

## BCS computer show concludes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The week-long BCS Computer Show-2002, the biggest exposition of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in the country, concluded yesterday.

More than one lakh IT enthusiasts of all ages visited the fair. Prime Minister Khaleda Zia inaugurated the show on March 24 at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city.

The fair drew a huge crowd on the last day yesterday. The queue of the visitors was so long that it stretched up to nearby Chandrima Udyan.

A wide range of computer hardware and networking equipment were exhibited in the show that includes touch-screen monitor, latest digital LCD monitor and different multimedia accessories.

Also, most of the software firms showcased their various solutions for business organisations, children and home users.

Apart from the local investors, foreign delegates also visited the fair and showed keen interest in the ICT sector of the country. Entrepreneurs from the USA, Canada, Singapore, Korea, Thailand and India also gathered information about investment facilities from the booth of the Board of Investment (BOI) set up in the fair.

A total of 123 ICT firms, including renowned international firms like Apple, Microsoft, Intel, Samsung, HP and Compaq, took part in the fair.

The software developers said that their products drew a big crowd.

"The response from the buyers was very good and encouraging

and people are now aware about software. We are now providing our clients with the kind of software they really need," said Redwan-Ul Haque, an official of Poshika Soft.

The Internet Service Providers (ISP) offered attractive internet connection packages and web solutions to both corporate and home users. And the IT institutions offered special rate for admission.

The ICT publication houses displayed various publications and books in the fair.

Video-conferencing was a special feature of the fair. On the last day of the fair, BCS president Md Sabur Khan and president of Am-Cham Aftabul Islam took part in the conference while Munir Hossain Rana and Zakaria Swapan were on the other end in New York.

Proshika and Daffodil Computers jointly set up a cyber café at the fair venue and offered free browsing to the visitors.

The organisers also held nine seminars on ICT during the fair and noted IT experts took part in the seminar.

The Bangladesh Computer Society (BCS), a platform of ICT businessmen in the country, organised the fair as part of their annual event.

Talking to The Daily Star, Md Sabur Khan said the fair is successful despite some limitations. "We will try to overcome the limitations in future."

He also said the BCS would take initiative to hold such fairs in the divisional towns shortly. Programming contest is also high on its future agenda.

## BCL demands withdrawal of case against Hasina

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), student wing of the opposition Awami League, brought out a procession and held a rally on the Dhaka University campus yesterday to protest filing of case against Sheikh Hasina.

The BCL leaders at the rally said cases filed against Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina is false and motivated.

The case was filed to silence opposition voices about misrule and misdeeds of the BNP-led four-party government, they said.

The BCL would launch an all-out movement against the present autocratic government if the cases filed against Hasina was not withdrawn immediately, they added.

Presided over by Beg Shahin Jahan, the rally was addressed by Sujit Roy Nandi, Masud Chowdhury, Abdul Wadud Khokan, Marufa Akhtar Poppy, Saifuzzaman Shikhor, Asadul Haq, AKM Azim, Alamgir Hasan, Delwar Hossain and Chowdhury Mohammad Rahan.

## Art exhibition begins in Ctg tomorrow

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A five-day art exhibition will begin at the Chittagong Fine Arts College gallery tomorrow on the occasion of 69th birth anniversary of the eminent artist Rashid Chowdhury.

The artists of Chittagong will take part in the exhibition. Jahir Uddin Khan will inaugurate the programme as chief guest while artist Shah Mohammad Ansari will be special guest with Prof. Rita Dutt in the chair.

On the second day of the programme a seminar on 'Artist Rashid Chowdhury and Fine Arts of Chittagong' will be held at the college gallery.

Dr. Fayezul Azim will present the keynote paper at the seminar while Dr. Bhuiyan Mohammad Iqbal will be main discussant. Dr. Moniruzzaman will preside over the function.



Participants at a scientific seminar on 'Management of Trichomoniasis - A New Approach' held at a city hotel yesterday, organised by the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Bangladesh. From left are Prof Sahela Khatun, Prof Syed Ershad Ali, Halimushan, Prof A K M Anwarul Azim, Prof Samina Chowdhury, Prof T A Chowdhury and Prof Latifa Shamsuddin.

## 48 lakh suffering from trichomoniasis

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About 48 lakh people in the country have been suffering from Trichomoniasis, a sexually transmitted disease (STD) caused by a single-celled protozoan parasite Trichomonas vaginalis.

Trichomoniasis affect both men and women between the ages of 16 to 35 years. It requires simultaneous treatment of both sexes because transmission of the disease occurs primarily by sexual contact and male partner remains as a silent carrier.

"The main problem with the disease is that many physicians mistake trichomoniasis for any other common STDs," experts said at a scientific seminar on 'Management of Trichomoniasis - A New Approach' yesterday, organised by the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Bangladesh (OGSB) and sponsored by Opsonin Pharmaceutical.

Many women do have signs or

symptoms of infection. In these women, trichomoniasis causes a yellow vaginal discharge and irritation and itching of the female genital area.

In male, the symptoms are mild urethral discharge, burning upon urination, urethral pain or irritation.

The disease is very common in Bangladesh, but it is curable, the experts said.

World Health Organisation estimates the worldwide prevalence of trichomoniasis is about 17.40 crore.

The experts said there are several tests that can detect the presence of the parasite but culture test is the 'gold standard' to diagnose trichomoniasis.

They said trichomoniasis can be cured with the 5-nitroimidazole group of drugs. Oral tablet Ornidazole has proved excellent in curing the disease, they added.

Prof A K M Anwarul Azim, president of OGSB, chaired the seminar while Prof Samina Chowdhury presented the keynote paper.

Prof Syed Ershad Ali, Prof T A Chowdhury, Prof Sahela Khatun, Prof Latifa Shamsuddin, Prof Sultana Jahan and Prof S R Begum were present on the occasion.

## National Disaster Preparedness Day today

BSS, Dhaka

National Disaster Preparedness Day (NDPD)-2002 will be observed across the country today to raise people's awareness about natural disasters.

President AQM Badrudduza Chowdhury in a message on the occasion said Bangladesh frequently encounters natural calamities and therefore disaster preparedness was a must for unhindered development process.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia in her message identified flood, cyclone, tidal surge, tornado, excess rainfall, draught and river erosion as major development obstacles.

Khaleda said the damage of natural disasters could be lessened by raising the awareness and capacity of the people through prior preparedness.

Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief and Disaster Management Bureau is to jointly organise a function in the BIAM auditorium at New Eskaton here today to mark the day. Disaster Management and Relief Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yousuf and state minister for Disaster Management and Relief Ebadur Rahman Chowdhury will be present at the function.

### DHAKA TODAY

**Training programme**  
The inaugural session of the training programme on 'Environmental Laws and Court Proceedings' organised by Bangladesh Environmental Management Project in association with Judicial Administration Training Institute (JATI) will be held. Venue: JATI Conference Hall, Old High Court Building. Time: 9.15am.

**Workshop**  
The closing session of the workshop on 'Rain Water Harvesting' organised by the Local Government Division of LGED and Cooperatives Ministry in cooperation with the Unit for Policy Implementation, will be held. Venue: DPHE auditorium, Kakrail. Time: 4.00pm.

**NDPD-2002**  
The inaugural ceremony of the National Disaster Preparedness Day-2002 will be held with Disaster Management and

Relief Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yousuf as chief guest. Venue: BIAM auditorium, 63 New Eskaton. Time: 9.00am.

**Seminar**  
National Policy Advocacy Cell of SAMATA organises a seminar titled 'Dream of Independence and Right to Land'. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium, Tophkhana Road. Time: 2.30pm.

**Founding anniversary**  
The closing ceremony of the 29th founding anniversary of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society will be held with Works and Housing Minister Mirza Abbas as chief guest. Venue: Dhaka Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College. Time: 4.00pm.

**Easter Sunday**  
In observance of Easter Sunday, Dhaka Pastors Fellowship (North) organises a programme. Venue: Playground north of US Embassy. Time: 5.45pm.

## TSC smoke-free area

UNB, Dhaka

The Teacher-students Centre (TSC) of Dhaka University has been declared 'smoke-free area'.

Environment and Forest Minister Shahjahan Siraj marking the occasion yesterday unveiled a plaque inscribing 'TSC smoke-free area'.

Praising the move he said other

government and non-government organisations would be inspired to declare as smoke-free area to keep the environment free from health hazards.

The government is thinking about ban on smoking in open places, he said. It is also thinking of enacting law after discussing with the Health Ministry, he added.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Local Government Engineering Directorate  
Office of the Executive Engineer, Bagerhat

Memo No. LGED/EE/Bagerhat-T/1(Part-7)/2001/1120 Dated: 17-03-2002

### Tender Notice No. 34/2001-2002

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are invited from all class contractors/contractors firms with pre-qualification of Biodiversity Conservation in the Sundarbans Reserved Forest Project for reconstruction of 1 (one) govt primary school in Sarankhola upazila (estimated cost Tk. 6,04,800/-), 30 double-pit latrines in Rampal upazila (total estimated cost Tk. 1,50,000/-), 30 double-pit latrine in Mongla upazila (total estimated cost Tk. 1,50,000/-) & 30 double-pit latrine in Morrelganj upazila (total estimated cost Tk. 1,50,000/-) of Bagerhat district of 1999-2000 financial year, and construction of 1 (one) govt primary school, 2 (two) registered private primary schools & 100 double-pit latrines (total estimated cost Tk. 23,48,500/-) of 2000-2001 financial year and reconstruction of govt. primary school 1 (one) at Mongla upazila, 1 (one) at Morrelganj upazila & 1 (one) at Sarankhola upazila (total estimated cost Tk. 19,20,000/-) during 2001-2002 financial year under 'Biodiversity Conservation in the Sundarbans Reserved Forest' project under Local Government Engineering Directorate. Tender schedule & other papers can be purchased at prescribed price (non-refundable) from the office of (1) Project Director, Biodiversity Conservation in the Sundarbans Reserved Forest Project, Mohammadpur Housing & Pisciculture Society, Plot No-50, Block-A, Shyamoli, Dhaka, (2) Executive Engineer, LGED, Khulna/Projpur, (3) Upazila Engineer, Sarankhola/Morrelganj/Mongla/Rampal upazila, dist. Bagerhat & (4) the undersigned everyday during office hours up to 06-04-2002. Tenders will be received in tender box kept at the above offices as well as office of Deputy Commissioner, Bagerhat & Police Super, Bagerhat up to 1.00 PM of 07-04-2002 and simultaneously opened at the said offices on the same day at 1.30 PM in presence (if any) of the contractors. In case more than one contractor becomes the lowest by submitting the same rate for the same work, the contractor will be selected through lottery, and the lottery will be held on 13-04-2002 at 11.00 AM at the conference room of the undersigned.

This tender notice is short. Detailed information can be seen & known from the above-mentioned offices during office hours.

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

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G-820

Md Mosharraf Hossain  
Executive Engineer

## WEATHER TODAY

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Jessore, Kushtia, Comilla and Noakhali today.

Weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country and day temperature nearly unchanged over the country. Met office said.

Country's highest temperature 34.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and the lowest 17.3 degree at Srimangal.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.14 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:51 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	30.2	20.3	61	57
Chittagong	32.8	22.0	68	62
Rajshahi	32.2	20.0	51	44
Khulna	32.8	23.3	82	76
Barisal	31.2	20.8	82	71
Sylhet	31.5	19.0	55	72
Cox's Bazar	34.0	23.5	62	64

## Obituary

UNB, Dhaka

M Nurul Islam, former deputy regional engineer of Bangladesh Betar, died of cancer here Friday night at the age of 67, says a press release.

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

He was buried at Azampur graveyard yesterday.

Quikhwani of late Islam will be held at his Mirpur residence on April 5.

## Sultan Ahmad Sowdagar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Sultan Ahmad Sowdagar, a social worker and businessman, died of prolonged illness at a city clinic on Friday night at the age of 75.

Sultan Ahmad, father of poet and journalist Omar Kaiser, left behind wife, three sons, four daughters and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

He was laid to rest at the graveyard of his village home at Monsha under Patiya upazila yesterday after two namaj-e-janazas held at Shaheed Minar premises in the city and at Monsha.

Quikhwani of Sultan Ahmad Sowdagar will be held at his village home on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the business community of Chaktai and Khatunganj areas kept their business establishments shut down for half-day yesterday as a mark of respect to the deceased.

The Chaktai Shilpa Banik Samity, Chittagong Dhan-Chal Baboshayee Samity and Greater Chaktai Samajkalyan Samity in a joint statement have also condoled his death and expressed deep sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

## Chehlum

BSS, Dhaka

Chehlum of Begum Nurunnesa, wife of late Khan Bahadur Abdul Ghani will be held after Juma prayers at her north Charcha residence in Comilla on April 5.

She died of old age complications at her Comilla residence on March 3. She left behind two sons and a number of grandsons and granddaughters to mourn her death.



The Bhatary Golf Club accorded a reception to outgoing MD of Lever Brothers (BD) Ltd. Jean Alfonsi (left) and his wife and new MD Sanjay Sushil Mehta (extreme right) and his wife on the club premises in Chittagong on Thursday.

### FOR SALE

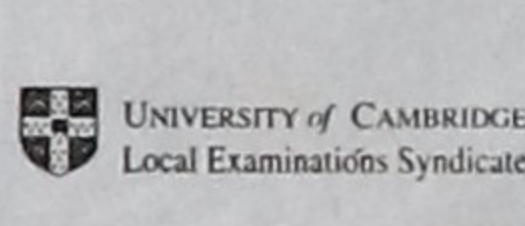
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Child Development: Combined Programme to Check Child Trafficking (Pilot Project)

House # 90A, Road # 7A, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1209

Memo No. CPCCT/68/2001-102

Dated: 13-3-2002

### Re-Appointment Notice

Applications are invited from bonafide citizens of Bangladesh for appointment of the undermentioned manpower on purely temporary & contract basis for the project period for Children's Rehabilitation Centre under Rehabilitation Programme of Child Development: Combined Programme to Check Child Trafficking (Pilot Project) run by the Directorate of Women's Affairs under the Ministry of Women's & Children's Affairs.

Sl No	Name of post	Number of post	Age	Educational qualification & experience
1.	Metron pay consolidated Tk. 2000/-	1 (one)	35-45 years	SSC/equivalent passed. Should possess minimum 2 years practical experience in related works at govt/private quarters/hotel.
2.	Cook pay consolidated Tk. 1200	1 (one)	35-45 years	Minimum class VIII passed. Should possess minimum 3 years practical experience in this work.
3.	Assistant Cook pay consolidated Tk. 900/-	1 (one)	35-45 years	Minimum class VIII passed. Should possess minimum 2 years practical experience in this work.
4.	Ayah/Buoy pay consolidated Tk. 800/-	1 (one)	35-45 years	Minimum class VIII passed. Should possess minimum 3 years practical experience in this work at govt/private institution.
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1. Application should be submitted with full bio-data (name, father's name, mother's name, date of birth, present & permanent address, nationality, description of educational & other qualifications) of the candidate.  
2. Three copies recent passport size photo (attested), attested true copy of educational & other qualification/experience certificates and attested true copy of character & nationality certificates and Pay Order/Bank Draft for Tk 100/- (one hundred) only (non-refundable) in favour of the project should be enclosed with the application.  
3. Only female candidates can apply for the posts at serial nos. 1, 2 & 3.  
4. Employees appointed to posts at serial nos. 1 to 4 will get free single accommodation & dining facility.  
5. Application must reach the project office address within 06-4-2002 by post/messenger. Those who have applied earlier need not apply afresh.

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Abu Sayeed Mallik  
Project Director.