

'Bangladesh has set up unique example of communal harmony'

BSS, Dhaka

President AQM Badrudduza Chowdhury yesterday said the people of Bangladesh are by nature peace-loving and non-communal.

"People belonging to different religions, cultures and creeds have been living in the country, but there is no communalism," the president said while addressing publication ceremony of the holy Quran in English at the Osmani Memorial hall here.

The President said the people of Bangladesh have long been living a very peaceful life with their neighbours. Bangladesh has set up a unique example of communal harmony which has been praised worldwide, he added.

Describing people of Bangladesh as religious-minded, he said the Muslims are eager to follow the Islamic way of life in their personal and social life.

Stressing the need for reading the holy Quran time and again the President said, "the more we read and follow the teachings of the Quran, the more our outlook would be broadened." The Quran could provide a total guideline for the welfare of the entire mankind, he added.

The President suggested that the teachings of the holy Quran should be reflected in the lives of the people.

The President praised the effort of Dr Muhammad Mostafizur Rahman for translating the holy Quran in English.

Chaired by Justice Abdur Rauf, the function was also addressed by Agriculture Minister Matiar Rahman Nizami, State Minister for Religious Affairs Mosharraf Hossain Shahjahan, Dr Muhammad Mostafizur Rahman and publisher Mahiuddin Ahmed. State Minister for Foreign Affairs Reaz Rahman was also present.



Anwarul Islam, an MP from Pabna-3 constituency, speaking at a press conference at the National Press Club in the city yesterday. The press conference was organised to protest the recent attacks on the Christians in Chalmohar thana in Pabna.

Poorest groups still depend on traditional moneylenders: Study

BSS, Dhaka

The poorest people of the country's north-western region do not take part in NGO activities, since they have long been depending on rural moneylenders (Mahajans) to meet their needs in crisis.

They borrow money from these traditional Mahajans because the loans are quicker and tailored to individual needs despite high interest rates ranging from 120 to 240 per cent, a study report said.

The study carried out by Care International and Department for International Development on "Livelihood Monitoring and Poverty Profiles in north-western Bangladesh" was released yesterday.

It said the poorest groups in general do not have agriculture lands. They have food security

only for 1 or 2 months, sell labour and are female or elderly headed households.

The Mahajan credit system plays a dominant role in flood-prone areas as male migrants borrow money from moneylenders to give their families before they migrate. Poorer households spend most of their credit on food and health needs.

Only fifty per cent of female-headed households and 55 per cent poorest men and 50 per cent women participate in community festivals. The poorer households are also less involved in village courts and schools, markets and mosque committees.

The study said the lack of participation is primarily due to time constraints because the poorest groups are preoccupied in earning their livelihood.

From qualitative studies it was found that better-off households have more resources and time that allowed them to participate in NGO activities, access services and establish connections to government authorities.

Wage rates in the northwest are low compared to the national average, particularly in the drought-prone areas. Wage aver-

age in the lean season is Tk 30 per day and peak season Tk 60. Rates for women are typically less by Tk 10 to Tk 20.

In addition to agricultural labour, 44 per cent of the poorer households have at least one of their members migrate seasonally. Migrants engage primarily in agriculture labour or pulling rickshaws and assisting masons in urban areas. The mean duration of migrations for the poorer households is 60 to 70 days a year.

The study said 75 per cent households do not have access to a latrine and between 17 and 20 per cent of all households have members suffering from diarrhoea in any month of the year.

All households are losing number of workdays every month due to illness (seven to nine days). Women are often losing one more day than men. Days lost to illness, particularly during the peak period, has a significant effect on labour productivity. This is especially significant for the poorer households who rely on selling labour for their survival.

The study was conducted on 1600 households in 80 villages of six north-western districts through stratified random sampling of households.

CMA exam results

The Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh has published the results of the CMA examinations held at Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi and Comilla centers in December 2001, says a press release.

Following are the names and roll numbers of the students who have completed CMA Course and the roll numbers of the students who have completed different Levels of the examination:

CMA Course Completed:
Md Mahfuzur Rahman (2169), Md Golam Kibria (2225), Md Mahfuzur Rahman (2383), AKM Shah Alam Khan (2388), Ruhul Quddus (2427), Sayed Abul Hashem (2517), Mohammad Zaynal Abedin (2744), Muhammad Mehedi Hasan (2916), Md Irfan Ali (3168), Md Amir Hossain (3170), Md Mostafizur Rahman (3359) and Md Sanaul Haque (3369).

Final Course:
Level-IV Completed: 2088, 2383, 2732, 2916, 3141 and 3306.

Intermediate Course:
Level-III Completed: 2051, 2067, 2072, 2100, 2109, 2213, 2229, 2322, 2369, 2399, 2497, 2546, 2573, 2581, 2582, 2594, 2614, 2620, 2631, 2639, 2641, 2658, 2660, 2670, 2671, 2683, 2687, 2691, 2755, 2844, 2899, 2949, 3014, 3077, 3330 and 3327.

Level-II Completed: 2189, 2246, 2273, 2280, 2292, 2295, 2326, 2660, 2759, 2765, 2773, 2776, 2789, 2800, 2824, 2939, 2998, 3072, 3254, 3275, 3313, 3327, 3330 and 3335.

Level-I Completed: 2636, 2663, 2717, 2769, 2839, 2954, 2971, 3008, 3011, 3036, 3049, 3056, 3059, 3074, 3078, 3096, 3121, 3123, 3238, 3281, 3287 and 3318.

Professional Level-III Completed: 4013.

Professional Level-II Completed: 4096 and 4445.

Professional Level-I Completed: 4031, 4037, 4044, 4135, 4194, 4201, 4274, 4337, 4419, 4438, 4444, 4451, 4460 and 4462.

Foundation Level Completed: 4001, 4016, 4023, 4025, 4029, 4033, 4035, 4038, 4039, 4044, 4048, 4054, 4058, 4063, 4064, 4073, 4074, 4076, 4093, 4119, 4126, 4128, 4146, 4160, 4172, 4176, 4178, 4205, 4219, 4229, 4257, 4263, 4266, 4279, 4307, 4308, 4334, 4357, 4371, 4385, 4394 and 4450.



No change in temperature

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely in the regions of Khulna, Mymensingh and Sylhet and weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country during the next 24 hours till 6 pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met offices said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 36.4 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessore and the lowest 15.5 degree at Srimongol.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:09 pm today and rises at 6:04 am 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	34.1	22.2	58	21
Chittagong	35.2	21.0	51	50
Rajshahi	34.2	16.0	48	34
Khulna	34.8	22.4	83	63
Barisal	34.5	18.0	86	55
Sylhet	34.5	18.0	86	55
Cox's Bazar	36.0	23.0	63	71

BJMC Advertisement International Tender Notice

International sealed tender is hereby invited by Rajshahi Jute Mills, Shyampur, Rajshahi under 24th JDRG (3rd Tranche) by the bonafide manufacturers or their local agents in Bangladesh both FOB & C&F(C), Dhaka by Air/Chittagong/Mongla Sea freight basis for import of (1) Sewing M/c Spares, (2) Different Type of Bearings & Chains, (3) Hebart Dressing M/c Spares, (4) Hydraulic Press Pump M/c Spares, (5) Rubber Apron, (6) Electrical Goods, (7) Metalog Staves.

The above tender must be dropped in the tender box in the office of (1) Mills Purchase Deptt, (2) Dy. General Manager (PL), BJMC, Adamjee Court, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka, (3) Mills TD Office, Charerhat, Town Khalishpur, Khulna up to 12.00 Noon on 29.4.02 & which will be opened on the same day at 12.30 PM in presence of bidders (if any).

The tender documents within details specification can be obtained on all working day except on opening day from the office of (1) Mills Accounts Office, (2) BJMC Accounts Deptt, Adamjee Court, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka, (3) BJMC's Zonal Office, Sattar Chamber, 99, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong and (4) TD Office, Charerhat, Town Khalishpur, Khulna on payment of Tk. 50.00 (fifty) only per set (non-refundable). Each tender must be accompany a DD/Pay Order for Tk. 2,000/- (Two thousand) as earnest money in favour of the Mills. No tender received without earnest money.

The Mill authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders imported/full without assigning any reason thereof.

BJMC: 114 Dt: 11/3
DFP-6077-12/3/02
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বাংলাদেশ উন্মুক্ত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় BANGLADESH OPEN UNIVERSITY

বাইবি/প্রশা-৩৭(১৫০)/২০০১/৮০০ তারিখ: ১৪/০৩/২০০২

ল্যাবরেটরি প্যাথলজি এনালাইজিং সিস্টেম (with reagent) সংগ্রহের দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বাংলাদেশ উন্মুক্ত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের নিম্নে উল্লিখিত টেন্ডার এর মালামাল সরবরাহের জন্য প্রকৃত প্রস্তাবকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান/এজেন্ট/ডিলার/সরবরাহকারীগণের নিকট থেকে তাদের নিজস্ব লেটারহেড প্যাডে দরপত্র আবেদন করা যাবে।

ক) দরপত্রসমূহ আগামী ০৭-০৪-২০০২ তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে বাইবির অর্থ ও হিসাব বিভাগ থেকে কেনা যাবে।
খ) দরপত্রসমূহ আগামী ০৮-০৪-২০০২ তারিখ দুপুর ১২-০০ টার মধ্যে (১) ঢাকা অঞ্চলিক কেন্দ্র ভবন, বাংলাদেশ উন্মুক্ত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, টিটি কলেজ সলগু পানমর্ষি, ঢাকা অথবা (২) রেজিস্ট্রার-এর দপ্তর, বাইবি ক্যাম্পাস, বোর্ডবাড়ার, গাজীপুর-এ রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাক্সের যে কোন একটিতে জমা দিতে হবে। দরপত্রসমূহ উক্ত দিনই ১২-১৫ ঘটিকায় দরদাতাগণের সম্মুখে উন্মুক্ত স্থানসমূহে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হবে। ডাক মারফত দরপত্র প্রেরণ করলে অস্বাভাবিক দরপত্র গ্রহণের জন্য নির্ধারিত তারিখ ও সময়-এর মধ্যে নির্ধারিত স্থানে পৌঁছাতে হবে। উক্ত তারিখ ও সময়ের পর কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।

গ) প্রকৃত দরপত্রের সাথে উক্ত (quoted) মোট মূল্যের ২.৫% (আড়াই শতাংশ) বায়নার টাকা বাংলাদেশ উন্মুক্ত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়-এর অনুকূলে ডিডি/পে-অর্ডার এর মাধ্যমে জমা দিতে হবে।

ঘ) কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতীতকেই দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাছাই করার ক্ষমতা বাইবি কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

ঙ) মালামালের বিবরণ নিম্নরূপঃ

টেন্ডার নং	মালামালের বিবরণ	সিডিউলের মূল্য
১০ (প্রকৃষ্ণ) / ২০০১-২০০২	ল্যাবরেটরি প্যাথলজি এনালাইজিং সিস্টেম (with reagent)	২০০.০০ (দুইশত) টাকা মাত্র

মোঃ মাহমুদুর রহমান খান
উপ-পরিচালক (সংগ্রহ)
জিডি-১০৬
পক্ষে-উপাচার্য

World Tuberculosis Day Mar 24

BSS, Dhaka

World Tuberculosis Day will be observed in the country as elsewhere in the world on March 24 with due importance.

President A Q M Badrudduza Chowdhury and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia will issue separate messages on the occasion.

Elaborate programmes have been drawn up to observe the day, which includes processions, discussions, marches and special programmes on radio and television.

A colourful procession, led by Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, will be brought out from the National Press Club which will end at Dhaka Medical College in the morning on the day.

Death anniversary

BSS, Dhaka

The first death anniversary of M. Salimullah, a veteran journalist and freedom fighter, will be observed today.

During his long career as a journalist, M. Salimullah worked with different dailies and also in the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB).

He worked with Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra during the War of Liberation. He was the city editor of the now-defunct Purbadesh.

A *malah mahfil* will be held at his village home at Kalitara under Maizidee and a *doa mahfil* and feeding of the destitute will be held at his 7 Paribagh residence today.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Public Health Engineering, B'baria Division, B'baria

আর্সেনিক মুক্ত নলকূপের যন্ত্রত্র মলত্যাগ না করিয়া স্বাস্থ্য-পানি ব্যবহার করুন

Tender Invitation Notice

Tender Notice No. 6 (2001-2002)

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from Directorate of Public Health Engineering's 2001-2002 enlisted/renewed "D" category contractors/firms for installation of deep tubewell, ring well & PSF - total 46 groups work under Rural Area Water Supply (GOB-4) Project. Tender and other terms & conditions documents will be sold at prescribed price (non-refundable) from the office of Executive Engineer, DPHE, Comilla Division, Comilla & the undersigned during office hours up to 23-3-2002 and the tenders will be received in tender box kept at the office of Executive Engineer, DPHE, Comilla Division, Comilla/Sub-Divisional Engineer, DPHE, Comilla Sadar (s) Sub-Division & the undersigned up to 1-30 PM of 24-3-2002. The tenders received, after being collected from the office of Executive Engineer, DPHE, Comilla Division, Comilla & Sub-Divisional Engineer, DPHE, Comilla Sadar (s), will be opened at the office of the undersigned on 31-3-2002 at 11-00 AM in presence of contractors/representatives (if any). No tender will be sold on the date of receiving tender. Detailed information may be known or seen from the office of the undersigned during office hours. If the same rate is found quoted in the tenders received, the lowest tenderer will be selected through lottery on 2-4-2002 at 10-00 AM.

Executive Engineer
Directorate of Public Health Engineering
B'baria District.
DFP-5417-6/3
G-712



Directorate General Defence Purchase Ministry of Defence

New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

Tender/Re-Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders in local currency are invited from bonafide Manufacturers/Dealers/Suppliers/Indentors (enlisted firms) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Navy:

Sl No	Name of item	Date of selling		Date of opening	Currency	Tender No	Tender value
		From	To				
1.	Spare Parts for RIB-9.5 and RIB-5.4M Engine (Qty: 44L/I)	26-3-2002	22-4-2002	23-4-2002	L/C	7237	25/00
2.	Packet Water in Bag (drinking water) (Qty: 5,000 Pkt)	---	---	---	L/C	7238	100/00
3.	Cap Peaked with Badges Officer (Lt Cdr & below) (Qty: 900 in No)	---	---	---	L/C	7239	100/00

2. Tender schedule with detailed specifications/conditions will be available on payment as per international tender selling rate (non-refundable) during office hours between 0800 hours to 1300 hours. The tender can be dropped latest by 1000 hours and opened at 1005 hours on the specified date of opening in presence of the tenderers (if any).

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DFP-6102-12/3/02
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Commander BN
for Director General

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Local Government Engineering Directorate, Natore

Memo No-LGED/EE/Habi/2002/666 Dated: 06-03-2002

Tender Notice No-25/2001-2002

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are hereby invited from LGED/LGED's different projects prequalified contractors/contractors' firms for implementation of works of total 31 (thirty-one) projects during 2001-2002 financial year under construction of Low Cost Bridge/Culvert on Rural Road (2nd Phase) Project in Natore district under Local Government Engineering Directorate.

- Place of purchasing, submitting & opening tender schedule:
 - Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi Division, Rajshahi.
 - Project Director, Construction of Low Cost Bridge/Culvert on Rural Road (2nd Phase) Project, Local Government Engineering Directorate, LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.
 - Executive Engineer, LGED, Natore/Naogaon/Rajshahi/Chapainawabganj.
 - Upazila Engineer, Natore Sadar/Singra/Lalpur/Bagatipara/Baraigram/Gurudaspur, Natore.
- Last date & time of selling schedule: 23-03-2002 up to office hours.
- Last date & time of submitting tender: 24-03-2002 up to 1.00 PM.
- Date of opening tender: 24-03-2002 at 3.00 PM.
- Date of lottery: 31-03-2002 at 11-00 AM.

This notice being short, all other detailed information can be seen & purchased from the abovementioned offices.

Md Golam Kibria
Executive Engineer
Local Government Engineering Directorate
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DFP-5820-10/3
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DHAKA TODAY

Conference

The inaugural ceremony of 3rd International Conference of Bangladesh Association of Urological Surgeons will be held with President AQM Badrudduza Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 10.00am.

Seminar

A two-day international seminar on 'The need of Environmental Conservation for Sustainable Development in Third World Countries' will begin with Environment and Forest Minister Shahjahan Siraj as chief guest. Venue: British Council auditorium. Time: 9.30am.

Discussion

United Nations Information Centre will organise a discussion on 'The Possible Role of Bangladesh towards the Development Efforts of Afghanistan'. Venue: IDB Bhaban, Agargaon. Time: 4.00pm.

Meeting

National Policy Advocacy Cell of Samata will organise a meeting on 'Poverty Alleviation and the Rights of the Landless People'. Venue: YWCA auditorium, 3/23 Iqbal Road. Time: 3.00pm.

Discussion

Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani Parishad will organise a discussion on 'Language Movement and Maulana Bhasani'. Venue: Dhaka University Institute of Modern Languages auditorium. Time: 5.00pm.

Rotary

Regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka North will be held. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 6.00pm.

Certificate distribution ceremony

DeltaSoft Limited will hold its 3rd Certificate Distribution Ceremony. Venue: House-4, Road-21, Block-B, Banani. Time: 4.30pm.

Talk

The Baha'i Community of Dhaka will organise a talk on 'Need for a Universal Language'. Venue: National Baha'i Centre, Shantinagar. Time: 7.00pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Discussion

A discussion meeting between the members of the visiting Vietnamese Trade Delegation and the FBCCI will be held. Venue: FBCCI board room. Time: 4.00pm.

Presentation

BRAC University organises a presentation on 'Strategic Management: Lessons from Great Companies'. Venue: BRAC Centre, Mohakhali. Time: 3.30pm.

Classical music

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations and the High Commission of India Dhaka will present Classical Music. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 7.00pm.



A team of BDR recovered an antique statue worth about Tk 4 crore from a house at Harirampur village in Dinajpur district on Saturday.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
Local Government Engineering Directorate, Habiganj

Memo No. LGED/EE/Habi/2002/600 Dated 5-03-2002

Tender Notice No. 37/2001-2002

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are invited from the project prequalified contractors/contractors' firms for rehabilitation of Bahra Water Control Infrastructure in the Sonai river under Madhabpur upazila of Habiganj district in 90 (ninety) days under Bangladesh Government financed "Construction of Ten Rubber Dams in Small & Medium Size Rivers" Project.

Interested prequalified contractors/contractors' firms can obtain necessary information on tender from the office of Project Director, construction of Ten Rubber Dams in Small & Medium Size Rivers Project, the undersigned & Upazila Engineer, LGED, Madhabpur, Dist-Habiganj during office hours. Tender document can be purchased at Tk 2000/- (two thousand) per set (non-refundable) from the abovementioned offices during office hours up to 23-3-2002. Bank Draft/ Pay Order for 2.5% of the quoted amount from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh Bank in favour of Executive Engineer, LGED, Habiganj should be deposited with each tender as earnest money and tenders can be submitted by post or personally to the abovementioned offices & office of the Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet Division by 3:00 PM of 24-3-2002. The tenders received will be opened on the same day at 3:15 PM, in presence (if any) of the attending tender participants. Tenderer shall have submit a complete work plan including description & schedule of site management for execution of construction work, finance arrangement, list of requisite machinery & procurement arrangement, appointment of technical manpower, materials procurement & standard control arrangement etc. with the tender. Project prequalified contractors/contractors' firm shall have to submit attested true copy of their enlistment renewal certificate, VAT registration certificate & Income Tax clearance certificate with TIN with the tender. This tender notice, Bangladesh Form No. 2911, special terms & conditions, technical specification, bill of quantities & drawing together will be treated as tender document. Bio-data of the person appointed with whole time responsibility of execution & management of the construction work concerned on behalf of project prequalified contractor/contractors' firm (experienced Engineer on related matters) should be submitted with the tender. The respective infrastructure being special type of hydrolic structure, its complete construction must be finished within the prescribed time, and in case the progress of work is not in conformity with ratio, necessary steps including imposition of fine will be taken in accordance with contract rules. Tender should be submitted on being sure about this. Tenderer shall have to submit