

## Food procurement drive Govt won't tolerate irregularities: Noman

BSS, Rangpur

Food Minister Abdullah Al Noman yesterday visited several areas of Nilphamari and Rangpur districts to see for himself the progress of current food procurement drive of the government.

He also held a review meeting at the local circuit house with food officials and members of the food procurement committees and discussed progress of the procurement drive.

Food officials and members of the food procurement committees of Rangpur, Nilphamari, Gaibandha, Kurigram and Lalmonirhat districts attended the meeting.

The government has fixed the current season's internal procurement targets at 6,00,000 metric tons of rice with per kg price of Tk 13.25, 1,54,000 metric tons of paddy with per kg price of Tk 8.40 and 3,00,000 metric tons of wheat with per kg price of Tk 9.00.

The procurement drive started on April 25 last will continue till

July 31 this year.

Addressing the food officials the minister said the government would not tolerate any kind of irregularities and mismanagement in buying, preservation and carrying the food cereals during the procurement drive. "Our main objective is to ensure fair price to the marginal farmers to uphold their interests," he said.

He asked them to carry out their responsibilities with honesty and dedication, maintain the standard of all food cereals and buy them from the real farmers.

The government has fixed the targets of 3,94,000 metric tons of rice, 1,00,000 metric tons of paddy and 2,40,000 metric tons of wheat for procurement during the current season from 16 districts of Rajshahi division.

Meanwhile, 2,00,016 metric tons of wheat have already been procured and other targets are also expected to be fulfilled during the specified period, the minister said.

## Khoka consoles Newton's family members

BSS, Dhaka

Fisheries and Livestock Minister and the newly elected Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Sadek Hossain Khoka yesterday visited the residence of late Ward Commissioner Saidur Rahman Newton.

Newton, the newly elected Commissioner of Ward No 8 was gunned down recently by armed criminals on broad daylight in the city.

Consoling the members of the bereaved family the new mayor assured that the persons responsible for killing Commissioner Newton must be taken to task for punishment.

S A Khaleque MP, Nasir Uddin Ahmed, MP and Dhaka City BNP General Secretary Abdus Salam accompanied Khoka.

## Mystery shrouds death of girl

BSS, Rajshahi

A 12-year-old domestic help died mysteriously at local Serail area under Boalia thana in the city on Monday, police and hospital sources said.

She was identified as Sharifa Khatun, daughter of Surat Ali of Paran village under Sundarganj upazila in Gaibandha district.

According to police, Sharifa had been working in the house of one Ashraf Huda for last two months on Monday, the family members found her body hanging from the ceiling of the bathroom.

## Sitakunda Pura polls results postponed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The announcement of results of the election to Sitakunda Municipality has been postponed following an attack on a polling centre in the district by some miscreants during the vote-counting on Monday.

Sources said about 20 armed cadres, belonging to the ruling party, stormed into Dattabari School centre at around 7pm. The armed hoodlums exploded cocktails and fired blank shots. They also forced the polling officials to stop counting at the centre where an Awami League-backed candidate was leading.

In eight centres, out of a total of nine in Sitakunda municipality area, four-party candidate Abul Kalam Azad was leading with 6183 votes in his favour while AL-backed candidate Nayek Shafiu Alam got 5949 votes.

But the votes cast at Dattabari School centre gave Shafiu Alam a lead of 29 votes over the four-party candidate, witnesses said.

## Health Minister holds meetings with counterparts in Geneva

UNB, Dhaka

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain who is now in Geneva to attend the 55th session of World Health Assembly spent a busy day on Monday.

The Bangladesh minister held bilateral meetings with his counterparts from India, Iran, Bhutan and China and discussed wide range of matters of mutual interest in the health sector, according to a message received here yesterday.

During the meeting with Health and Family Welfare Minister of India Dr CP Thakur, both ministers agreed to expand cooperation in the health sector and adopt regional strategies to address emerging challenges.

With the Iranian Minister for Health, Treatment and Medical Education Minister, Dr M Peshkian, the Bangladesh Health Minister called for exchange of expertise between the two countries to build greater capacity in the health sector.

## Obituary



Haji Md. Ruhul Amin, former general secretary of New Market Shop Owners' Association and noted social worker, died of cardiac arrest in Dhaka yesterday morning at the age of 65 years, says a press release.

His *namaz-e-janaza* was held at Zigatala Mosque premises and New Market.

Later, he was buried at his family graveyard at Rasulpur under Ramganj upazila in Laxmipur district.

Qulhuani of Ruhul Amin will be held tomorrow. Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the *milad* and pray for the salvation of the departed soul.



Newly elected Mayor Sadek Hossain Khoka visited the residence of slain BNP-backed ward commissioner Saidur Rahman Newton, in the city yesterday and consoled his family members.

## EC should be given full authority to hold election

Speakers tell seminar in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar in the city yesterday said the Election Commission should be given the full authority in holding an election to ensure real public representation in parliament.

They said political parties should cultivate and nourish democratic norms, principles and practices to strengthen electoral system in the country.

The speakers said this at a seminar titled 'Electoral System: Making Every Vote Count' organised by Legislative Service Project of Manabik Sahajya Sangstha (MSS) in collaboration with European Commission and National Democratic Institute (NDI) of USA.

This was the fourth of a series of five seminars on 'Making Parliament Responsive' held at the

MSS's conference room at Banani.

The seminar was chaired and moderated by former Chief Election Commissioner Mohammad Abu Hena.

Three keynote papers were presented at the seminar by former chief election commissioner Justice M. Abdur Rouf, Secretary (in-charge) of the Election Commission SM Zakaria and Head of the Department of Political Science of Chittagong University Prof Dr. Mahfuzul H. Chowdhury.

Md. Hafiz Ibrahim MP, Md. Sultan Mahmud Babu MP, Col (Retd) Shawkat Ali MP, Laifar Rahman MP, Abu Sayeed Md. Shahadat MP, Hamida Banu Shova MP, M.M. Amin Uddin Ahmed MP, Hasanul Haque Inu, president of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal, Sheikh Shahed, secretary of Jatiya Party (Monju), Azizul Haque, former IGP of police and member of FEMA, Mujahidul Is-

lam Selim, secretary of CPB and Dr. Badrul Alam Majumdar took part in the discussion.

The speakers highlighted that the core problem lies not only with the electoral system but also with the mentality of the leaders and the elected representatives adding that this can be resolved if mixed electoral system is introduced.

The seminar also made a number of recommendations which include compulsory registration of political parties with the Election Commission, preparation of accurate voters list, issuing of ID cards to all voters and strengthening of local government.

James V Oliver, country representative of NDI and director of MSS/Legislative Support Service Project Borhanuddin Ahmed also spoke on the occasion.

MSS President Feroz M. Hassan delivered the welcome speech.

## AUB standing body members meet President

UNB, Dhaka

A delegation of the standing committee members of the Association of Universities of Bangladesh made a courtesy call on President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury at Bangabhaban today.

Committee Chairman and Vice Chancellor of Islamic University Prof Mustafizur Rahman led the delegation.

The delegation apprised the President of the university administration and educational atmosphere of universities. It said the allocation for higher education should be increased along with other logistic support.

President Chowdhury stressed the need for imparting moral education to the students.

He said they must take appropriate measure to put an end to any kind of terrorism in the higher seats of learning and ensure congenial educational atmosphere.

The President said examinations of different disciplines must be held in the due time to avoid session jam.

The president also emphasised the importance of student-teacher and teacher-guardian relationships for ensuring a healthy and congenial educational atmosphere.

Vice Chancellors of different universities were present on the occasion.



The prize distribution ceremony of the PRAN 'Chumukei Chamak' programme was held at BDR Darbar Hall in the city recently. Photo shows Chief Executive of PRAN Group Maj General (Retd) Amjad Khan Chowdhury handing over the key of the car to the winner, Aminul Islam Sarker, of Dhaka.

## Brotee observes poura polls

Brotee, an independent development organisation, monitored the Pourashava elections held on May 13 at Mirzapur Pourashava of Tangail and newly formed Gosalanda Pourashava of Rajbari district, says a press release.

In both the Pourashavas, election took place in a festive and peaceful atmosphere with the presence of large-scale voters and no incident of fake voting. No untoward incident was reported in those two places. The participation of minority voters was significant.

According to Brotee's mobile observers, casting of vote at Mirzapur was 70 per cent. Out of total votes cast, female voters were 55 per cent.

At Gosalanda Pourashava, the voters participation was remarkable and the percentage of vote cast in all the 9 centers was 91 per cent.

Brotee's mobile observers reported spontaneous participation of minority voters at both these Pourashavas. In one center of Mirzapur Pourashava, two persons were arrested for trying to influence the voters by the Special Summary Court but were released later on.



State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Haq Milon distributed admit cards among the HSC examinees at a farewell reception for them at Ideal College in the city on Monday. Principal Dr. Shamsul Alam and Habibul Islam Habib MP were also present. SM Ismail Hossain, who stood first in the SSC exams (Commerce group) under Rajshahi Board, is seen receiving the admit card.

DHAKA TODAY

### Art exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of an art exhibition by artists exclusively from Chittagong titled 'Poob Sagorer Paar Theke', organised by the High Commission of India, will be held with Commerce Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud as chief guest. Venue: High Commission of India Cultural Centre, 754 Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.30pm. The exhibition will remain open till May 29 from 12 noon to 8.00pm.

### Seminar

The office of the Cultural Counsellor, Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Anjuman-e-Farsi, Bangladesh will jointly organise a seminar on poet Omar Khayyam and poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. Venue: Auditorium of the office of the Cultural Counsellor, House-54, Road-8/A, Dhanmondi. Time: 4.30pm.

### Classical music

Jemini Group of Alker Kagoj Ltd organises an evening of classical music in honour of Tapan Kanti Baidya. Venue: House-50, Road-2/A, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 6.30pm.

### Workshop

A workshop on 'Rights of Girl Child and Our Responsibility', organised by the Hunger Project, will be held. Venue: Work for a Better Bangladesh, House-

49, Road-4/A, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 9.00am.

### Farakka discussion

In observance of historic Farakka Day, Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Krishak Dal will organise a discussion with Information Minister Tariqul Islam as chief guest. Venue: Bhasani auditorium, 80 Naya Paltan. Time: 3.00pm.

### Discussion

A discussion on 'Historic Farakka Long March and today's perspective', organised by Jatiya Ganatantrik Party, will be held. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 4.00pm.

### Meeting

An urgent meeting of Bangabandhu Aijibbi Parishad will be held. Venue: North Hall of Supreme Court Aijibbi Samity Bhaban. Time: 4.00pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

### Installation

The installation ceremony of the newly elected office bearers of Islamic Bank Officers Welfare Association will be held. It will be followed by a cultural function. Venue: Osmani Memorial auditorium. Time: 4.00pm.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Directorate of Women's Affairs  
37/3, Eskaton Garden Road, Dhaka

Memo No. DWA/RWATPC/Trani/Computer/41/2002/2 26 Dated: 4-5-2002

## Tender Notice

Tenders are invited from bonafide trading/supplying firms for purchase of 1(one) computer (PC), 1(one) laser printer for "Rural Women's Agro-based Training & Production Centre" project run by the Directorate of Women Affairs.

Tender schedule with information and terms & conditions will be available at Tk 400/= (four hundred) only in cash (non-refundable) per set from head office in Dhaka (Room No 412) & local office up to 20-05-2002. Tenders will be received at the head office & local office up to 4:00 PM of 21-05-2002, and opened on 22-05-2002 at 3:00 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers. Related terms & conditions etc regarding computer will be mentioned in detail in the tender schedule. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

DFP-11697/8/5  
G-1330

Director General  
Directorate of Women's Affairs, Dhaka.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Principal  
Technical Teachers' Training College  
Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208

## 2nd Re-Tender Notice

1. Tender officer : Principal, Technical Teachers' Training College, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.
2. Short description of goods supply : Supply of Trainees' practical class raw materials & training materials (electrical goods, computer parts, construction materials, stationery) and other items.
3. Sale price per schedule : Sale price per schedule is Tk 400/= (four hundred) only (non-refundable).
4. Schedule to be had at : A) Accounts Section, Technical Teachers' Training College, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208; B) Secretary, Technical Education Board, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka; C) Principal, Women's Polytechnic Institute, Agargaon, Dhaka; D) Administrative Officer, Directorate of Technical Education, Shiksha Bhaban, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.
5. Date & time of selling schedule : 21-05-2002 to 23-05-2002, from 9-00 AM to 1-00 PM (on all working days except holiday).
6. Last date & time of receiving tender : All tenders should reach the office of the undersigned by registered post/courier service within 12-30 PM of 26-05-2002. No tender will be received directly and tenders received late will not be considered.
7. Date & time of opening tender : 26-05-2002 at 1-00 PM (tenderers may attend).

All other terms & conditions and necessary information of tender are given with the schedule. The office of the undersigned may be contacted, if necessary. The authority reserves full right to accept any tender or reject all/part of the tenders without assigning any reason.

Principal  
Technical Teachers' Training College  
Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.  
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## Light to moderate rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at a few places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet divisions today.

Moderately heavy falls are also likely at one or two places over Rajshahi division, and the regions of Jessore, Kushtia, Mymensingh, Tangail and Sylhet during the period. Met office said.

Country's highest temperature 36.1 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and the lowest 24.0 degree Celsius at Rangamati.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.34 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.16am.

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	34.8	25.3	72	76
Chittagong	32.4	24.5	69	82
Rajshahi	35.4	27.0	80	95
Khulna	35.6	26.9	76	-
Barisal	33.2	25.0	80	79
Sylhet	35.8	25.8	69	74
Cox's Bazar	32.5	24.4	76	85

## গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

চলচ্চিত্র ও প্রকাশনা অধিদপ্তর

১১২, সার্কিট হাউজ রোড, ঢাকা

নং-প্রকাশনা-২০/২০০১-২০০২/৪৬৭৬ তারিখ: ১৩/০৫/২০০২

## দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রীর অফিসিয়াল প্রতিকৃতি মুদ্রণের লক্ষ্যে বাই কালার অফসেট মুদ্রণালয়ের নিকট থেকে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

মুদ্রণ কাজের জন্য দরদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের একটি ডাবল ডিমাউ, প্রেট মেকিং, ডাবল ডিমাউ কাটিং মেশিন, দুটো ডাবল ডিমাউ পেস্টিং টেবিল একই কর্পাসভিত্তির মধ্যে থাকতে হবে। ডিটিপি পেজেটিভ অর অধিদপ্তর কর্তৃক সরবরাহ করা হবে।

দরপত্র আগামী ২১/০৫/২০০২ তারিখ দুপুর ১২.০০ টা পর্যন্ত গ্রহণ করা হবে এবং ঐদিনই দুপুর ১২.৩০ ঘটিকার সময় দরদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) প্রাপ্ত দরপত্র খোলা হবে। ২০/০৫/২০০২ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় প্রতিটি দরপত্র সিডিউল ৪০০/- (চারশত) টাকা মূল্যে (অফিসের মাধ্যমে) উপ-পরিচালক (প্রকাশনা) এর শাখা থেকে ক্রয় করা যাবে।

কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে আর্থিক বা সম্পূর্ণ দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা দপ্তর সংরক্ষণ করে।

মাহফুজুর রহমান

উপ-পরিচালক (প্রকাশনা)

ডিগ্রাফ-১২২৬১-১৩/৫

জি-১৩৪২

চলচ্চিত্র ও প্রকাশনা অধিদপ্তর  
১১২, সার্কিট হাউজ রোড, ঢাকা।

## দি সিকিউরিটি প্রিন্টিং করপোরেশন (বাংলাদেশ) লিঃ

গাজীপুর-১৭০৩।

সূত্র নং-এসপি/সিবি/০৫১/প্রকৌঃ-০৩/২০০২-২১৫ তারিখঃ ১১/০৫/২০০২ইং

## দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

নিম্নে বর্ণিত কাজের জন্য অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে

সীলমোহরিত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

কাজের নামঃ আম কার্ড সরবরাহের দরপত্র।

অন্যদিক প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহ নিম্নলিখিত শর্ত সাপেক্ষে সিডিউল ক্রয় করতে পারবেনঃ

- ১) সিডিউল ক্রয়ের তারিখ : অগ্রহী প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহ তাদের নিজস্ব গ্যারে সিডিউলের সঙ্গে সযত্ন নমুনা প্রদানকারী আবেদনের মাধ্যমে আগামী ২২/০৫/২০০২ইং তারিখ হতে ৩০/০৫/২০০২ইং পর্যন্ত সময়ে সিডিউল ক্রয় করতে পারবেন।
- ২) শর্তাবলি হতে বুধবার পর্যন্ত ১৪-০০ ঘটিকা হতে ১৬.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
- ৩) বুধবারের ১১-০০ ঘটিকা হতে ১৪-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
- ৪) অর্থ ও হিসাব উপ-বিভাগ, দি সিকিউরিটি প্রিন্টিং করপোরেশন (বাংলাদেশ) লিঃ, গাজীপুর-১৭০৩।
- ৫) মানহাটিন টাওয়ার (৪র্থ তলা), ৮৩ নং, সিদ্দেখদী সার্কেলার রোড, লিয়াজো অফিস, ঢাকা-১২১৭।
- ৬) প্রতি সেটের মূল্য টাঃ ৪০০/- (টাকা চারশত) মাত্র (অফিসের মাধ্যমে)।
- ৭) ০১/০৬/২০০২ইং।

সময় : বিকাল ১৫.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।

(১) প্রকৌশল দপ্তর, দি সিকিউরিটি প্রিন্টিং করপোরেশন (বাংলাদেশ) লিঃ, গাজীপুর-১৭০৩।

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কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা সফল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

মোঃসোম আলী

উপ-সহকারী প্রকৌশল দপ্তর

জিডি-৩৯৮