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Gano Forum President Dr Kamal Hossain called on Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at her office in the city yesterday.

Convention to protest gas export tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mass convention will be held at the city's Osmani Uddyan tomorrow to protest the government's decision of exporting gas.

The National Committee on Oil-Gas Resource Protection will organise the convention.

"We are expecting about 10,000 to 15,000 people to attend the public convention where national experts on gas will discuss the country's present gas reserve and the loss and the profit the country may derive from its export," said the convenor of the committee Engineer Sheikh Mohammad Shahidullah at a press conference at his office at Purana Palan yesterday.

He said the export of gas will not bring any benefit for the country in the long run. Rather gas should be utilised for the development of various industrial infrastructure in the country ensuring employment of our vast unemployed population.

Shahidullah said gas is saving our hard-earned foreign currency as we are to import less fuel. So in the name of so-called rapid development we should not be misled by the propaganda of the multinational companies.

Speaking at the press conference Prof Anu Mohammad of Jahangirnagar University criticised inclusion of the consultants of the

multinational companies in two committees set up by the government to assess the gas reserve and its optimum utilisation in the country. He alleged that the reports of the committees will not reflect the real situation concerning the export of gas.

Prof Anu Mohammad suggested formation of a committee comprising national experts and people's representatives for taking correct decision on this vital issue.

He urged the government to cancel all production-sharing contracts with different multinational companies and demand compensation from the US Company for the damage caused to Magurchara gas-field.

The press conference was also attended by Dr Golam Mohiuddin, Tipu Biswas, Foyzul Hakim, Dilip Barua and Bimal Biswas.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Uddichi Shilpi Gosthi yesterday expressed its solidarity with the committee for organising the convention.

BSCM confce Thursday

BSS, Dhaka

The first annual conference and scientific session of Bangladesh Society of Community Medicine (BSCM) will be held at Hotel Abakash, Mohakhali in the city on Thursday.

President tells People's Daily team Ties with China to be strengthened further

BSS, Dhaka

A six-member delegation of the People's Daily of China made a courtesy call on President A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury at Bangabhaban yesterday.

Secretary General of the People's Daily Chui Yunxi led the delegation.

Welcoming the members of the delegation President B Chowdhury recalled the long friendly relations between Bangladesh and China and said that the existing relations could be further strengthened and diversified through people to people visits along with government

level visits.

He mentioned Chinese cooperation in the country's economic development particularly in constructing a number of bridges and said that China can co-operate with Bangladesh in developing its Agro-Based Industries.

He said that China may establish a separate zone in the country's export processing zone.

Secretary General of the People's Daily Chui Yunxi thanked the president for receiving him and the members of his delegation.

He stressed the need for wide-ranging trade and cultural cooperation between the two countries.

Ershad may return home in second week of Jan

UNB, Dhaka

Jatiya Party Chairman H M Ershad may return home sometime in the second week of January, but not before his next appearance in the Manjur Murder Case fixed for January 7.

Ershad's younger brother and JP presidium member, GM Kader MP, said that the ex-president is undergoing treatment for heart ailment in London.

Kader, however, could not confirm whether Ershad would definitely return by the second week of January.

7th Nat'l Flower Exhibition begins Friday

UNB, Dhaka

The Seventh National Flower Exhibition begins here on Friday with a view to exploring the ways to export flower and foliage from the country.

Export Promotion Bureau will organise the six-day show at the Sher-e-Bangla Nagar DITF premises where 37 flower and foliage producing and exporting nurseries will open their stalls.

The fair will remain open for all from 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm on the inaugural day and from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm on the other days till January 8.

Pledge to protect natural resources

DU CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion meeting in the city yesterday pledged to protect the country's natural resources, including oil and gas, at any cost from imperialist exploitation.

They also urged all to be united to save the natural resources for future generations and launch a movement to resist all kinds of imperialist exploitation.

The Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) organised the discussion at the Central Shaheed Minar yesterday to mark the 29th death anniversary of Matul Islam and Mirza Kader.

BCU leaders Matul and Kader were killed in police firing on January 1, 1973 when they were leading a procession towards the USIS office at Tophkana Road in the city to protest the 'US aggression' in Vietnam.

This year, the Vietnam government declared them national heroes for their courage and awarded gold medals, crests and certificates to them.

Noted academic Prof. Sirajul Islam Chowdhury handed over the medals to Matul Islam, brother of Matul Islam and to Momena Begum, elder sister of Mirza Kader, at the programme.

The meeting was also addressed by Workers' Party leaders

Rashed Khan Menon and Mujahidul Islam Selim, Sheikh Mohammad Shahidullah, Jaina Abidin Faruque and former BCU leaders.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Chowdhury blamed the USA for killing innocent people in Afghanistan, Iraq, Palestine and other parts of the world in the name of 'war against terrorism'.

He said the USA is now repeating what they did in Vietnam about 30 years ago.

On current border tension between India and Pakistan, Prof. Chowdhury said the rival countries would not engage themselves in a war, as both of them are puppets of the USA.

He also criticised the globalisation and open market economy as these are the means of exploitation of poor countries by the western world.

12 firearms seized

BSS, Dhaka

Police seized 12 firearms and 22 bullets during their countrywide drive over the last 24 hours ending at 6 am yesterday, a police headquarters press release said.

Obituary

BSS, Dhaka

Al-Haj Nizamuddin Ahmed, former managing director of Ashraf Jute Mills Ltd, died of a cardiac arrest at his Bakshibazar residence yesterday. He was 52.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son.

His namaj-e-janaza will be held at Chawck Bazar Shahi Masjid after Jehr prayers today.

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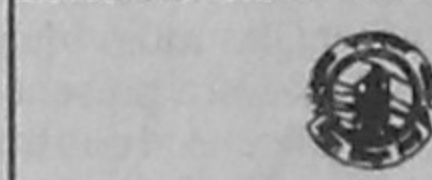
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AMENDMENT NO 1 TO THE INVITATION OF BIDS FOR SUPPLY OF 230 KV SF6 CIRCUIT BREAKER FOR GHORASAL POWER STATION

The last date of submission of Bids for supply of 230 KV SF6 Circuit Breaker for Ghorasal Power Station under Tender Enquiry No. PUR-138/2001 dated 31.10.2001 is hereby extended up to January 24, 2002 from 02.01.2002.

All other terms mentioned in the tender notice shall remain unchanged.

Secretary
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Motijheel Commercial Area
Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh
Biddut/Jan-1248(5)/01-02
GD-03

JCD founding anniversary observed

DU CORRESPONDENT

The 23rd founding anniversary of the ruling party-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) was observed yesterday in a simple manner as its central committee was suspended.

Sources said, JCD city and Dhaka University units brought out processions and placed wreaths at the Mazar of late president Ziaur Rahman.

DU unit brought out the procession from the Aparajeyo Bangla at Arts Building and Laili Begum, mother of slain JCD leader Sajal, inaugurated it.

The procession terminated at the Madhu's canteen after parading some city streets.

Usually the JCD observes its founding anniversary with colourful processions and discussions with the participation of top BNP leaders.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia suspended activities of the JCD on November 17 last year following widespread reports of involvement of JCD men in various criminal offences including capturing of halls, toll collection and snatching of tender schedules.

Meanwhile, tension gripped the Dhaka University campus yesterday as the JCD factions chased each other after the procession at about 1:00 pm.

Campus sources said, Sayeed and Modasser Titu backed by Mostafizul Islam Mamun chased Musa of Monir Hossain group as a sequel to previous enmity.



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Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal held a rally on the Dhaka University campus yesterday on the occasion of its founding anniversary.

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Business Plan Development Local Consultant

Policy Leadership and Advocacy for Gender Equality (PLAGE) Project, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs is looking for a Local Consultant to formulate a five year Business Plan for its Gender specific Documentation and Resource Centre (DRC). The consultancy period is 3 (three) months.

Documentation and Resource Centre (DRC)
The main objective of the DRC is to facilitate the process of implementing the mandate of the Policy Leadership and Advocacy Unit (PLAU). The mandate includes providing documentation services to facilitate application of gender mainstreaming concepts, methodologies, tools and institutional practices. Applications are hereby invited from Bangladeshi Nationals for development of Business Plan of the DRC.

Terms of Reference (TOR)
Interested Applicants are requested to collect Terms of Reference (TOR) for detailed information from above-mentioned address or using e-mail address given below. Application with a five year business plan proposal of DRC should be forwarded to the Project Director, PLAGE by 12 January 2002.
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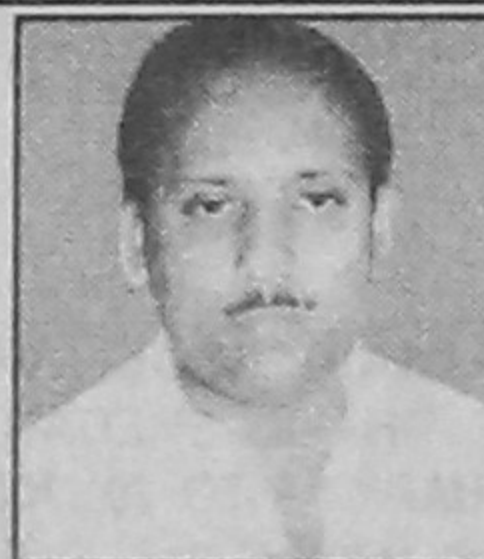
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Extension of Time for Bid Submission of Chandpur 150 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant Project's Tender

The date of submission of technical and financial proposals for Chandpur 150 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant Project's tender has now been refixed on 12-02-2002 up to 11:00 AM local time instead of 12-01-2002. The technical proposals will be opened immediately after the closing time on the fixed date. Other terms and conditions will however remain same. The last date of selling of tender documents is 10th February, 2002. Prospective bidders are also requested to contact Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka to collect addendum on time extension.

Secretary

Biddut/Jan-1245(5)/01-02 Bangladesh Power Development Board
GD-02 Dhaka, Bangladesh

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Sub: Corrigendum to the International tender no. ABP/PUR/IT-37/2001 for supply of 2000 M. tons of CRS Coils in two sizes published in the Daily Independent, the Daily Bangladesh Observer and the Daily Bhorer Kagaj on 19-11-2001 & the Daily Star on 20-11-2001.

- The closing/opening date of the above tender has been extended up to 03-02-2002 from 02-01-2002 because of some unavoidable reasons.
 - The last date of purchasing tender schedule is now to be read as 02-02-2002 instead of 01-01-2002.
- All other terms and conditions of the tender will remain unchanged.
GD-06

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