

## Six projects worth Tk 627.35cr okayed

UNB, Dhaka

The Executive Committee of National Economic Council (ECNEC) yesterday approved six development projects, involving Tk 627.35 crore, including Tk 421.53 crore in project aid.

The approval was given at a meeting at the NEC conference room here with its alternative Chairman Finance and Planning

### Photo exhibition begins in Ctg

CU CORRESPONDENT

A 15-day photo exhibition titled 'Autour du Monde, Un autre voyage' (Around the World, Another Journey) began at the Alliance Francaise auditorium in Chittagong yesterday morning.

The works of 32 photo-artists from around the world will lead to a journey across the world with a panoramic vision of other society, culture, tradition and nature. These photos will also unveil the thoughts of different human races, a press release said.

The exhibition will remain open from 4.00pm to 8.00pm daily.



PHOTO: STAR

Bangladesh Photo Journalist Association, Khulna Unit along with their family members staged sit-in at Shaheed Hades Park yesterday to protest the killing of journalist Harun-or-Rashid.



PHOTO: STAR

Journalists brought out a procession on the Rajshahi University Campus protesting the killing of Harun-or-Rashid.

## DESA snaps 350 lines

BSS, Dhaka

Four teams of Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA) yesterday snapped 350 power lines of bill defaulters and illegal users in different areas under its Postagola zone.

The DESA's mobile courts led by magistrates also realised over Tk 60,500 from the bill defaulters and lodged cases against 136 illegal users during the drive and filed 78 cases against the illegal electricity users, a DESA press release said.

DESA has disconnected a total of 4,004 lines of bill defaulters and illegal users and lodged a total of 396 cases for using power through illegal connections in five days from March 3 to 7.

The DESA release said the drive would continue until further orders.

### Obituary

BSS, Dhaka

Osman Gani, a veteran freedom fighter and a member of Moni Singh-Farhad Memorial Trust, passes away after prolonged ailment at his Gandaria residence in city on Wednesday at the age of 72.

Gani who was also the president of Bangladesh Communist Party left behind his wife, two daughters, host of relative and admirers to mourn his death.

## Journalists protest killing of Harun

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Vincent Brosel, chief of 'Reporters Sans Frontiers Asia & Pacific' desk donated Tk 10,000 to the family of slain reporter of the Dainik Purbanchal Shaikh Harun-or-Rashid.

He announced it when he was addressing a protest rally at press club in Khulna yesterday.

Presided over by Press Club President Begum Ferdousi Ali the rally was addressed by editor of the Dainik Purbanchal Alhaj Liaquat Ali, Press Club secretary Sheikh Abu Hasan and Selim Samad, Bangladesh Representative of 'Reporters Sans Frontiers'.

Speakers at the rally condemned police for their failure to arrest the killers of Harun even after four days of filing case. Demanding security of life of journalists, they said bullets won't be able to stop writing against terrorists.

Dainik Purbanchal editor said democracy will be meaningless if bullets succeeded to stop writing against terrorists. He demanded trial of cases filed so far against murder of ten journalists of South-western zone of the country.

Later, a group of journalists called on police commissioner to know the progress in investigation of the case.



PHOTO: STAR

Rajshahi district Mahila Awami League formed a human chain yesterday demanding trial of rapists of Mahima.

## President for nat'l consensus for welfare of older people

BSS, Dhaka

President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday called for building a national consensus to work for the welfare of the older people who are estimated to be around 75 lakh in the country.

"We could have different opinion on type of works, priorities, strategy but we should agree on the well-being of the older people," the president said while inaugurating a national consultation on ageing issue at Osmani Memorial Hall yesterday morning.

### Workshop on cardiac treatment facility Mar 15

A 3-day workshop on 'Interventional Cardiac Treatment Facility' begins at the Z. H. Sikder Cardiac Care and Research Centre in the city on March 15, says a press release.

World famous interventional cardiologists Dr. Mathews Samuel K. Prof. S. Bhattacharya and Dr. Bharat Dalvi from India are expected to take part in the workshop.

Coronary angioplasty, stenting, rotablation, closures of intra cardiac defects (hole in heart) and other cardiac operations will be conducted in the workshop.

This will provide an excellent opportunity for the cardiac patients to undergo cardiac operations and avail coronary care and consultancy by these distinguished surgeons, the press release added.

The president mentioned that the government and the NGOs were making various efforts for the well being of the older people. "All of us should acknowledged at this stage that the government could not provide full-fledged social security support for all the poor older people," he said adding "But our collective efforts could alleviate the pains and sufferings of the older people to a significant extent."

He said Bangladesh has a proud past of ensuring social security, care and dignity of the older people through joint family that worked as informal support system.

"Rapid industrialization, migration into cities and high mobility of labour force are causing rapid changes and disruption of this informal support system," the president said. He called upon all including the government, NGOs and all the wealthy citizens of the country of work for the older people.

President Chowdhury urged the concerned authorities to initiate research and analysis on older people situations. "Those who are

physicians could take care of the older people with love and sympathy. Those who are solvent could contribute to the fund raising efforts for the welfare of the older people," he said.

He suggested to registering 60 plus older people throughout the country and abolishing upper age-limit in the development programmes, especially in micro credit programmes.

Former adviser to the caretaker government Barister Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed attended the function as special guest.

Organised jointly by the Resource Integration Centre (RIC), Ageing Resource Centre-Bangladesh and HelpAge International, the function was also addressed by the Director of IC Abul Hasib Khan, Social Affairs Officer of ESCAP Nguyen T. Kim Xuan and the regional representative of HelpAge International Christopher Eldridge.

### Chehlum

Chehlum of Rokeya Akhtar, wife of Khandaker F. Rahman, Joint News Editor of The Bangladesh Observer, will be held today after Asr prayers at 15/1, Zigaola, in the city, says a press release.

Rokeya Akhtar, 45, died of congestive cardiac failure (CCF) on January 24. She left behind her husband and a son. A milad mahfil has been organised on the occasion. Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the milad.

### Shamsunnahar Khan

The chehlum of Shamsunnahar Khan will be held today after Asr prayers at her 81/1, B. Dinanath Sen Road, in the city.

She died of lung cancer at Salauddin Hospital, Dhanmendi on January 27 at the age of 80. She was buried at Jurain graveyard.

Relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the chehlum.



PHOTO: STAR

Square Toiletries Ltd. organised a press conference at the National Press Club yesterday in observance of the International Women's Day.

## Suranjit demands Moudud's resignation

UNB, Dhaka

Awami League leader Suranjit Sengupta MP on Wednesday urged Law Minister Barister Moudud Ahmed to resign and demanded a proper inquiry into the allegation of submitting a fake medical report to the court to get some accused persons released on bail.

At a press briefing at the AL central office, Suranjit also urged the prime minister to remove her law minister if he does not resign, as an impartial inquiry is not possible keeping him in charge of the law ministry.

A Bangla daily in its March 3 issue reported that the accused in last year's Ramna Batamul bomb blast case was granted bail on the basis of a medical report that was not enclosed with the file. The medical report spoke of a person killed by bullet.

Referring to Moudud's remarks on the issue, Suranjit said shifting the blame onto the court is tantamount to aspersions on the court.

The AL leader said a judge cannot refer to a medical certificate unless it is submitted, and Moudud as the senior lawyer in the case cannot deny his responsibility.

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Suranjit said that if Moudud or the junior lawyers had not submitted any medical report for releasing the accused, they could have pointed it out after the bail order was passed by the court.

He alleged that Barister Moudud had intentionally misled the court by showing a medical certificate, which amounts to a fraudulent practice.

Stating the law minister's remarks that he did not annex any medical report, Suranjit said the law minister did not say that he did not show any certificate to the court.

About the presence of some deputy attorney generals at Moudud's press conference, the AL leader said he cannot use the AG's office for his personal gain.

Suranjit termed the minister's comments on AL leader Zillur Rahman discourteous and said the AL general secretary only mentioned what appeared in the newspaper.

AL leaders Zohra Tajuddin, Sajeda Chowdhury, Abdul Mannan and Advocate Rahmat Ali were present at the briefing.

## DHAKA TODAY

### Discussion

A discussion on 'International Women's Day and Our Role' organised by Kanya Shishu Dibas Uddipon Committee will be held. Venue: Ramna Park. Time: 9.00am.

Alliance Francaise will screen two films titled 'Police' and 'Buffet froid'. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium. Time: 10.30am and 6.00pm respectively.

### Human chain

National Garments Workers Federation will form human chain to mark the International Women's Day. Venue: National Press club. Time: 5.00pm.

### Rally

In observance of International Women's Day, Act Survivors Foundation and daily PROTHOM ALO will bring out a procession of men accompanied by acid-burn women. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 9.30am.

### Street drama

The 5-day Street Drama Festival organised by Bangladesh Pathanaka Parishad in observance of 50 years of Language Movement will begin. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 4.00pm.

### Human chain

Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote will form a human chain in observance of 82nd birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 11.00am.

### Meeting

A meeting of Bangladesh Sampradalek Sampreeti Parishad will be held. Venue: H-1, R-2, Dhanmendi. Time: 4.30pm.

### Painting exhibition

A 3-day painting exhibition of women artists organised by Bangladesh Mahila Parishad will begin. Venue: Chankula Institute, Dhaka University. Time: 10.00am.

### Film show

Under its weekly movie programme,

## WEATHER TODAY

### Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka

Weather may remain mainly dry over the country today. Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country. Met Office said.

Country's highest temperature 34.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chittagong and the lowest 19.6 degree at Rajshahi.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.04 pm and rises tomorrow at 6.14 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	29.7	16.6	47	24
Chittagong	34.0	19.0	71	51
Rajshahi	30.8	12.6	55	35
Khulna	31.6	16.4	63	63
Bansal	31.4	14.8	61	46
Sylhet	31.0	16.0	57	33
Cox's Bazar	33.5	19.8	63	48

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh General Economics Division (GED), Planning Commission Ministry of Planning

### Offer for Consultancy Services

The GED is looking for short term consultants for writing position papers and review reports under the sub project titled "Mainstreaming Gender perspective in the Planning and Development Processes of the Economy with Special Emphasis on the 6th Five Year Plan" jointly implemented by the GED, Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning and Policy Leadership and Advocacy for Gender Equality (PLAGE), a project of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs.

The position papers on eight selected sectors are expected to be written considering sector specific gender issues and needs and these papers will provide necessary inputs in writing micro chapters of the forthcoming Sixth Five-Year Plan. The selected sectors are: i) Industry, ii) Agriculture and Rural development, iii) Education, iv) Health Population and Family Welfare v) Labour and Employment, vi) Transport and Communication, vii) Science and Technology and viii) Energy.

Two review reports are expected to be prepared based on performance analysis of micro and macro chapters on women's development of the Fifth Five Year Plan (1997-2002).

The detailed TOR of eight position papers and two review reports may be collected from the following address or through using email address, given below:

Project Director, PLAGE, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs.

Department of Women Affairs Bhavan, 37/3 Eskaton Road, 9348180 (off)

Email: "Macro TOR" <plau@plage-bd.net> (Please specify TOR of sectors/ review report while collecting through email)

#### Requirements of the Short Term Consultants are as follows:

- A Master's Degree in Social Science or relevant fields
- Ph.D. in relevant field is preferable
- Minimum 10 years of experiences in relevant field
- Wide exposure to gender issues and experiences of working in gender and development field
- Experience of working with the Planning Commission and Familiarity with GOB rules and regulations are desirable.

Candidate must have a strong commitment and understanding of gender equality issues in Bangladesh and be fluent in both English and Bangla.

The application with detailed C.V. along with a passport size photo must reach within 10 (ten) working days from the date of publishing of this advertisement. Each person should apply for writing one position paper/review report. The application specifying field of area of position paper/review report should be addressed to:

Dr. Khondker Arif Ahmed (Joint Chief, GED)  
Room no.7, Block 14  
Planning Commission, Shere Bangla Nagar, Dhaka

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Local Government Engineering Department  
Office of the Executive Engineer  
Sathkira

Memo. No. LGED/XEN/SAT/2002/785

Dated: 28-2-2002

### Tender Notice

No 17/2001-2002

1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan (ADB Loan No: 1825 BAN (SF) from the Asian Development Bank under South-West Flood Damage Rehabilitation Project (RDP-18 area). It is intended that part of the proceeds of ADB loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the following schemes.

Code No.	Name of scheme	Cost of tender document (Non-refundable) (Tk.)	Completion time	Class of contractor
SAFR02R67	Rehabilitation work on Kalaroa HQ to Chandrapur Bazar road with 2 Nos 625x 600 mm U-drain on same road under Kalaroa Upazila.	1000/=	75 days.	A & Special class of LGED/prequalified (according to financial power) contractors under on going projects of LGED.
SAFR02G068	Rehabilitation work on a) Patkalgata GC, b) Kalthondahat GC & c) Const. of 4.00x3.60m box culvert on Malikpara to Shipur road at ch. 1500m under Sadar Upazila.	750/=	75 days.	BA & Special class of LGED/prequalified (according to financial power) contractors under on going projects of LGED.
SAFR02R69	Rehabilitation work on a) Alipur Checkpost-Padmasakra road, b) Assasuni-Parula road with 2 Nos U-drain on same road, c) Debishehar to Sadar House road by HB under Debrahat and d) Alipur Hathkhola to Varkhali Bazar via Mahamudpur road (ch. 2350-2450m).	1000/=	75 days.	A & Special class of LGED/prequalified (according to financial power) contractors under on going projects of LGED.

2. On behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) as represented by the Executive Engineer, LGED, District Sathkira invites sealed tender with firm rate quote basis supported by rate analysis for each item from eligible (A+B+Special classes and all prequalified (according to financial power) enlisted contractors under LGED, license should be renewed in the current FY 2001-2002) tenderers in the prescribed form for the rehabilitation of the work listed above.

3. Interested tenderers may obtain further information (additional terms and conditions, schedule etc), tender form and may inspect the tender documents at the office of the (1) Chief Engineer, LGED, LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Shere-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka, (2) Project Director, South-West Flood Damage Rehabilitation Project, LGED Bhaban (Level-6), Agargaon, Shere-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka, (3) Divisional Commissioner, Khulna, (4) Executive Engineer LGED, Khulna, (5) Executive Engineer, LGED, Jessore, (6) Deputy Commissioner, Sathkira, (7) Superintendent of Police, Sathkira, (8) Upazila Engineer, Kalaroa, Tala, Debrahat, Assasuni and Sadar under Sathkira District and (9) undersigned.

4. A complete set of tender documents may be purchased by any interested eligible tenderer upon payment of a non-refundable fee mentioned above from the offices mentioned in clause-3 on or before 23-3-2002 during office hours.

5. All tenders must be accompanied by a tender security of 2.5% of the total tender price (quoted price) in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Sathkira and must be delivered to the offices mentioned in clause 3 on or before 3-00 PM on 24-3-2002 and will be publicly opened at 3-30 PM on the same day.

6. Each tenderer must write down the rates against each item of the schedule in figures and in words, the rate will be multiplied by the quantity to determine the price and the sum of all items prices will be the total tender price.

7. The tenderer shall submit a work schedule/time schedule/GPM in the form of bar chart showing completion programme within the time stipulated in the column 4 of clause-1. They also submit attested copy of enrollment/pre-qualification document valid for the FY 2001-2002, TIN and VAT registration certificate with the tender.

8. If the quoted amount by the successful tenderer is less than 10% of the Engineer's estimated cost, he shall then submit performance security amounting to 10% of the contract amount in addition to his 2.5% earnest money prior to issuance of work order.

9. A pre-tender meeting will be held on 17-3-2002 in the office of the undersigned at 11-00 AM. All interested contractors are requested to attend the meeting in time.

10. The Executive Engineer, LGED, Sathkira will not be responsible for any cost or expenses incurred by the bidders in connection with the preparation for delivery of tenders including cost and expenses related to visit to the site of the schemes.

11. If on the tender receiving day, there is any calamity/hazard/disturbance to the normal public movement/activities, then the tenders will be received on the next working day.

12. The authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof and in such case no compensation will be entertained.

Md Habibur Rahman  
Executive Engineer  
LGED, Sathkira.

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