

'Developed states causing damage to environment'

BSS, Dhaka

Environment and Forest Minister Shahjahan Siraj yesterday held the developed countries responsible for the environmental degradation across the globe, especially in poor countries.

"The poor countries alone are not responsible for the environmental catastrophe in their lands, rather the developed countries are mainly damaging the environment," he told a seminar at the British Council in the city.

Environment Secretary Sabihuddin Ahmed, Dr Hossain Sharier of Environmental and Social Development Organisation (ESDO), Farah Kabir of the British Council, among others, spoke at the function, presided over by Chairperson of Bangladesh Tele-

communications Regulatory Board Syed Marghubur Murshed. Siraj alleged that the developed countries used to dump their chemical and other toxic wastes into the poor countries, causing havoc to the environment of the developing countries.

The minister also said that the developed countries have compelled the poor countries in different ways to follow their guidelines and prescriptions, which have greatly contributed to the environmental degradation.

However, he urged all to put in their integrated efforts to undertake timely measures to save the earth from man-made environmental disasters.

1301 more held

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Police arrested 1301 people including two listed terrorists from across the country and seized 13 firearms, one other type of arms and 37 bullets from their possession during last 24 hours ended at 6 am yesterday.

Of them 672 people were rounded up under warrant orders and 611 were held in connection with under-investigation cases.

Police arrested 16 persons with firearms and lodged 13 cases under arms act against them.



Obaidullah Khan's first death anniversary today

Today is the first anniversary of death of A Z M Obaidullah Khan, a renowned poet, bureaucrat and economic development expert. He passed away on this day last year after a year-long state of semi-comatose due to a massive brain haemorrhage, says a press release.

One of the most acclaimed Bangla poets of his times, Obaidullah is especially remembered for his immortal poetry about the Language Movement of 1952. 'Ami Kingdombontir Katha Bolchhi', one of his works, has been hailed as a masterpiece of Bangla poetry. The poet was awarded the Ekushey Padak and the Bangla Academy Padak.

Son of former Speaker of the then National Assembly late Justice Abdul Jabbar Khan, Obaidullah was also an accomplished bureaucrat, both nationally and internationally. He had served the government as secretary, minister and ambassador to the United States.

He later held high offices at a number of United Nations agencies. Obaidullah had researched and published extensively in the fields of agricultural economy and sustainable development.

Obituary

UNB, Dhaka

Alhaj Muhammad Younus, Chairman of Executive Committee and Sponsor Director of Islami Bank, died of cardiac arrest at Ibn Sina Hospital here Sunday night at the age of 57.

He left behind his wife, two sons, four daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

He was buried at Banani Graveyard after namaz-e-janaza at Baitul Mukarram National Mosque after Zohr prayers yesterday.

The government had declared him as a Commercially Important Person (CIP) in 1994 in recognition of his contributions to trade and commerce, according to a press release.

Khaleque Sheikh

MA Khaleque Sheikh, a veteran freedom fighter and social worker of Muktadpur thana of Gopalganj district, died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) on Sunday at the age of 80.

He is survived by his wife, five sons, one daughter, and a number of grandchildren.

He was buried at his village home.



Participants at a conference on 'Strengthening Democratic Governance' held at Hotel Sheraton yesterday. The Asian Centre for Democratic Governance, Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Bangladesh Enterprise Institute jointly organised the conference.

Docs urged to create 'patient friendly' environment

BSS, Dhaka

President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday asked the physicians to ensure world class treatment to patients through creation of a "patient friendly" atmosphere in the medical service.

"Take the challenge of delivering world class treatment with a team work comprising physicians, nurses and others and also to stop the visits to foreign countries by our people for better treatment," Prof Chowdhury said while he was inaugurating the 3rd International Conference of Urology Surgeons (BAUS).

Organised by BAUS in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and School of Urology Association of Asia, the inaugural session of the three-day conference was chaired by Prof SAM Golam Kibria, President of the Association.

Amanullah Aman, State Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Fazlur Rahman, Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Prof M A Hadi, Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Medical University, Dr Sunil Acharya, WHO Representative in Bangladesh, Prof KT Foo, Secretary of Urology Association of Asia and Dr AZM Zahid Hossain, Secretary of the Association spoke on the occasion.

President Chowdhury, who underlined the need for updating the physicians with the latest developments in medical sciences, said our doctors must keep them conversed with the newer treatment developments to enable them to treat any complicated cases properly and efficiently.

"You (physicians) have to prove that Bangladeshi doctors are not lagging behind and are well informed with the latest discoveries in medical science," the President said.

Speaking on the creation of 'patient-friendly' environment, the President said a desired level of treatment could only be rendered through a team work formed with paramedics.

Terminology of urology and kidney surgery as expensive treatment, the President urged all concerned to accumulate the resources available in both government and private sectors to offer necessary medicare to the needy.

The President distributed two gold medals to distinguished urologists of the country for their contributions in this field. Prof Hadi, and Prof Mohammad A Wahab, Chairman, Department of Urology, BMMU received the gold medals.

The State Minister for Health and Family Welfare told the conference that the National Institute of Kidney Diseases and Urology be

soon made an autonomous body for better delivery of services. He said efforts are underway to create posts for urologists in different medical colleges in the country and plans will be taken to create necessary manpower needed in this special branch of medical science.

He lauded the organisers of the conference and said this would go a long way in benefiting the participants through exchange of knowledge and experience.

There is one urologist for every 20 lakh Bangladeshis and the number of beds are even less. This was disclosed by Dr. AZM Zahid Hossain, Secretary of Bangladesh Association of Urological Surgeons (BAUS), at the inaugural session of BAUS 3rd international conference here yesterday.

The country has only 70 urologists and number of beds are only sixty, Dr. Hossain said, adding that compared to one urologist per 16 thousand in Japan, 25 thousand in UK and 27 thousand in USA, the number in Bangladesh is 18 lakh 57 thousand.

He said there are only 60 beds in the country for the urology patients which includes beds in government and other hospitals. Because of the paucity of bed and other facilities, the availability of treatment for urology patients in government hospital is very poor.

Dr. Hossain said Dhaka Medical College Hospital which has 19 beds for urology can admit maximum two patients a day out of 50 who turn up everyday for getting admitted adding that it has been found that sometimes patients have to wait for more than a year to get a bed.

He said despite various shortcomings, doctors in Bangladesh have succeeded in performing over 200 kidney operations.

DESA snaps 289 more lines

BSS, Dhaka

Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA) yesterday snapped 289 power lines for bill defaulting and illegal connections.

Four mobile teams conducted the drive at Tongi, Basabo and Siddiganj and disconnected the lines, a DESA press release said.

She died on February 8 due to cardiac arrest at the age of 75. She left behind her four sons, four daughters and host of relatives.

Quarankhwani, milad and doa mahfil will be held after Asr prayers today.

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Scout Guide Fellowship executives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dr Shoyeb Ahmed, Chairman of National Board of Revenue and Secretary of Internal Resources Division and GM Rabbani have been elected uncontested president and general secretary respectively of Bangladesh Scout and Guide Fellowship for three-year term.

The election was held at the annual general meeting of Bangladesh Scout and Guide Fellowship on March 15 at the Bangladesh Scouts headquarters.

Other office bearers are Obaidul Kader and Afzal Ahmed (Vice Presidents), Siddiqueur Rahman (Treasurer), Marefa Begum and Sarar NA Khan (Assistant General Secretary), MA Khaled (Publicity Secretary), Akbar Reza (International Secretary), AS Najimuddin Ahmed (Organising Secretary), Laby Yasmin (Cultural Secretary), Aminur Rasul Chowdhury (Social Welfare Secretary) and Mukul Anwar (Office Secretary).

The executive committee members are Shamsul Islam Chowdhury, Momena Begum, Mahbubul Alam, Masud Karim, Mizanur Rahman and Paru Zaman.

DHAKA TODAY

Sheltech award 2001

The Sheltech Award distribution ceremony will be held. Renowned singer Firoza Begum will receive the Sheltech Award 2001. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 11.30am.

Classical music

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

Discussion

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

Presentation

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

Seminar

The Centre for Advanced Research in the Humanities of Dhaka University will hold a seminar on 'Architectural heritage of Bangladesh'. Venue: Seminar room of the centre. Time: 4.00pm.

Rotary Ramna

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Ramna will be held. Guest speaker Dr. Tasneem Azim will speak on AIDS. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5.30pm.

Rotary Dhaka

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka will be held. Rtn. FH Arif, Deputy Commissioner of Taxes, will speak on 'Direct Tax System in Bangladesh' at the meeting. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5.00pm.

WEATHER TODAY

Day temperature may rise

UNB, Dhaka

Weather may remain mainly dry over the country today.

Day temperature may rise slightly over the country, Met Office said. Country's highest temperature 37.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chittagong and the lowest 14.4 degree at Srimongol.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.09 pm and rises tomorrow at 6.03 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 | 34.0 | 19.5 | 45 | 24 |
| Chittagong | 37.2 | 21.4 | 44 | 47 |
| Rajshahi | 35.0 | 16.0 | 59 | 35 |
| Khulna | 35.8 | 18.4 | 58 | 51 |
| Barisal | 35.4 | 18.0 | 59 | 49 |
| Sylhet | 35.4 | 19.5 | 48 | 36 |
| Cox's Bazar | 36.2 | 23.5 | 57 | 52 |



The Gano Forum staged a demonstration in the city yesterday protesting the repression on slum-dwellers.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
Local Government Engineering Department
Dinajpur

Memo No: LGED/XEN/Dinaj/2002/876

Date: 04-03-2002

Notice Inviting Tender

No-18/2001-2002 (2nd Call)

1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan from Asian Development Bank (ADB), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), Japan Bank for International Co-operation (JBIC), towards the cost of Rural Development Project-21: Infrastructure Greater Rangpur, Dinajpur, Mymensingh, Jamalpur district and to apply a part of the proceeds of this loan to eligible payments.

2. Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), Dist: Dinajpur invites sealed tenders for the following works listed below from the pre-qualified contractors/firm under RDP-21 of LGED for the FY-2001-2002.

| Sl No. | Group No. | Group Code No. | Name of the Scheme | Price of Tender Schedule | Work Completion Time | Eligibility of Contractor |
|--------|-----------|---------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | 17 | 210017/GC/SAD/DINAJ | Improvement of Ramdubi Growth Center under Sadar Upazila. | 1000/- | 90 days | Pre-qualified Contractor Under RDP-21 |
| 2 | 18 | 210018/UP-SAD/DINAJ | Const. of Sasra Union Parishad Complex under Sadar Upazila. | 1000/- | 365 days | Do |

3. Tender documents could be purchased from the office of the (a) Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi (b) Project Director, RDP-21, LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Dhaka-1207 (c) Deputy Commissioner, Dinajpur (d) Deputy Project Director, RDP-21, Regional office, Rangpur/Mymensingh (e) Executive Engineer, LGED, district Rangpur/Gaibandha/Nilphamari/Lalmonirhat/Kurigram/Netrakona/Kishoreganj/Kurigram/Panchagarh/Mymensingh/Jamalpur/Sherpur (f) Upazila Engineer, Sadar, Dinajpur and office of the undersigned, District: Dinajpur up to 30/03/2002 during the office hours. Tender will be received up to 1.00 PM on 31/03/2002 and will be opened at 1.30 PM on the same day in presence of the tenderer or their authorized representative (if they are intended to be present) in the office mentioned above.

4. The tender documents are those stated below and should be read in conjunction with any addenda issued in accordance with Clause-12.

- Tender Notice.
- Instruction of Tenders.
- Conditions of Contract.
- Contract Data.
- Specifications.
- Tender Form.
- Bill of Quantities/Activity Schedule.
- Form of Agreement.
- Drawings.

5. The tenderer is expected to examine carefully the contents of the tender documents. Failure to comply with the requirements of tender submission will be at the tenderers own risk pursuant of Clause 27, tenders which are not substantially responsive to the requirements of the tender documents will be rejected.

6. The tenderer must quote their rate of item including the cost of mobilization, materials equipment's temporary shed at site demobilization and clearing the work site etc. in the items of works. No separate item will be entertained for such nature of works.

7. No separate rate should be quoted for shoring, dewatering, ring bund and artificial island but cost for the same should be including in the item of earth work.

8. No additional work will be allowed without prior approval of the authority.

9. If the contractor fails to start the work within 10 (ten) days necessary action will be taken for cancellation of work order.

10. Any case of sub-letting and syndicating by any contractors/firms will cause their pre-qualification to be cancelled.

11. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

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Md. Nazmul Alam
Executive Engineer
LGED, Dinajpur.



BCIC International Press Tender Notice (Short Tender)

Managing Director, Chittagong Urea Fertilizer Ltd. (CUFL), Rangadia, Chittagong invites sealed bid under Two Envelope System for supply of Gaskets for Equipment on C&F (C) Chittagong basis under Ref. No. CUFL/PUR(F)-308/OS-918 dated 09.3.2002. Bid document may be collected from (i) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka, (ii) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong and (iii) CUFL, Rangadia, Chittagong on payment of Tk 200/- (Two hundred) only per set. Bids will be received in CUFL Commercial Department up to 11:00 on 27.3.2002 opened immediately thereafter. No tender documents will be sold on the opening date of the tender. Due to unavoidable circumstances if the tender cannot be opened in the schedule date this will be opened on the next working day.

BCIC-671-12/3/2002

DFP-6350-14/3/02

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Ghulam Martuza

General Manager (Commercial)

For Managing Director



BCIC International Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিলায়নে জাতীয় অর্থগতির প্রতীক

Managing Director, Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd, Ghorasal, Narsingdi, Bangladesh invites sealed quotation on two envelope system for supply of Sensors, Vibration Transducer & Extension Cable under Tender No. UFFL/FP-INST/4/99-2000/959 on C&F (C) Chittagong Sea Port/Dhaka Air Port basis. Tender will be received up to 11:00 AM on 06-05-2002. Tender documents will be available at Tk.100/- (non-refundable) from (1) Accounts Division, BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka, (2) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong & (3) UFFL. The authority reserves the right to accept any tender or to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening.

BCIC-674-12/3/2002

DFP-6347-14/3/02

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Institute of Flood Control and Drainage Research Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)

Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh

No. R-3704

Dated: 13/3/02

Admission Notice

Post Graduate Diploma in Water Resources Development

Applications are invited in prescribed form for admission into Post Graduate Diploma in Water Resources Development. The objectives of this program are to train and enhance the knowledge and skills of professionals in planning, design and management of water sector projects and to widen their perspectives on water resources management. As water resources development is a multi-disciplinary field, requiring a holistic understanding of the system with a good blend of engineering, agricultural, socio-economic and environmental analyses, a multi-disciplinary course curriculum will be pursued.

Admission Requirements

- Candidates must have either Bachelor's degree in Engineering/ Agriculture/ Urban and Regional Planning/Agricultural Economics or an equivalent degree; or
- A four-year degree in Environmental Science/Geography/Economics/Soil Science or its equivalent; or
- Master's degree with Honors in Environmental Science/Geography/Economics/ Soil Science or its equivalent. A candidate not having an Honors degree should have a first class in the Master's degree.
- Candidates must have at least one first division/class in any public examination and must have no third division/class in any public examination. Candidates should have at least 50% marks or CGPA of at least 2.5 out of 4 or its equivalent in BSc Engg./BURP or MA/MSc/MSS in the relevant branch.

Other Information

The last date for receiving applications is 10 April 2002. Classes will commence from 27 April 2002. Prescribed Application form and Prospectus will be available from the Registrar's Office (Academic Section) on cash payment of Tk. 200/- (Taka two hundred only) or by sending a Bank Draft of this amount in favor of BUET, drawn on Sonali Bank, BUET Branch, Dhaka along with a self addressed envelope affixed with a postal stamp of Tk. 6/- (Taka six) only. Candidates will have to appear before a Selection Committee on dates to be notified by the Director of the Institute on Institute's notice boards. Candidates in employment must apply through their employers. For details of the curricula and rules and regulations of the program, please contact the Director of the Institute.

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Registrar