



A meeting of the Awami League Central Working Committee (ALWC) was held at its office in the city yesterday.

Cancellation of holidays on Mar 17, Aug 15 protested

The Muktiyuddho O Ganomukti Andolon has strongly protested cancellation of public holidays on March 17, birthday of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, and August 15, National Mourning Day, says a press release.

In a statement, Dr Mohammad Selim, president, and Akbar Mazid, general secretary of the organisation, condemned the government, alleging that the BNP-led four-party alliance is trying to distort the history of Liberation War by tarnishing the image of great leader Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

"Any attempt to distort the Liberation War history and dishonour the Father of the Nation would not be tolerated."

They also called upon all pro-liberation and democratic forces to foil conspiracies against Bangabandhu.

FEMA media monitoring report 2001 released

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) has released its media monitoring report-2001.

The report is based on complete compilation of its findings during the October 1 general election.

Secretary General of FEMA Feroz M Hasan released the report at its national secretariat at Banani in the city yesterday.

The report said under the non-party caretaker government, the public radio and television gave equal news coverage to the main political parties and informed the electorate impartially about their candidates.

Some private-owned media however showed an overwhelming bias towards particular party, the report added.

Most newspapers provided their readers with direct coverage of events and made in-depth analysis of the manifestos of main political parties and different

constituencies.

The overall media coverage however was slightly higher for the Awami League than the BNP, the findings observed.

The media gave little attention to women candidates and the problems faced by the minorities during the voting, it said.

Munira Khan, vice chairperson and Swakat Ara Hossain, media committee chairperson of FEMA were present on the occasion.

1268 more arrested

BSS, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,268 people and seized 10 firearms and three lethal weapons during the last 24 hours countrywide combing operation ending yesterday evening, an official press release said.

The arrest includes five identified terrorists, 677 wanted persons, 577 persons under investigation cases and four in connection with arms recovery and three under Arms Act.

Nine explosives and eight rounds of bullet were also recovered during the drive.

The identified terrorists include Provat Mandal from Khulna, Haidar Sharif from Jessore, Enayet Hossain from Bagerhat, Mohammad Javed and Giasuddin from Chittagong city.

Campaign against use of polybags continues

BSS, Dhaka

Environment and Forest Minister Shahjahan Siraj yesterday continued his motivational campaign for creating public awareness about ban on polythene bags below 20 micron from January 1 in the city.

He visited the Gulshan-1 and 2 markets and kutcha bazars, Banani and Mohakhali markets and kutcha bazars as part of the campaign of the Environment and Forest Ministry and addressed businessmen there to create awareness about the bad effect of using polythene bags.

"We received wide acclamation from people of all walks of life about the banning of polythene bags," the minister said, adding a proper and effective bill will be



National Library Samity brought out a procession in the city yesterday to make the Dhaka Book Fair a success.

Govt firm to expand IT

UNB, Dhaka

Commerce Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury has said the government is determined to develop and expand information technology in the country and remove all obstacles and barriers.

He was inaugurating a day-long seminar on "Computer Aided Engineering and Business Prospect in the USA" at the Institute of Engineers Bangladesh (IEB) auditorium, jointly organised by IEB and Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services yesterday.

Considering bright prospect of IT sector in the country, Khasru said the government is expanding all facilities including the development of infrastructure for its development like the garments sector.

The minister said the new generation is much interested in IT sector and the government would take quick steps as much time already wasted.

Bangladeshi IT experts living in the USA, participated in the work-

Zahid, Masum elected ERF president, secy

BSS, Dhaka

A modern joint venture vocational training centre aimed at developing manpower to meet the global demand for employment would be set up in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia would jointly set up the training centre to turn the huge unemployed youths in Bangladesh into potential human resources.

Labour and Employment Minister Abdullah Al-Noman and the leaders of the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industries have reached a consensus in this regard at a meeting held in Riyadh on Saturday, according to a message received in the city.

Acting president of the Jeddah Chamber Mr Hassan Solaiman and Secretary General Dr Majed Abdullah Al-Kashabi and Bangladesh Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Mahboob Alam, Consul General in Jeddah A B Manjoor Rahim were also present at the meeting.

Different aspects of manpower development, including the prospect of joint investment in this sector, were also discussed at the meeting.

Referring to some World Trade Organisation (WTO) rules for economic development, the labour minister said such rules are favourable to developed countries

Dhaka, Riyadh to set up vocational training centre

only, not to the developing countries like Bangladesh.

The Jeddah chamber leaders also expressed the same view in this regard.

Solaiman, acting president of the Jeddah chamber, asked the visiting delegation to send more semi-skilled people like technicians, X-ray technicians and optical workers side by side with skilled, semi-skilled as well as unskilled workers from Bangladesh.

Renewal of TV, VCR licence from Jan 1

BSS, Dhaka

The license Renewal Drive of Television, VCR and STVR for the year 2002 begins January 1.

All residential licenses can be renewed by February 28, after paying estimated fees to all branches of Janata Bank, an official handout said here yesterday.

All commercial licenses can be renewed from the Controller (license) office at Rampura, the handout said adding that the license fee was not increased this year.

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Donation to PM's relief fund

UNB, Dhaka

Officers and employees of 51 departments and directorates of the education ministry yesterday donated Tk 27.44 lakh to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund in aid of people in distress.

The fund was raised to buy warm clothes for distribution among the destitutes during the chilly weather in districts affected by cold wave.

Education Minister Dr Faruk Osman and State Minister for Education Ehsanul Huq Milon formally handed over a cheque for the amount to the prime minister at her secretariat office.

Forest and Environment Minister Shahjahan Siraj and Education Secretary Shahidul Alam were present on the occasion.

BCS (Agri) Assoc executives

BSS, Dhaka

The Rafique-Masum panel was elected unofficially in the elections of BCS (Agri) Association for the 2002-2003 term.

Agriculturists Rafique Ahmed and Mohammad Salekur Rahman Masum were elected President and Secretary General in the election held here on Friday.

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Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited from the genuine manufacturers/importers and suppliers for the supply of 1100 (One thousand one hundred) metric tons (more or less) C.I sheet.

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The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

DFP-31635-24/12
G-2368

Muhammad Ashraf
Director General

OBITUARY

Alhaj Sayed Mohammad Saleh, retired Chief Engineer, WAPDA, former student of Shibpur Engineering College, Calcutta & immediate past President of Shibpur Old Boys Association (SOBA) died on December 25, 01 (noon) while visiting his village Chachair, Jhalakathi (Innalillaha Rajjun). His dead body was buried at Shaheed Buddhijibi graveyard, Mirpur following namaj-e-janaja at Baitul Mukarram Mosque and local mosque at Lalmatia. He left behind his grieved wife, 5 sons, 3 daughters, sons-in-laws and innumerable admirer.

Very much pious humble, well behaved and well liked by everyone of all ages and background in his private life, late Alhaj Saleh has been the source of selfless, untiring encouragement for the establishment/maintenance of Sayeda Jamila Khatun High School, Chachair, Jhalakathi and, in paternal home -- mosque, madrasa, Islamic library, hostel, in addition to the development of innumerable religious, non-profit and social developmental entities. The grieved family expresses its deep gratitude to all those who prayed for the peace of his soul by coming in person or from far at home or abroad.

On 1st January, 2002 following just after Asr prayers (4.15 PM) an arrangement for Doa (prayer) has been arranged at his residence at Block-F, 3/8 Lalmatia, Dhaka. The grieved family earnestly requests his all well wishers to kindly attend this prayer.

Family Members & Wife, Sons and Daughters.

Bangladesh Tea Board

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Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited by the undersigned from the enlisted 1st class bonafide contractors of government, semi-government and autonomous departments and enlisted contractors of the Bangladesh Tea Board for construction of (1) A two storied residential building and (2) Extension of one room of D-2 Bangalow at PDU campus of Bangladesh Tea Board, Srimangal, Moulvibazar. Tender documents for each work can be obtained from the office of the (1) Secretary, Bangladesh Tea Board, 171-172, Baizid Bostami Road, Nasirabad, Chittagong (2) Director, PDU, Bangladesh Tea Board, Srimangal, Moulvibazar and (3) Bangladesh Tea Board Camp Office, 111-113, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000 on payment of Tk. 500/- (five hundred) only for schedule-1 and Tk 100/- (one hundred) only for schedule-2 (non-refundable) per set from 6-1-2002 to 12-1-2002 during office hours on all working days. The drawing are available for inspection in PDU office, Srimangal.

Earnest money @ 2.5% (Two point five zero per cent) of quoted amount should be drawn in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft on any schedule bank in favour of the Secretary, Bangladesh Tea Board, 171-172, Baizid Bostami Road, Nasirabad, Chittagong.

Tenders will be received in the said offices on 13-1-2002 up to 12-00 hours and will be opened at 12-30 hours on the same day in presence of tenderers (if any).

Tenderers are also requested to submit the following papers/documents along with the tender.

- i) Attested copy of enlistment as 1st class contractor.
- ii) Attested copy of Income Tax clearance and VAT registration certificate.
- iii) Attested copy of satisfactory completion certificate of a single construction work of minimum worth of Taka 14 (fourteen) lac for construction of a two storied residential building and Taka 1.50 (one point five zero) lac for extension of D-2 Bangalow certified by the Executive Engineer/Head of the Department.

The attested copy of work order must be enclosed.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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G-2367

Monzur Hossain
Secretary.

Tender Cancellation Notice

This is to general information for all concerned that notice inviting tender No. 22 of 2001-2002 of PWD Division, Barguna is hereby declared cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances.

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