

Static TFR threat to demography

UNFPA launches training manual on reproductive health

UNB, Dhaka

As the country's total fertility rate (TFR) remained static at 3.3 since 1994 posing a threat to demography, a function here yesterday stressed on gender equity and equality to overcome the situation.

The TFR remained stagnant since long although contraceptive prevalence rate (CPR) has increased notably in last few years, observed UNFPA Representative Suneta Mukherjee pointing out some reasons behind it.

She said that very low prevalence of contraceptive use among male, gender discrimination, high desired level of male child and inaccessibility of women in reproductive health services have created the TFR stagnancy.

The UNFPA representative was speaking at the launching ceremony of the Bengali version training manual on 'Reproductive Health for All: Taking Account of Power Dynamics between Men and Women' at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

UNFPA, European Commission (EC) and the government jointly released the training manual designed to sensitize senior level policymakers and programme managers to understand and address gender issues in re-

productive health (RH). EC Second Secretary Hans Rhein, Joint Chief (Planning) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Mukhtar Majumder, Mozaharul Islam Khan of UNFPA and representative of development partners implementing RH and gender issues attended the function.

The press conference was told that the manual would help raise awareness of the field level service providers and community level workers to understand impact of gender issues relating to health within the current socioeconomic condition.

Speaking at the function, the UNFPA representative mentioned reproductive rights and gender as an integral part of reproductive health which ultimately contribute to the development of individual well being and peace based on mutual respect and understanding.

Terming TFR stagnancy as a matter of concern, Joint Chief of Planning Mukhtar Majumder said the government has taken the population growth issue seriously and introduced method-mix of contraceptive. He hoped to bring down the rate to 2.2 by 2005.



PHOTO: STAR

UNFPA launched a training manual on 'Reproductive Health for All: Taking Account of Power Dynamics between Men and Women' at the National Press Club yesterday.

US-Bangladesh workshop begins in Gazipur today

UNB, Dhaka

A four-day US-Bangladesh workshop on 'Issues of Land, Water and Environment in the Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna Delta of Bangladesh' begins at BRAC centre in Rajshahi today.

State Minister for Science and Technology Lutfor Rahman Khan will inaugurate the workshop, jointly organised by the Ministry of Science and Technology and National Science Foundation of USA.

The main objective of the workshop is to carry out long-term research work with US-Bangladesh joint collaboration on different aspects like biology, ecology, water resources, immigration, arsenic contamination, environment socio-economic aspects of population dynamics and agriculture of the GBM delta of Bangladesh.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the second death anniversary of eminent lawyer Sabita Ranjan Pal, popularly known as SR Pal.

The SR Pal Smriti Sangrakkhan Nagarik Committee will hold a discussion at the Supreme Court Lawyers' Association Auditorium at 4:30pm on February 3 to mark the death anniversary.

Chief Justice Mahmudul Amin Chowdhury will attend the discussion as chief guest while chairman of the Bangladesh Law Commission Justice ATM Afzal will be present as guest of honour.

1344 more held

BSS, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,344 persons and eight listed terrorists from across the country and seized 16 arms from their possession during the last 24 hours ending 6:00 am yesterday.

Of them, 699 persons were wanted by police while 621 arrested in connection with cases under investigation.

Police also arrested 15 persons with 13 firearms and seized 29 rounds of bullet from their possession. Eight cases under arms act were lodged.



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Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal held a rally at Paltan Maidan in the city yesterday to mark the 66th birth anniversary of late President Ziaur Rahman.

Hasina's address to nation 'Govt interferes in freedom of speech'

UNB, Dhaka

Former State Minister for Information Prof. Abu Sayeed yesterday lashed out at the ruling BNP-Jamaat coalition government for, what he said, its naked interference in free flow of information and freedom of speech.

"It's now clear that the government does not believe in freedom of expression, a right ensured by the constitution," he said in a statement, referring to the government's "pressure" on electronic media not to air Sheikh Hasina's speech marking the completion of its 100-day programme.

The Awami League leader recalled that the opposition was also denied access to the national electronic media during the tenure of Khaleda Zia's government (1991-96).

Abu Sayeed alleged that BNP talks about democracy, freedom of speech and free flow of information, but in practice, their behaviour is undemocratic and autocratic.

During the tenure of Awami League government (1996-2001), he said, the then government had invited then opposition leader Khaleda Zia on a number of occasions to take part in TV programmes, but she had chosen the path of anarchy and conspiracy instead of accepting the invitations.

Milad mahfil

A milad mahfil will be held at Chadni Karnapara, Savar after Jorh prayers today on the occasion of first death anniversary of Begum Jahanaara Abdulla, wife of late Justice Abu Md Abdulla, says a press release.

Relatives and well-wishers have been requested to attend the milad and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

"Even BTU camera was damaged and the crew were not allowed to cover Khaleda Zia's programmes," he added.

Now that clique after assuming power not only obstructed transmission of Sheikh Hasina's address to the nation on the state-run electronic media, but also imposed unofficial censorship on private TV channels preventing them from airing it.

Sayeed said the government has employed this dirty trick fearing that their acts of repression, terrorism, killing, rape, anti-people activities, undemocratic, autocratic and one-party rule would be made public.

Dr Shahana dead

UNB, Dhaka

Dr Shahana Zaman, director of Chawkbazar Shishu Hospital run by Dhaka City Corporation, died of a cardiac arrest at her Lalmitia residence yesterday at the age of 55.

Dr Shahana is survived by her husband, Dr Anisuzzaman of Dhaka Mahanagar Hospital, and two daughters.

She was buried at the Mirpur Martyred Intellectual Graveyard.

City Mayor Mohammad Hanif along with DCC chief executive and other officials visited the residence of late Dr Shahana and expressed sympathy to the bereaved family members.

Shamsunnahar Khan

Begum Shamsunnahar Khan, wife of late Abul Hossain Khan, died of lung cancer at Salahuddin Hospital in Dhanmondi last night at the age of 80, says a press release.

Her namaj-e-janaza will be held at Gandaria Mosque after Zohr prayers today.

She left behind five sons, four daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn her death.

Jilani chairman of Mother Teresa Peace Mission

Syed Ghulam Jilani, chairman of the Asian Development Corporation, was unanimously elected chairman of 'Mother Teresa Peace Mission' in Bangladesh at a meeting held in the city recently, says a press release.

A life-member of the Red Crescent Society, Jilani is associated with many international socio-cultural, sports, educational and humanitarian organisations.

In recognition of his services to humanity, he was honoured with the International Award by the United Nations.

Sakhawat Memorial School celebrates founding day

The Sakhawat Memorial Girls' High School celebrated its 90th founding anniversary on the school premises in Kolkata recently and a 'Moitree Mela' was held on the occasion, says a press release.

A 15-member delegation of the Sakhawat Memorial Girls' High School Alumni Association, Dhaka, attended the programmes.

The delegation members included Prof. Husna Banu Khanum, Prof. Kulsum Huda, Prof. Latifa Akanda, Prof. Nausaba Khatoun, Prof. Sultana Sarwatara Zaman, Mahera Rahman, Sayema Chowdhury, and Feroza Khatun.

DHAKA TODAY

Inaugural ceremony
The inaugural ceremony of the Intercollegiate Scientific Conference-2002 will be held with President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: Bangladesh-China Friendship Centre, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 7:00 pm.

Preparatory meeting
A preparatory meeting of former students of Habiganj Government High School now residing in Dhaka will be held in connection with their alumni reunion. Venue: BMA Bhaban, Time: 6:00 pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

MSS seminar
The Legislative Support Service Project of MSS will hold a seminar on 'Women's Representation in Parliament' with Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed in the chair. Venue: LGED Bhaban, Agrargang. Time: 10:00 am.

IUBAT seminar
The International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) will organise a seminar on 'Challenges to Engineering Education' to be led by Dr Rezaul Karim, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia. Venue: H-135, Road-9A, Dhanmondi. Time: 4:30 pm.

Convocation
The 8th Convocation of Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons will be held with Prime Minister Khaleda Zia as chief guest. Venue: Bangladesh-China Friendship Centre, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 3:00 pm.

Closing session
The Closing Session of the Orientation Programme for Newly Elected Members of the 8th Parliament of Bangladesh will be held. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

Rotary meeting
Regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka North will be held. Venue: Sonargaon. Time: 6:00 pm.

National council
The 28th National Council of Bangladesh Chhatra Union will begin. It will be inaugurated by singer Abdul Latif. Venue: Aparajeo Bangla, University of Dhaka. Time: 11:30 am.

APNIC seminar
Spectra Solutions Limited in cooperation with the Asia Pacific Network Information Centre, Australia will hold a training seminar for Bangladeshi Internet Engineers. Venue: Sena Kalyan Bhaban, Motijheel.

WEATHER TODAY

Temperature may rise

UNB, Dhaka

Light rain or drizzle is likely at one or two places over Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and the region of Faridpur during the second half period today.

Weather may remain dry elsewhere over the country, Met office said, adding that night temperature may rise by 1-3 degree Celsius over the country.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 29.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Chittagong and the lowest of 08.0 degree at Srimangol.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:42 pm today and rises at 6:42am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

| City/Town | Temperature in Celsius | | Humidity in percentage | |
|-------------|------------------------|------|------------------------|---------|
| | Max | Min | Morning | Evening |
| Dhaka | 25.8 | 12.7 | 80 | 51 |
| Chittagong | 29.0 | 12.5 | 62 | 60 |
| Rajshahi | 26.3 | 09.6 | 87 | 61 |
| Khulna | 28.2 | 12.0 | 68 | 62 |
| Barisal | 26.5 | 09.7 | 89 | 73 |
| Sylhet | 25.0 | 11.7 | 71 | 57 |
| Cox's Bazar | 28.0 | 13.5 | 56 | 58 |

INVITATION FOR TENDERS

- Bangladesh Power Development Board is pleased to inform that Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh has approved a development project 'Greater Chittagong Power Distribution Project (GCPDP) Phase-III' for extension, renovation and reinforcement of existing electrical networks of Chittagong Metropolitan City Area and its adjacent industrial area and Cox's Bazar town area. In the Project proforma there is a provision for Supply and Installation of 36 KV Capacitor Bank for Reactive Power Compensation to be carried out under the Project. The People's Republic of Bangladesh (hereinafter referred to as borrower) has received a loan from Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED) towards the cost of Greater Chittagong Power Distribution Project, Phase-III and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to eligible payment under the contract for which the letter of invitation is issued.
- This tender consists of the followings:
The goods, materials and equipment to be supplied, installed and commissioning hereinafter referred to as 'the works' are as follows:
a) Supply, design, manufacturing, factory testing, packing installation, commissioning of 36 KV 240 MVAR Capacitor Bank and Associate Switchgears for Reactive Power Compensation with necessary Civil Works at Shahmipur, Bakalia, Baraulia, Julda, Dohazari, Cox's Bazar & Hathazari Substations for Reactive Power Compensation.
b) Supply of a set of reference engineering and design standards.
- Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) the executing agency now invites sealed Tender in 2 (Two) envelope tendering system for the works as described above for the purposes of the project on turnkey basis.
- The tenderer must submit a tender for the main offer. Alternative tenders, which do not conform to the specifications but meet the performance prescribed in, or the objectives of, the specifications may be submitted. However only the alternative tender of the tenderer whose main tender is the lowest evaluated tender will be considered.
- This invitation to tender is open to all tenderers. The successful tenderer will be expected to complete the works within 24 months from the date of signing of the contract.
- A two envelope tendering procedure will be followed.
A two-envelope tendering procedure will be followed. One envelope marked "Technical Proposal" will consist of the technical aspects only without any reference to prices and the other envelope marked "Financial Proposal" will consist of the financial details.
Both the Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal must be delivered to the Secretary (BPDB) in accordance with Clause 10.2 not later than 11:00 am local time on the date notified in the Invitation for Tenders. The Technical Proposal will be opened immediately thereafter in public the presence of the tenderers' representatives who may choose to be present and the date for the opening of the Financial Proposal will be advised in due course.
After approval from BPDB the Technical Proposals which are not substantially responsive will be rejected and the respective Financial Proposals shall be returned unopened. The Financial Proposals of the remaining Tenderers will then be opened in public without any prior discussions between Tenderers and the Employer. Both the Technical and Financial Proposal must be delivered simultaneously to the following address:
Original plus 5 copies to: The Secretary, Bangladesh Power Development Board, WAPDA Building (1st Floor), Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000.
- Interested eligible tenderers may obtain further information from the Project Director, Greater Chittagong Power Distribution Project, Bidyut Bhaban (2nd Floor), 1212 Sheikh Mujib Road, Agrabad, Chittagong, Bangladesh. (Telephone & Fax No. 031-720299, E-mail: pdgcpdb@globalctg.net).
- A complete set of tender documents may be purchased by any interested tenderers on the submission of a written application to the Director, Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh on payment of non-refundable fee of Bangladesh Taka 15,000 (fifteen thousand) only in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of Director, Purchase, BPDB.
- Tender document will be available for sale from 19/1/2002 in the office of Director, Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh during office hours. No tender document will be sold after 19/3/2002 nor it will be sent by post.
- Sealed Tenders must be accompanied by a tender security of the sum not less than US Dollar 20,000.00 (twenty thousand only) or an equivalent amount in freely convertible currency, payable in favour of Secretary, BPDB and must be delivered to the BPDB at or before the deadline for submission of tenders in the form of Bank Guarantee issued by or authenticated by any scheduled bank of Bangladesh.
- Tender will be received up to BST 11:00 AM on 20/03/2002 and Technical Proposals will be opened in the presence of tenderers' representative who choose to attend the opening of the tenders at 11:15 AM (BST) on the same date at the office of Secretary, BPDB, WAPDA Building, (1st Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka. Financial Proposal will be recorded and kept unopened in safe custody. Financial Proposals of technically responsive Tenderers will be opened at a date to be notified later to the responsive tenderers.
- BPDB will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by tenderers in connection with the preparation or delivery of tenders including costs and expenses related to visits to the sites of installations of the works.
- Tenders sent by Post/DHL/Fax etc. or submitted late will neither be received nor it will be considered for acceptance.
- BPDB reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or to annul the tendering process without mentioning any reason whatsoever.

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Bangladesh Power Development Board,
WAPDA Building,
Dhaka.

Mahbubur Rahman
Additional Director General (Employment)
(Incharge)

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Bureau of Manpower Employment & Training
89/2, Kakrail, Dhaka-1000

No. ESRL-151/82/(Part-1)/150 Dated: 19.01.2002

Subject: Notice for Cancellation of Recruiting Agency Licence

This is for information of all concerned that as per power conferred under Section 14 of the emigration ordinance, 1982, the Government have been pleased to cancel the Recruiting Agency Licence No. RL-034 of M/s. Mohammed Ullah Chowdhury Est. Ltd., 47, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000 and to forfeit their security money with immediate effect vide the Ministry of Labour and Employment's letter No. S-12/RL-39/98/06, dated 05.01.2002.

Any complain or financial claim against the said Recruiting Agency may be submitted along with valid document to the Director General, Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training, 89/2, Kakrail, Dhaka-1000 or to the Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka-1000 within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice.

BCIC International Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অঙ্গতির প্রতীক

Managing Director, Zia Fertilizer Company Limited (ZFCL), Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria-3403 invites sealed quotation in two envelope system for supply of the following items on C&F (C) Chittagong basis:

| Sl No | Tender Enquiry Number | Items | Date & time of closing /opening | Tender documents value in Tk. |
|-------|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. | ZFCL/OS-2257 | 22,000.00 Ltrs. Anion Exchange Resin Country of origin: Japan/G-7 /EU countries only. | 04-03-2002 at 2:30 PM | 750/- |
| 2. | ZFCL/OS-2200 | Dew point meter | 06-03-2002 at 2:30 PM | 400/- |
| 3. | ZFCL/OS-2232 | Copper Alloy Flexible Tube with fittings on both end. Made in G-7/EU countries only | 06-03-2002 at 2:30 PM | 400/- |

Tender documents with detail terms and conditions will be available from (1) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka (2) BCIC Branch Office, 6-Agrabad C/A, Chittagong and (3) ZFCL on cash payment. No tender document will be sold on the opening date. Quotation will be opened immediately after closing.

ZFCL reserves the right to accept/reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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General Manager (Commercial)
For Managing Director

BPDB's Local Tender Notice

Sealed local tenders are invited by the Bangladesh Power Development Board from reputed supplier/local agent of overseas manufacturers for supply & installation of Micro Computer, Printers Bangla Software, UPS, AVR etc. different offices under BPDB.

| Sl. No. | Tender Enquiry No & Date | Description of Materials | Cost of Tender Documents (Taka) | Tender Receiving Date |
|---------|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 01. | Pur-244/01-02/Rev. dt 12.01.2001 | 30 nos. Micro Computer, 13 nos. Laser Printer, 20 nos. Dot Printer & other Accessories. | 1,000/- | 19.02.2002 |

- A complete set of tender document may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of written application and upon payment of non-refundable fee of Taka 1,000/- in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of Director, Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
- Bidding documents will be available for sale from the office of the undersigned during office hour up to 18.02.2002.
- Offer must be accompanied by a bid security of 2.5% (two & half per cent) of total bid amount and must be delivered to the above office on or before 11.00 AM Bangladesh Standard Time (BST). The validity of bid and bid bond shall be 150 days & 180 days respectively.
- Tender will be received up to 11.00 AM on 19.02.2002 and will be opened at 11:30 AM on the same day in presence of the intending bidders or their representatives if any at the office of Director, Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
- Bids submitted by Post/Fax or Telex will be rejected bids submitted beyond scheduled.
- The expenditure will be booked against Central Budget (2001-2002) for Procurement of Computer.

Biddat Jan-1441(5)/01-02
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Director of Purchase
BPDB, Dhaka