

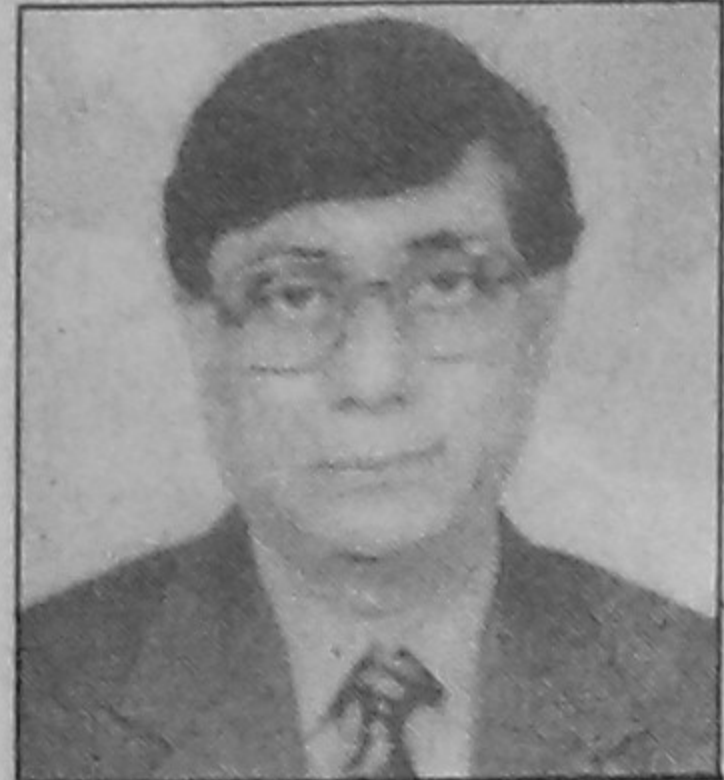
AL condemns price hike of oil, gas, electricity

UNB, Dhaka Awami League acting President Abdus Samad Azad yesterday criticised the government for increasing the prices of fuel oil, gas, water and electricity saying "its naked face has been exposed through anti-people decisions."

ture, looting, capturing of property and extortion. Criticising the repressive measures of the government, he demanded withdrawal of "false cases" against Awami League leaders and workers and release of all those arrested, including former MP Kamal Ahmed Majumder, who was detained yesterday.

BCL founding anniversary tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka The Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), student wing of Awami League, will celebrate its 54th founding anniversary tomorrow.



OBE for Halcrow chief executive Jasim Ahmed

Jasim Ahmed, Chief Executive of Halcrow Group Limited, was awarded Order of the British Empire (OBE) for 2001, says a press release.

Each year Queen Elizabeth II honours people within UK and the Commonwealth for their contribution and exceptional services in various fields. The list is made public on December 31 each year.

The award to Jasim Ahmed has been made in recognition for his contribution to the British business and commercial interests in Asia. Jasim Ahmed, Chief Executive of Halcrow Group Limited, one of the top international consulting firms of UK, has been promoting business in the Asia region for the past 20 years. He settled in UK in 1973 when he joined Halcrow. A specialist in river control/hydraulics he has been involved in different capacities in several countries including in Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Guyana, Ecuador and various countries of Asia.

Tuition Wanted Std VIII to 'O-A' level (Foreign/local) Math (ABDPMS) Physics, Chemistry with QP solve. Challenge for A grade. Zahangir Alam (4th year, BUET) - 019321580 (with TNT). C-13

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The Sammito Nari Samaj observed a token hunger strike in front of the National Press Club yesterday demanding direct election to women reserve seats in parliament.

Directive to make low-cost jute bags

BSS, Dhaka Environment and Forest Minister Sahjahan Siraj yesterday urged the concerned organisations, both in public and private sector to manufacture various types of jute and cotton bags at reasonable price.

He particularly directed the Bangladesh Jute Research Institute (BJRI) to make low-cost jute bags and ensure their availability in the market immediately.

The directives came from a meeting while the minister was exchanging views with the high officials, representatives and leaders of different organisations including Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC), Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) and BJRI at the Environment and Forest Ministry.

Presided over by Environment and Forest Secretary Sahiuddin Ahmed, the meeting was also addressed by the State Minister for Environment and Forest Zafrul Islam Chowdhury, BJMC Chairman A S M Abdul Halim, BJRI Director General SM Ilyas, BJMC Director (Marketing) Mohammad Abdul Karim, BJRI Scientific Officer A B M Abdullah and Khairul Kabir, and BGMEA Director Lutfur Rahman Matin.

He directed the BJMC to ensure adequate supply of jute bags and urged others concerned to come forward with new proposals of manufacturing bags to meet the demand of people.

Terminating the decision of banning polybag as time befitting, BJMC Chairman Abdul Halim told the minister that his organisation can manufacture 1.2 million shopping bags daily through BJMC's six mills.

At present BJMC is supplying 2.40 lakh bags in the capital city in everyday, the chairman informed.

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Dr Islam joined Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute in 1978 and served as Principal Scientific Officer, Chief Scientific Officer, Director (TCRO), Director (Research) and Director (Support Service) before he was put under deputation at the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council as Member-Director (Soils) for three years and then he was sent back to the Institute as Director (Research) in April last year. Before joining BARI Dr Islam was serving Bangladesh Agricultural University as a staff member, Department of Soil Science.

Appointment of an Air Traveling Agent An International Organization based in Dhaka wishes to appoint an Air Traveling Agent for the year 2002. Traveling will be mainly held for the following sectors: DAC/SIN/MNL/SIN/DAC, DAC/BKK/MNL/BKK/DAC, DAC/HKG/MNL/HKK/DAC. Selected Agent will work for others - DAC-USA-DAC, DAC-LHR-DAC & DAC-Adelaide-DAC. The agent will provide total service to the office i.e. will take booking on telephone, obtain visas, pick-up photocopies of passports & deliver air tickets to the office. The office reserves the right to cancel any application without stating any reason. The interested agents may apply at "G.P.O. Box 64, Ramna, Dhaka" Bangladesh by 10th January, 2002.

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Renting of Guest House Accommodation An International Organization wishes to rent Car/Microbus/Jeep time to time for inter district rice research field visits. The owner of new vehicles are requested to apply with elaborate rates to "G.P.O. Box 64, Ramna, Dhaka" Bangladesh by 10th January, 2002. Interested Guest House owners may apply with elaborate rates and facilities to "G.P.O. Box 64, Ramna, Dhaka" Bangladesh by 10th January, 2002. The office reserves the right to appoint/cancel any application stating no reason.

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Appointment of C & F Agent An International Organization based in Dhaka wishes to appoint Cleaning & Forwarding Agent for its office use. The goods may be cleared/shipped for this privilege organization from ZIA International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka, ICD Kamulapur & Customs House Chittagong. Interested C & F Agent may apply with their elaborate rates to "G.P.O. Box 64, Ramna, Dhaka" Bangladesh by 10th January, 2002. Agents will be appointed on yearly basis. The office reserves the right to appoint/cancel any application stating no reason.

Appointment of Courier Service Agent An International Organization based in Dhaka wishes to appoint International Courier Service Agent for its office use. Most of the shipments will be sent to the Philippines, USA, UK & rest of the world. Interested International Courier Agents may apply with their elaborate rates to "G.P.O. Box 64, Ramna, Dhaka" Bangladesh by 10th January, 2002. Agents will be appointed on yearly basis. The office reserves the right to appoint/cancel any application without stating any reason.

Year-long golden jubilee celebration of Asiatic Society begins today

BSS, Dhaka President Prof. AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury will inaugurate a year-long golden jubilee celebrations of Bangladesh Asiatic Society here today.

Banglapaedia, the national encyclopaedia of Bangladesh, will be published on January 3, 2003, the last day of the golden jubilee celebrations.

This was disclosed by Asiatic Society officials at a press conference at the National Press Club here yesterday.

A research book consisting of 27 articles will be published on the inaugural day on the basis of 30 years' achievements of Bangladesh in different fields.

A total of ten volumes of Banglapaedia will be published in English and Bengali in 8,000 pages. Forty scholars have been working to implement the Banglapaedia project at a cost of take 10 crore.

Prof. Sirajul Islam is working as Project Director and Chief Editor of Banglapaedia. The model volume of Banglapaedia will be published at the end of next month.

The press conference was addressed by Prof. Abdul Momin Chowdhury, president of the society, Prof. Shahjahan Miah, former general secretary and Prof. Sirajul Islam, former president and chairman of the media committee of the society.

The inaugural function will be addressed by Prof AH Dani of Pakistan, renowned Krishibid Dr KM Badruddoza, Prof. Aswini Kumar Roy of Jawaharlal University of India and Dr David Luden of Pennsylvania University. Prof Dani is a founder member of the society.

64 English teaching centres to be set up

BSS, Dhaka Education Minister Dr Osman Faruk yesterday said that 64 English Teaching Centres would be set up in 64 districts next month for expanding English education in the country.

"The government has given English the status of second language since English became essential in the current age of open economy," he said this while inaugurating a training course on "Communicative English for Today" in Dhaka College auditorium here.

The Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Directorate organised the training course in collaboration with Dhaka College.

Saudi doctors to perform cardiac surgery at CMH

UNB, Dhaka A seven-member cardiac surgery team of Saudi Arabia will participate in a joint exercise at the Cardiovascular Surgery Department of the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) here from January 16-30.

Patients with relevant documents have been requested to register their name from 7:30 am to 2:00 pm on all working days with the Cardiovascular Surgery Department of CMH, Dhaka Cantonment. The contact telephone number is 9870011, Extension-3528, 3324, 3472 and 3422.

Presided over by the Secretary of Education Mohammad Shahidul Alam, the function was addressed by the Director General of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Directorate Dr A T M Sharif Ullah and Principal of Dhaka College Prof Khair Uddin Ahmed.

The Minister said there is huge demand of our skilled manpower abroad but the out goers are sometimes can not speak or write in English.

A total of 30 students will take part in the three-month long training course.

Call to join today's mass convention

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of the National Committee on Oil-Gas Resource Protection for the National Interest yesterday urged the conscious countrymen to join the mass convention being held at the city's Osmani Udyan today to protest the government's decision of exporting gas.

In a joint statement, Engineer Sheikh Md. Shahidullah and Dr Golam Mohiuddin, convener and member-secretary of the committee respectively said they have organised the convention so that the people can establish their control over the country's natural resources. "We urge the people to come forward to resist the imperialistic conspiracy of exporting gas and the uneven production-sharing contracts with multinational companies," they said.

BUET, Tuskegee Varsity sign MOU

AMemorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) and Tuskegee University, Alabama, USA was signed at the Vice-Chancellor's Office in Dhaka on December 30, a press release said.

Prof Dr Nooruddin Ahmed, vice-chancellor, and Prof Dr Mahmud Helali, director, advisory extension and research services, BUET and Dr Shaik Jeelani, vice-president, research and support programmes, Tuskegee University signed the MOU on behalf of the respective universities.

Under the MOU the two universities will cooperate with each other in the field of research, development, training, transfer of technology and dissemination of knowledge on long term basis.

Vacancy A part-time teacher is required for teaching Maths and Bengali to the English medium students of class IV-VII in a coaching centre. For details please contact: Tel: 017803597, till the 13th January 2002. C-11

Extension of the Period of Submitting Tender Ministry of Labour and Employment Planning Cell (Labour) "Eradication of Hazardous Child Labour in Bangladesh (EHCLB) Project" Room No-1001, Building No-6, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka

A tender notice for conducting survey on children aged between 5-18 years engaged in various hazardous sectors in Dhaka and Chittagong Metropolitan City was published in The Daily Star and the Prothom Alo in 9-12-2001 and in 23-12-2001 respectively. The last date of purchasing & submitting tender was scheduled on 31 December, 2001. Now the Ministry of Labour and Employment has decided to extend the period of purchasing tender schedule up to 15-01-2002 by 12.00 hours & submission of that on 16-01-2002 by 12.00 hours in the office of the undersigned. The other terms and conditions of the tender notice will remain the same published as earlier. A N M Abdullah Deputy Chief (Labour) (Deputy Secretary) & Project Director Eradication of Hazardous Child Labour in Bangladesh Ministry of Labour and Employment Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka. DFP-32117-31/12 G-17

JOB VACANCY Project Coordinator CARE BANGLADESH CARE Bangladesh invites applications from qualified candidates for the position of Project Coordinator - Disaster Management Project. This is a senior position based in Dhaka with approximately 30% field travel. The Project Coordinator will: Ensure effective Programmatic, Administrative and Financial planning and implementation of a disaster management project. Critically observe existing project activities, effect and strategy and initiate development as necessary. Ensure effective and efficient communication, representation, donor liaison, partnering and networking. Foster synergy across specific projects. Requirements & Competencies: Masters degree in an appropriate field. At least 08 years experience including, 3 years direct supervision of disaster preparedness and response projects. Excellent verbal and written communication in Bangla and English. Trained in project design and substantively participated in a project design exercise. Has considerable experience in donor representation. Can manage multi-year grants and has knowledge of donor compliance. Performance Management of managerial staff, has supervised minimum three key staff. Has monitoring and evaluation experience for emergency projects. Networking at national level: Knowledge and experience in liaison with GOB and NGO counterparts and development partners; able to coordinate with appropriate stakeholders and involve them in planning, monitoring and evaluation of project activities. Compensation take home package is Tk. 49,000 per month. Also other admissible benefits as per organizational policy. Interested candidates are requested to apply with a forwarding letter mentioning two referees, detailed bio-data, contact telephone # and a copy of photograph to the Advertiser, Box No: A-28 C/O. The Daily Star, 19, Karwan Bazar within January 16, 2002. (QUALIFIED WOMEN CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY) ANY PERSUASION WILL BE TREATED AS THE DISQUALIFICATION OF THE CANDIDATE

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Directorate of Environment Plot No. E/16, Agargaon Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207 No. Environ/Tech (cli.cha)-403/2000 (2nd part)/2922 Dated: 12-09-1408 BS/26-12-2001 Sub: Re-invitation of Proposal for Consultancy Proposals are invited from bona fide consulting firms having registered office in Bangladesh for consultancy service at the Project titled "Country Case Study on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Assessment in Bangladesh." Bid document consisting description of different works of the project, consultants' educational & professional qualification in different matters, share of work etc. can be collected free of cost from Room No. 504 of the head office at Dhaka of the Directorate of Environment (E-16, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207) during office hours on all working days up to 15 January 2002. Interested consulting firms are requested to deposit the proposal on providing consultancy service consisting curriculum vitae of specialists stating their educational & professional qualification, experience & expected honorarium as per term & description in the bid document at Room No.504 of the head office at Dhaka of the Directorate of Environment (E-16, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207) within office hours by 16 January 2002. Technical proposal & financial proposal should be deposited in separate sealed covers. "Technical Proposal" & "Financial Proposal" must be superscribed on envelopes consisting technical proposal & financial proposal, respectively. The authority reserves the right to reject any proposal or all proposals without assigning any reason. Incomplete proposal will be treated as cancelled outright. DFP-31875-27/12 G-08 Project Director

ARAB BANGLADESH BANK LTD. HEAD OFFICE, DHAKA. WITHOUT PREJUDICE (FOR INFORMATION OF ALL CONCERNED) NOTICE FOR FILING OF CRIMINAL CASE AND ATTACHMENT OF MORTGAGED PROPERTIES UPON MR. MOTIUR RAHMAN, PROPRIETOR OF M/S. MATIUR RAHMAN, H. M. M. ROAD, JESSORE. Mr. Matiur Rahman, H. M. M. Road, Jessore was allowed different types of credit facilities from time to time including TR facility from our Jessore Branch, Jessore. Total outstanding is Tk.2.02 crore with interest up to 31.03.98. The loan is secured by the following schedule of properties: - SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTIES (a) 8.25 decimals of land situated within the District - Jessore, P.S. Kotwali, J. L. No.92, Mouza: Ghope, C. S. Plot 191, S. A. Plot No.146, C. S. Khatian No.71, S. A. Khatian No.89 of Noapara Road along with 3 (three) storied residential building constructed thereon. The property belonging to Mrs. Sabina Rahman and Mr. Mostafizur Rahman. (b) 29.24 decimals of land at Plot No. CS - 119, S.A. Plot No.146, CS Khatian No.71, SA No.89, and 19.51 decimal land at Plot No.CS-191, SA - 89, (total 49.24 decimal,) with newly constructed 2 (two) storied residential building. The property belonging to (i) Mst. Saleha Begum (ii) Mr. Md. Mustafizur Rahman (iii) Mr. Md. Mahabubur Rahman (iv) Mr. Md. Anisur Rahman (v) Mr. Md. Matiur Rahman (vi) Mr. Md. Moshir Rahman, (vii) Mst. Rausan Ara Begum (viii) Mst. Monwara Begum (ix) Mst. Akhtari Begum. Mr. Matiur Rahman did not come forward to pay the bank's dues in spite of our repeated requests and reminders and as such Bank was compelled to file suit in the Court of Subordinate Judge and Artha Rin Adalat, Jessore and Bank has already obtained final decree in the Title Suit NO.16/98 for recovery of Tk.202.77 lac through sale of the mortgaged properties by auction. It may be mentioned here that Mr. Matiur Rahman committed breach of trust by not depositing the proceeds of TR facility availed which tantamount to a criminal offence that is to be tried under Cr. P. C. Even then, Bank has given various opportunities including waiver of interest, long term repayment schedule but every time he has failed although he has committed many a times. Bank has now decided to file Criminal Case against Mr. Matiur Rahman and pursue for issuance of warrant to arrest him in addition to attachment of mortgaged properties on filing of Execution Suit to sell out the same through auction. If the value of the mortgaged properties is not adequate to cover the outstanding dues of the Bank, Bank will also look for other movable & immovable properties for attachment. In view of the above our appeal to the general public is not to come in to any agreement with the aforesaid borrower and mortgagor on mortgaged properties as mentioned above. This is MOST URGENT. VICE PRESIDENT