

## 'Bangladesh has set up unique example of communal harmony'

BSS, Dhaka

President AQM Badrudduha 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.



## No change in temperature

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowsers 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 pm today.

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

Yesterday's highest temperature of 36.4 degree Celsius was recorded at Sylhet 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, Saitar 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 accompanied by a DD/Post 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 import/full without assigning any reason thereof.

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**বাংলাদেশ উন্নত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়**  
BANGLADESH OPEN UNIVERSITY  
বাটুবি/প্রশা-৩৭১৫০/২০০১/৮০০ তারিখ ১৪/০৩/২০০২

**ল্যাবরেটরী প্যাথলজি এনালাইজিং**  
সিস্টেম (with reagent) সংগ্রহের

### দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বাংলাদেশ উন্নত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের নিম্নে উল্লিখিত টেক্নো এর মালামাল সরবরাহেরে জন্ম এক্স-প্রত্তকারী এক্সটেন্স/ক্লিনিক/সরবরাহকারীগণের নিকট থেকে তাদের নিয়ন্ত্রণে দ্রোগের প্রাপ্তি আবাদ করা যায়ে।

ক) দরপত্রসমূহ আগামী ০৭-০৮-২০০২ তারিখ দ্রুত ১২-০০ টার মধ্যে

(১) ঢাকা বাস্তুকরণ কেন্দ্র ভবন, বাংলাদেশ উন্নত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, টিচি কলেজ সল্টল বাস্তুকরণ ঢাকা অধিবা (২) বেঙ্গলুরু-এ দস্তর, বাস্তুকরণ ক্যাম্পাস, বোর্ডেজারাজ, গাজীপুর-এ রাজিক্ত টেক্নো বাস্তুকরণ কেন্দ্র এক্সটেক্ন জমা নিতে হবে। দরপত্রসমূহ উক্ত দিনই ১২-১৫ মাইলের দরবারাত্মকের সম্মুখে উল্লিখিত দ্রোগের প্রাপ্তি থাকেন।

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গ) কেন্দ্র বাস্তুকরণ কেন্দ্রেরেকেই দরপত্র প্রয়োজন করার ক্ষমতা বাস্তুকরণ কর্তৃপক্ষ সংক্ষেপে করে।

ঘ) মালামালের বিবরণ কর্তৃপক্ষ সংক্ষেপে করে।

ঙ) টেক্নোর নথি মালামালের বিবরণ লিভিউলের মূল্য।

১০ (একাধি) / ২০০১-২০০২ ল্যাবরেটরী প্যাথলজি ২০০.০০ (দুইশত) এনালাইজিং সিস্টেম (with reagent) ঢাকা মাত্র।

মোঃ মাস্তুকুর রহমান খান উপ-পরিচালক (সম্পর্ক) পঞ্জী-প্লাচার।

জিতি-২০৬

## জাতীয় প্রেস মেমোরি ডিজাইন লাউজ

### ১৭ মার্চ ২০০২ নবিবার



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 Chatmohar 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 average

in the lean season is Tk 10 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 days 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 Mahsudur Rahman (2383), AKM Shah Alam Khan (2388), Ruhul Quddus (2427), Sayed Abdul Hashem (2517), Mohammad Zoyal Abedin (2744), Md Mehedi Haque (2916), Md Irfan Ali (3168), Md Amir Hossain (3170), Md Mostafizur Rahman (3359) and Md Samul 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, 2363, 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, 2295, 2326, 2600, 2759, 2765, 2773, 2776, 2789, 2800, 2824, 2938, 2998, 3072, 3254, 3275, 3313, 3327, 3330 and 3335.

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, 4079, 4119, 4126, 4128, 4146, 4160, 4172, 4176, 4178, 4205, 4219, 4229, 4257, 4263, 4266, 4279, 4307, 4308, 4334, 4357, 4371, 4385, 4391 and 4450.

Foundation Level Completed:

## DHAKA TODAY

### Conference

The inaugural ceremony of 3rd International Conference of Bangladesh Association of Urological Surgeons will be held with President AQM Badrudduha 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: 4.30pm.

### Talk

The Bahai Community of Dhaka will organise a talk on 'Need for a Universal Language'. Venue: National Bahai 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.