

DHAKA
TODAY

Film show

German Cultural Centre in collaboration with the Chalchitra Film Society will screen two films 'Farewell to Agnes' and 'The Border Guard' as part of its programme titled 'Ostdeutschland heute' (East Germany Today). Venue: Goethe-Institut, House-10, Road-9, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.30pm.

Painting exhibition

'Artificial', an exhibition of paintings by German artist Ilse Hilpert, will begin. The show will remain open from 2.00pm to 8.00pm daily till February 24. Venue: Gallery 21.

DRU talk

Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Advocate Abdul Hamid will deliver a talk on 'State of Politics in Bangladesh' at the Meet the Reporters programme organised by the Dhaka Reporters' Unity. Venue: DRU auditorium. Time: 11.00am.

Publication ceremony

The Publication ceremony of 'Manush Mohottam Shilpa', a book of verses by Tahmidul Islam, will be held. Venue: Writers' Corner, Bangla Academy. Time: 4.30pm.

Drawing competition

Zia Shishu Academy organises a drawing competition for the children on the occasion of 50th anniversary of Language Movement. Venue: Academy premises, Aziz Cooperative Housing, 72 Purana Paltan Lane. Time: 2.00pm.

Discussion

Bangladesh Lekhak Shibir organises a discussion on 50 years of Language Movement to mark the 59th birth anniversary of litterateur Akhtiaruzaman Ilyas. Venue: Modern Language Institute auditorium, Dhaka University. Time: 3.30pm.

Musical programme

Balyashiksha presents a solo musical programme of folk songs of Rangpur by Mita. Venue: Balyashiksha auditorium, Ka-16/A Nadda, Gulshan. Time: 6.00pm.

Cultural function

Left Democratic Front will hold a discussion and a cultural function on the occasion of 50th anniversary of Language Movement. Venue: Dhaka Workers Party central office, 31/F Topkhana Road. Time: 4.00pm.

Discussion

Bangladesh Awami Ainjibi Parishad will hold a discussion to mark the 50 years of Language Movement. Venue: Dhaka Bar Association auditorium. Time: 3.00pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka will be held. Rtn. PDG Emdad Ul Haq will speak on 'Visit to Uganda'. Venue: Sonargono Hotel. Time: 5.00pm.

Rotary Club of Ramna

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Ramna will be held. Faiz Ahmed will be present as guest speaker. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5.30pm.

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TOMORROW

Concert

Alliance Francaise de Dhaka presents a concert by French singer Eric Vincent. Venue: Alliance Francaise premises. Time: 7.00pm.

Film Show

Two films 'The Forgiveness' and 'Not a Love Song' will be shown as part of a programme, 'Ostdeutschland heute' (East Germany Today), organised by the German Cultural Centre and the Chalchitra Film Society. Venue: Goethe-Institut, House-10, Road-9, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.30pm.

Discussion

A discussion titled 'Recognition of 21st February as International Mother Language Day is the diplomatic achievement of Sheikh Hasina' will be held with former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria as chief guest. Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote has organised the discussion. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 4.00pm.



Bangladesh Chhatra League formed a human chain in front of the National Press Club yesterday protesting the distortion of history in the textbooks of this academic year.

Makhan's death anniversary observed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 8th death anniversary of Abdul Qudus Makhan, a member of Swadhin Bangla Chhatra Sangram Parishad, an organiser of the Liberation War, a former general secretary of DUCSU and a former member of parliament, was observed on Sunday.

Environment and Forest Minister Shajahan Siraj placed wreath at the grave of Makhan at the city's Muktiyoddha grave yard in the morning.

Rabeya Siraj, a member of BNP central executive committee, Hasmat Jahan, wife of late Makhan, Akhter Yusuf, a veteran journalist and people from different walks of life were present on the occasion.

A special monajat was held for peace and salvation of the departed soul.

Jatiya Bir Abdul Makhan Smriti Parishad, Brahmanbaria Zilla Samity and other socio-cultural organisations also placed wreath at the grave.

Directive to monitor supply, use of acid

BSS, Dhaka

The government has asked the district administrations to take measures on an emergency basis to monitor the distribution and use of acid by the authorised organisations.

The Ministry of Women and Children Affairs has issued letters to the deputy commissioners asking them to take steps to check the use and supply of acid and to report back to the Ministry on their actions concerning the issue.

The letters contained directives to the officers concerned to regularly monitor collection, distribution and use of acid by authorised organisations.

The deputy commissioners have been asked to entrust concerned magistrates and other officials at district and upazila levels with the task of monitoring.

The responsible officers will submit monthly reports to their respective deputy commissioners after collection of registers having

records of stock, supply, chalan and sale of acid and detailed distributions by the organisations concerned and visit installations of buyers and users.

Legal actions will be taken against responsible persons of the concerned organisations if any discrepancy regarding stock, distribution and use of acid is found and also against owners and officers of concerned organisations if cases of selling acid and supplying it to any unauthorised organisations or individuals are detected.

The government's directives to curb the inhuman crime came after a series of recent inter-ministerial meetings at the Home Ministry, Law Ministry and Women and Children Affairs Ministry.

The meetings were of unanimous view that the incidents of acid-throwing were going on due to easy availability of acid and women and children were mainly subjected to acid violence.

Acid throwers mainly collect harmful sulphuric acid, nitric acid, carbolic acid and hydrochloric acid from laboratories of educational institutions and battery repair and jewellery workshops.

CU vacation Begins Feb 16

CU CORRESPONDENT

The Chittagong University (CU) will remain closed from February 16 to 28 on the occasion of Saraswati Puja, Ekushey February and Eid-ul-Azha, university sources said.

All classes and examinations scheduled for February 16 and 17 were suspended for the Saraswati Puja.

And the eight-day vacation beginning February 21 is due to Ekushey February and Eid-ul-Azha.

The university will reopen on March 2, sources said.

RU vacation from Feb 17

BSS, Rajshahi

Rajshahi University (RU) will remain closed for 11 days from February 17 to 27 on the occasion of Saraswati Puja, International Mother Language Day and Eid-ul-Azha.

Classes and offices of the University will resume on February 28, official sources said yesterday.

Meherun Nessa dead



Meherun Nessa Islam, an eminent educationist, women rights activists, writer and social worker, died of old-age complications at the

Red Crescent Holy Family Hospital in the city on February 10 at the age of 82, says a press release.

A former teacher of Sakhawati Memorial School in Kolkata, Meherun Nessa was involved with the Mahila Parishad, Nari Grantha Prabartana, Women for Women, Zonta International and many other national and international organisations.

Meherun Nessa is survived by one daughter, two sons and seven grandchildren.

She was buried at the Banani graveyard.

Her qualkhwani will be held on February 13 after Asr prayers at her Eastern Housing residence, 41 Eskaton Garden.

Raihan Uddin Ahmed

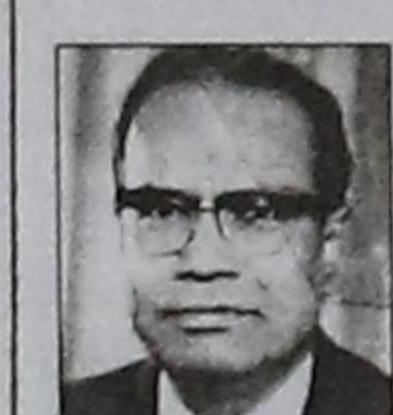


Commander Raihan Uddin Ahmed, a former Navy officer, died at his residence at DOHS, Mohakhali on February 10 at the age of

71, says a press release.

He is survived by two sons and daughters.

A M Motaharul Haq



A M Motaharul Haq (Sujan), Director of BDC, died at BIRDEM hospital in the city on Sunday at the age of 83, says a press release.

His qualkhwani will be held after Maghrib prayers tomorrow at his residence at House No. 36, Road No. 26, Gulshan.

Govt firm to phase out obsolete vehicles

UNB, Dhaka

The government will stick to its decision to phase out obsolete motor vehicles from the city and to completely stop their movement after February 18.

The ongoing drive against outmoded and black smoke-emitting motor vehicles started on January 1 with a view to containing air pollution in the capital city, which environmentalists often brand as a 'gas chamber.'

There are reports that a number of old vehicles, that earlier disappeared in the face of police action, returned to streets in new make-up and with forged documents, taking advantage of the persisting crisis of public transport in the transitional period.

An official handout also warned that stern actions would be taken against those who are trying to operate unfit automobiles using forged documents and false number plates.

Meanwhile, an inquiry committee has been formed to investigate the press reports about old vehicles honking out again into the streets on forged documents.

New president of BMSP

Md Enamul Haque, General Manager of ASA, was elected president of the Bangladesh Manobadhikar Samonny Parishad (BMSP) unopposed for 2002-2004 on February 7, says a press release.

The elected vice presidents are Nasrin Sultana, AKM Abul Kashem, Stephen K Halder, Sandhya Roy and Md Khurshid Alam.

And Md Shamsuddin was elected treasurer unopposed.

The executive members are M H Hazari, Mahfuza Akram Chowdhury, MA Majid, Mosharaf Hossain Chowdhury, Emdad Hossain Malek, Ashalata Baidya, Lutfor Rahman and MA Jabbar.

People having specific information about such forgeries have been requested to inform the BRTA authority.

A special drive has been on to examine fitness and renew licenses of mechanised three-wheelers registered after January 1, 1993. Stickers will be given to those autorickshaws, tempos and 'mishuks' which will be found fit.

After the special drive tougher steps will be taken to stop plying of automobiles without valid and updated fitness certificates in the capital city.

The official announcement reaffirmed government strictness to free city air from vehicular emission, solve traffic congestion and restore discipline in transport sector.

Traffic department has continued its special drive to make sure that obsolete automobiles do not ply the city and quite a number of such vehicles have been seized so far.

AL-backed panel sweeps Ctg Bar Council polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

The Opposition-backed panel has swept the election of Chittagong Bar Council, bagging all the executive posts.

The joint panel of main opposition Awami League and the left-leaning parties won the 18 posts. The election was held amid great enthusiasm on Sunday.

Senior lawyer Shaiful Alam was elected president bagging 612 votes while his rival AKM Harunur Rashid backed by BNP-led alliance got 404 votes.

Advocate Nazmul Ahsan Khan was elected general secretary. He got 755 votes while his Md Ebadullah secured only 289 votes.

A total of 1056 lawyers, out of 1305, cast their vote.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

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Local Government Division

Urban Primary Health Care Project

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Invitation For Bids

For Preparation and Posting of Signboards

Ref:

Loan No. 1538 BAN (SF)

Date: 10 Feb 2002

- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan [vide Loan No. 1538 BAN (SF)] from the Asian Development Bank ("ADB") in various currencies towards the cost of Urban Primary Health Care Project. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for procurement of services for Preparing and Posting Signboards (the "Goods") for the Primary Health Care Centers (PHCCs) under the Project in Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi City Corporation areas.
- Project Director, Urban Primary Health Care Project for Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi City Corporations under Local Government Division of the Ministry of LGRD & Cooperatives now wishes to invite sealed bids through Local Competitive Bidding (LCB) from eligible bidders from member countries of ADB for the supply of the goods for the purposes of the project vide Tender No. LCB-PIU-200020. The nos. of Signboards: 420 pieces.
- A complete set of bidding documents with detailed specifications, terms & conditions may be purchased by any interested eligible bidder on the submission of a written application and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Tk 2000/- (Taka two thousand only) at the office of Project Director, Urban Primary Health Care Project, Room # 620, Nagar Bhaban, Fulbaria, Dhaka on all working days during normal office hours up to 26th Feb. 2002. The bidding document will also be sold during the same date and time by the office of Local Government Division, Room # 616/A, Building # 7, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka; and the office of the Chief Coordinator, UPHCP & Chief Health Officer, Dhaka City Corporation, Room # 223, Nagar Bhaban, Fulbaria, Dhaka. Eligible bidder from abroad (member countries of ADB) can make the payment of non-refundable fee of USD 100.00 (US Dollar one hundred) only as fee for document and dispatching the tender documents by courier service, to the STD A/C # 14, Janata Bank, Nagar Bhaban Branch, Fulbaria, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of 2.5% of Total Bid Price in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the Project Director, Urban Primary Health Care Project and must be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders on or before 01:00 p.m (local time) on 27th Feb '02. The bids will be received by the office of the Project Director-UPHCP, office of the Chief Coordinator, Chief Health Officer-Dhaka City Corporation and office of the Deputy Commissioner of Dhaka District. The bids will be publicly opened at 02:30 pm of the same day by the office of the Project Director in presence of those representatives of the bidders who will like to attend.
- The project authority will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.
- The authority reserves the right to accept any tender or to accept any part of the tender, or to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof and in such case no compensation will be entertained.

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Project Director-UPHCP

Sylhet Gas Fields Limited
(A Company of Petrobrangla)

গাছ বাপান, গাছ পরিচর্যা কর ন এবং
পরি বশ বাচান

"বিনা প্রয়োজ্ঞ ন গাছ সর সূচা জ্বালি য রাখা অপচয়,
অপচয়কারী শয়তান নর ভাই"

Ref No. 26.02.28(146) Dated: 13.10.1408 BS/26.01.2002

Short Tender Invitation Notice

- Tenders in prescribed form under sealed cover are hereby invited from civil works enlisted contractors of Public Works Department, Roads & Highways Department, Local Government Engineering Directorate, Directorate of Public Health Engineering, Housing Settlement Directorate, Bangladesh Railway, PDB, Shahjalal University of Science & Technology, MES and Petrobrangla & all its companies for the undermentioned works at Sylhet Gas Fields Limited head office, PO-Chiknagui, Dist-Sylhet and Kailashitla Gas Field, Golapganj, Sylhet & Rashidpur Gas Field, Bahubal, Habiganj under it:-

Sl No	Name of work	Estimated cost (in Taka)	Allotted time	Price of tender (non-refundable)	Minimum eligibility of tenderers
(A)	Extension & repair of 03 (three) 153.48 sq metre buildings at head office	Tk 21,80,365/-	Four months	Tk 1,000/-	1st class.
(B)	Extension of 2nd floor of 116.17 sq metre building at Kailashitla Gas Field	Tk 29,43,630/-	Four months	Tk 1,000/-	1st class
(C)	Construction of motor garage at Kailashitla Gas Field	Tk 8,67,527/-	Two months	Tk 500/-	1st/2nd class
(D)	Construction of Canteen/cum-Laudry room at Rashidpur Gas Field	Tk 8,53,415/-	Two months	Tk 500/-	1st/2nd class

- Interested tenderers can purchase tender schedule for the works at (A) & (B) from the undermentioned 2 (B) offices & tender schedule for all works from 2 (A) offices against cash payment during office hours up to 18.02.2002.
(A) Accounts & Finance Department, Head Office, Sylhet Gas Fields, Ltd, PO Chiknagui, Sylhet, Kailashitla Gas Field, Golapganj, Sylhet, Rashidpur Gas Field, Bahubal, Habiganj & Dhaka Liaison Office, House No 85, Road No. 11/A, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1209.

- (B) Offices of Petrobrangla & all its offices:
⇒ Accounts Office, Petrobrangla, Plot No 3, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
⇒ Accounts Office, Titas Gas T&D Co Ltd, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
⇒ Accounts Office, BAPEX, Ibrahim Mansion (4th floor), Purana Paltan, Dhaka.
⇒ Bakhrabad Gas Systems Ltd, Champapur, Comilla.
⇒ Jalalabad Gas System Ltd, Head Office, Mendibag, Sylhet.
⇒ RPGCL, Steel Bhaban, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
⇒ Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Ltd, Court Road, Brahmanbaria.

- Tenders will be received, for all works at offices mentioned in para 2 (A) and for the works of 'A' & 'B' at offices mentioned in para 2 (B) up to 12-00 Noon of 19.02.2002, which will be opened simultaneously on the same day at 12-15 minutes in presence (if any) of the attending tenderers.

- Tenderers shall have to submit earnest money at the rate 2.50% of their quoted amount with the tender. In case the quoted rate is more than 5% below the estimated cost, (I) tenderers shall have to submit additional security deposit at the rate 10% (i.e. 12.50%) with the tender. Earnest money/additional security deposit should be submitted in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of Sylhet Gas Fields Limited and (II) submit itemwise rate analysis of work. Rate analysis must be in conformity with market rate. Incongruous rate analysis or any photocopy of rate analysis or striked off, earasing-overwriting & lot rate shall not be acceptable. In that case tender will be treated as cancelled outright.

- The undermentioned certificates must be submitted with the sealed tender:

- (A) Copy of work order & work completion certification in support of executing building construction work worth minimum Tk 20.00 (twenty) lakh in case of the work at 'A' & building construction work worth Tk 29.00 (twenty-nine) lakh in case of the work at 'B' and technologically similar work worth minimum Tk 8.00 (eight) lakh in case of the works at 'C' & 'D' with self supply of construction materials under a single work order within the past 05 (five) years. Work completion certificate should be issued by an officer of minimum Executive Engineer's status.

- (B) Up-to-date (December 2000) financial solvency certificate from respective bank to the effect that the contractor is capable of investing 40% of the estimated cost mentioned against work at a time.

- (C) 1999-2000 Income Tax clearance certificate. VAT registration certificate & current year trade licence.

- (D) 2001-2002 enlistment certificate (should be of the organisation mentioned at st No I).

- (E) Contractor shall have to submit a complete work plan for completion of work within the prescribed time & schedule purchase receipt.

- Certificate to be submitted with the tender should be in original copy or attested by gazetted officer original copy against the attested papers should be submitted on demand which will be returned, after verification or, if necessary, any certificate may be verified with the issuing authority through direct contact. In case any document submitted with the tender is found to be false or fake at the time of verification, the earnest money submitted with the tender will be forfeited & the tender cancelled.

- Tender will be treated as cancelled if the documents mentioned at Serial Nos. 4 & 5 are not properly enclosed with the tender.

- Interested tenderers should submit tender after properly going through the detailed particulars and terms & conditions of tender document and inspecting the site on the spot. Any excuse/objection regarding submission of tender shall be rejected.

- If, under unavoidable circumstance, the working day is disrupted on the date of submitting tender, then tender will be received & opened on the next working day at the said time.

- The authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason or bearing any responsibility.

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Deputy General Manager (Dev)



No change in temperature

UNB, Dhaka

Light rain or drizzle is likely at one or two places over Rajshahi divisions and weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country during the next 12 hours till 6pm today.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. Met office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 35.2 degree Celsius was recorded at Chittagong and the lowest of 12.4 degree at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:52 pm today and rises at 6:33 am tomorrow.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	30.6	18.8	58	40
Chittagong	35.2	18.5	73	60
Rajshahi	29.7	12.8	77	60
Khulna	31.8	16.2	65	70
Barisal	30.5	15.4	80	75
Sylhet	32.3	16.4	69	58
Cox's Bazar	33.0	20.0	63	59

Military Engineer Services
Notices of Tender

- Applications are invited by DW & CE (Air) Kurmitola, Dhaka Cantt to issue tender documents for the following work. Application for the work must be submitted within 07 (seven) days from the publishing date.
a. Abnormal repair/renovation of Tejgaon Airfield Taxiway and Tarmac including other works at BAF Base, BSR, Tejgaon (1st Phase).
- Contractors enlisted in MES as 'C' and 'D' class may apply for tender documents. They should spellout their class of enlistment, index no, validity date of enlistment in the application.
- VAT registration certificate (true copy) must be enclosed with their application.

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