Samyabadi Dal, led by Dilip Barua, called on Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at her office here.

The prime minister thanked them for supporting her programmes in various fields and expressed the hope that the party would extend its cooperation for implementing the programmes.

# Order to deposit licensed arms by Jan 15

**UNB, Dhaka**  
The government has asked licensed arms-holders to deposit their arms issued between January and July 15, 2001 with the concerned police stations by January 15.

These arms were issued during the last months of the past Awami League government until it handed over power to a caretaker government for holding the general election that brought the BNP-led coalition to power.

The Home Ministry also made it clear that those who did not submit their licensed arms before the election violating government orders their arms had already become "illegal."

"Legal actions under the arms law will be taken against them as an illegal arms-holder, besides confiscating the arms," the order says.

Those who submitted their arms to the police before the election and later took those back have also been asked again to submit their incensed arms.

Members of the law-enforcing agencies and security guards engaged in different government, semi-government and non-government institutions and establishments are exempted from the orders, said the Home Ministry.

# Expulsion of Rob, Inu from JSD demanded

**BSS, Dhaka**  
JSD leaders at its national council in the city yesterday demanded expulsion of its president A S M Abdur Rob, General Secretary Hasanul Haq Inu and central leader Nur-e-Alam Ziku.

Both central and district level leaders of JSD raised the demand after the two-day meeting as they argued that the leaders had demonstrated their compromising attitude over the last few years.

Rob in face of agitation admitted that they had failed to pursue the party's politics. "Many of you today said that the last four years' politics was wrong. There is also a demand for our expulsion. I admit that we have failed to conduct the party and pursue its politics over the last four years," he told the party colleagues at the meeting.

Rob said he would not be in the party leadership after December 31 this year, and asked the party colleagues to elect new leader.

"We have no objection, if you choose new leadership. I will no more remain the party leader after December 31," he said.

The central and district leaders addressed the meeting held at the auditorium of the Photo Journalists' Association here. They said the JSD had the pride of uncompromising spirit in its politics, but the party was made a 'domestic party' of Ershad and later a stooge of Awami League.

Hasanul Haq Inu said, "If necessary, remove us from the leadership. Elect those whom you want as leaders."

# Workshop on GIS activities begins

A two-day workshop on GIS activities and its impact on agricultural research and development began at the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BRAC) auditorium, Dhaka yesterday.

The workshop is being organized by the BRAC and the Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) in a bid to improve the use of GIS in agricultural research and development.

The workshop will cover various topics related to GIS, including data collection, processing, and analysis. It is expected to benefit a large number of researchers and students in the field of agriculture.

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The incumbents will carry out the day-to-day tasks of the department under the supervision of the Administration Manager. Qualifications: Degree/Diploma from a recognized university/college. Relevant experience preferably in the garmenting sector.

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Women are encouraged to apply.  
The incumbent will be responsible for educating and counseling the workers in health, hygiene and safety, liaison with customers' Vendor Compliance Officer and implementing their requirements, liaison with government and NGOs for training of personnel, etc. This position will report directly to the General Manager, HR & Admin at the corporate Head Office. Qualifications: Graduate/Post Graduate in Sociology preferably with additional qualification in Personnel Management and/or Law. Knowledge of labor law, minimum wages act as well as industrial law, industrial workers' rights, health and workplace safety. At least 3 years of relevant experience preferably in the garment industry or any NGO.

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The incumbents will be responsible for maintaining their respective equipments under the direct supervision of the Maintenance Manager. Electrician-1; Boiler technician-1; Knitting/Linking Machine technician-1; Sewing machine technician-1; Plumbing technician-1. Qualifications: Diploma in Mechanical or Electrical Engineering or equivalent certified training. At least 3 years of experience in the garment/textile industry.

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The incumbent will be responsible for maintaining stock and inventory of materials, monitoring material management, handling of computerized record keeping, ensuring safe preservation of materials, scrap disposal, etc. This position will report to the Plant Manager. Qualifications: Graduation from a recognized university and preferably from Science background. At least 5 years of relevant experience in a manufacturing plant preferably in the garment industry.

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### Local Tender Notice

- Tender No. & date : I-Irri (Pur)/Panashi/FGR/188/2001-2002.
- Description of stores : a) FGR Project-Pick-up-1 No. b) Panashi Project-Jeep-2 Nos.
- Sale value of tender documents : 1,500 (One thousand five hundred) taka (non-refundable).
- Date & time of submission of tender : 13-1-2002 at 12.00 Noon.
- Date & time of opening of tender : 13-1-2002 at 12.05 PM.
- Place of submission of tender : Office of the General Manager (Purchase), BADC, Purchase Division, 49-51, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000.
- Validity of offer : 120 (One hundred twenty) days from the date of opening of tender.
- Consignee : (a) Project Director, FGR, BADC, Faridpur. (b) Project Director, Panashi, BADC, Noorpur, Pabna.
- Terms of delivery : Pick-up/JEEP will have to be delivered to respective Consignees within 60 (sixty) days from the date of issuance of PPO after registration from the respective authorities.
- Name of scheme : FGR/Panashi Project.
- Source of fund : Local fund.

1. Tender documents can be purchase on cash payment from the Cash Section of Accounts Division (3rd floor), BADC, Krishi Bhaban, 49-51, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000 on all working days during office hours.  
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3. No tender documents or part thereof will be accepted after opening of tender.

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Md Faridul Alam  
ADP-31664-24/12  
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Manager (Purchase)  
BADC, Dhaka

## Hasina pays tribute to Moni Singh

**BSS, Dhaka**  
Awami League President and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina yesterday paid tributes to late Comrade Moni Singh, founder of the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB).

In a message on the eve of his 11<sup>th</sup> death anniversary, Sheikh Hasina recalled with deep respect the ideals and contributions of this legendary figure of the country's political arena.

She also recalled his services to the nation as one of the advisors of the provisional government of Bangladesh during liberation war and a renowned leader of the communist movement in this sub-continent.

## Death anniversary of Abbasuddin today

**DU CORRESPONDENT**  
The 42nd death anniversary of noted folk singer Abbasuddin will be observed in the country today.

To mark the occasion, Sadakalo Forum, a news-magazine has taken up a three-day programme including discussion, *nildad mahfil*, documentary show and cultural function.

As part of the programme, a discussion titled "Responsibility of expatriates for expansion of traditional culture of Bangladesh" will be held at the News Bank Hall at Tophkana road in the city at 4:00 pm today.

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### Amendment No. 1 to Invitation for Bids for Land Development at 230/132 KV Sub-Station at Aminbazar (Savar) by Hydraulic Filling

The last date for selling of bidding documents and submission of bids are hereby extended upto January 30, 2002 and January 31, 2002 instead of January 5 and 6, 2002 respectively.

All other terms and conditions of the above invitation for bids shall remain unchanged.

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Company Secretary

## Rajshahi University Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from bonafide indenting firms/agents for the supply of Computer and related items for the Nuclear Physics Lab of Physics Department. Specifications with terms and conditions for supply are given in the tender-schedule which will be available in the office of the undersigned during the office hours or through post by a self-addressed envelope. A security deposit of 1% of the quoted price, in the form of a Bank Draft to the favour of Professor Arun Kumar Basak, Physics Department, Rajshahi University must be enclosed with the tender. The tender must reach the office of the Treasurer, Rajshahi University on or before 12 Noon of 20-01-2002.

Professor Arun Kumar Basak  
Project Director, Physics Department, Rajshahi University.

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## International Tender

Sealed tender is hereby invited for supply of following items to Biman Bangladesh Airlines

Sl No	Tender number	Description	Qty	Cost of schedule
1.	DACPF/INTL Tender/10/2001-2002 Dt 23-12-2001	Pallet Lock/Stopper (for A-310-300 and DC-10-30 A/C) (Spring Type)	200 Pcs	BDT 500.00 or USD 10.00 per set.

Tender schedule with details specification, terms & conditions will be available at the cost of USD 10.00 or BDT 500.00 per set (non-refundable) from Accounts Officer, Cash & Banking, Biman Admin Building, Zia Intl Airport, Dhaka and Asstt Manager, Accounts, Cash & Banking, Baka, Head Office, Zia Intl Airport, Dhaka & office of the Divisional Commissioner (1<sup>st</sup>-12 Storied Govt Office Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room No 205), Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000 as well as with Finance Manager, Biman, Bangkok, Hongkong, Singapore, Tokyo, Dubai, London, Rome, Paris, Frankfurt, Amsterdam, Brussels & New York on cash payment on all working days up to 21-01-2002. A formal application in company's letter head pad mentioning tender number and date shall be required for purchasing the tender documents.

Sealed tender should be dropped in the tender box kept in the office of the Dy General Manager, Stores & Purchase Directorate, Biman Admin Building, Zia Intl Airport, Dhaka, Main Entrance, Biman Medical Centre, Security Counter (Ground Floor), Farmgate, Dhaka and office of the Divisional Commissioner (1<sup>st</sup>-12 Storied Govt Office Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room No 205), Segunbagicha, Dhaka latest by 1100 hrs Bangladesh Standard Time (BST) on 22-01-2002. In case of direct offer foreign manufacturer/principal must submit their offer as per terms mentioned in the tender schedule. Tender box will be opened on the same day at 1400 hrs (BST) at the premises of Stores & Purchase Directorate, Biman Admin Building, Zia Intl Airport, Dhaka in presence of the tenderers (if any).

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