

## Stop irregularities in loan recovery

### Borrowers urge HBFC

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Bangladesh House Building Loan Borrowers Welfare Association (BHBLBWA) yesterday urged the House Building Finance Corporation (HBFC) to stop its irregularities and harassment of the borrowers in recovering the loans.

The association also demanded the implementation of the decisions taken by the Parliamentary Petition Committee of the 7<sup>th</sup> par-

## Indian goods seized

BSS, Joypurhat

Huge quantities of smuggled Indian goods worth over Tk 12 lakh have been seized by BDR jawans of Joypurhat 5 Rifle Battalion yesterday.

According to official sources, the BDR jawans conducted a number of raids along the border on Tuesday and early yesterday. They seized huge quantities of smuggled Indian sugar, salt, spices, drugs and steel made goods, which have been deposited with customs.

Several cases were filed in these connections.

liament which includes that as a service sector the HBFC will sanction loans charging 5 per cent of simple interest on "no profit no loss" basis. But the HBFC is charging almost three times of the interest, it alleged.

The demands of the association were raised at a rally of the BHBLBWA held at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday. The rally was presided over by Barrister Rabeya Bhuiyan, president of the association.

After the rally, the association members brought out a procession and submitted a memorandum to Finance and Planning Minister M. Saifur Rahman demanding more funds in this sector in the new budget.

## Listed criminal held in Gazipur

UNB, Gazipur

A listed criminal was arrested from slum area in the town on Friday night.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the area at the dead of night and arrested Shahid. He was wanted in 15 cases.

## ICSW confce begins in Netherlands

### June 24

The 30<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International Council for Social Welfare (ICSW) will be held in Rotterdam in the Netherlands from June 24 to 28, says a press release.

ADAB Chairperson and Proshika President Dr Qazi Faruque Ahmed left here yesterday for the Netherlands to attend the conference.

At the invitation of Dr Faruque, who is also Global President of ICSW, over 1000 highly distinguished personalities representing different government bodies, international forums, social development and social welfare organisations from all over the world are expected to take part in various symposiums, workshops and social gathering to the organised during the five-day conference.

The delegates will be noted personalities involved in the fields of social welfare, social development and social justice. Their participation in the conference will strengthen the civil society's commitment to social justice.

Besides the inaugural session to be chaired by ICSW President Dr Faruque, the conference will include four plenary sessions. The theme of the conference is "Bridging the gaps: Economic, social, and cultural opportunities at global and local levels".

## Pranab new MD of Aptech, Bangladesh

Pranab Bose will be the new Managing Director (MD) of Aptech in Bangladesh with effect from July 15 this year, says a press release.

Amitava Ghosh., Managing Director, Aptech Worldwide Bangladesh Ltd announced this yesterday (Wednesday) at a press conference at its new Country Office premises at House No 57, Road No 5/A, Dhanmondi R/A, in the city.

Pranab is a Graduate Engineer in Electronics and Communications from Gujarat University, India. He has an industry experience of 14 years and has served companies like Philips Telecom and Stone India Ltd. He was the erstwhile Zonal Manager of Asset International, Aptech Ltd based in Kolkata.

Tarun Mitra, Head of Operations, Asia, M Behroz Jalil, Country Manager, Aptech Pakistan and Bhaskar Chowdhury, Country Manager, Aptech Myanmar were also present in the press conference.



Ambassador of France in Bangladesh Michel Lummaux, decorates Arshad-uz Zaman with the insignia "Legion d'Honneur" at a reception at the envoy's Gulshan residence yesterday. Arshad-uz Zaman, a former ambassador and also a former deputy secretary general of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) was honoured by the French government recently for his contribution to French language, culture and strengthening the bonds between Bangladesh and France. Madame Lummaux and Mrs Arshad-uz Zaman were present at the function.

## Call for target to halve world poverty, hunger by 2015

### IFRCS annual World Disasters Report released

BSS, Dhaka

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRCS) yesterday cautioned that international pledges to halve world poverty or hunger by 2015 will not be met unless more efforts are made to reduce the impact of natural disasters.

In its annual World Disasters Report released here as elsewhere across the world yesterday morning, a group of experts commissioned by the IFRCS said that prevention efforts were neglected and called for targets to be set to reduce the risk from disasters.

It advocated a target of halving the number of deaths caused by storms, floods or drought. "Disasters can wipe out years of development in a matter of hours," Federation Secretary-General Dider Cherpitel noted in the report. The report said that precautions had proven their value in countries such as Bangladesh, Cuba, India or Vietnam, cutting the numbers of deaths and economic losses significantly.

"Although the agencies' policy

statements may suggest there is widespread concern about risk reduction, the acid test of the international community's commitment is surely the amount of aid funding committed to it," it added.

It noted that the European Union's humanitarian aid department only spent 1.5 per cent of its relief spending on disaster preparedness.

The risks of natural disasters are also rising with climate change, the report noted, quoting data from a Brussels-based research center which showed that the intensity of weather-related disasters had grown in Oceania.

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## Light to moderate rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

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

Moderately heavy falls is also likely at places over the country during the period. Met Office said predicting nearly unchanged day temperature over the country.

Country's highest temperature 35.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Khulna and the lowest 24.0 degree Celsius at Rangpur, Syedpur and Dinajpur.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:49 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11 am.

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	33.7	27.6	78	72
Chittagong	33.2	26.5	72	87
Rajshahi	34.6	25.5	90	74
Khulna	35.4	28.5	79	76
Barisal	33.3	27.6	80	81
Sylhet	31.5	25.6	84	96
Cox's Bazar	33.8	26.6	75	81

## RHD Notice Inviting Tender

- Tender Notice : T-174/2001-2002 P&S Divn, Dhaka, Dt: 05-06-2002.
- Name of work : Supply of spare parts for JM Road Roller of RHD, different road division under RHD, Procurement & Storage Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka during the year 2001-2002.
- Estimated cost : As per schedule.
- Earnest money : Tk 2% of the estimated cost.
- Time allowed for completion of work : 30 (thirty) days from the date of issue of work order.
- Category of contractor : A, B & C class contractor under RHD, 'D' class enlisted contractor, Equipment Control & Procurement Circle, Dhaka & 'E' class enlisted contractor of this division according to financial capacity.
- Tender documents will be sold : Executive Engineer, RHD, Procurement & Storage Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka/ Executive Engineer, RHD, Equipment Control Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka & Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Procurement & Storage Sub-Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka on all working days.
- Tender documents will be received : 1. Superintending Engineer, RHD, Equipment Control & Procurement Circle, Dhaka, 2. Executive Engineer, RHD, Procurement & Storage Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka.
- Tender documents will be sold up to : 25-06-2002.
- Closing time & date of tender : 26-06-2002 & 12:00 Noon.
- Date & time of opening tender : 26-06-2002 & 12:01 PM.
- Lottery date & time of tender (if required) : 27-06-2002 & 1:30 PM.

Executive Engineer, RHD  
DFP-15450-9/6/02  
G-1642  
Procurement & Storage Division  
Tejgaon, Dhaka.

## RHD Notice Inviting Tender

- Tender notice : T-188/2001-2002. P&S Divn, Dhaka, Dt: 6-6-2002.
- Name of work : Supply of Steel Wire Rope of RHD, different road division under RHD, Procurement & Storage Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka. Charged to T&R during the year 2001-2002.
- Estimated cost : As per schedule.
- Earnest money : Tk 2% of the estimated cost.
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Executive Engineer, RHD  
DFP-15577-10/6/02  
G-1655  
Procurement & Storage Division  
Tejgaon, Dhaka.

## RHD Notice Inviting Tender

- Tender notice : T-186/2001-2002. P&S Divn, Dhaka, Dt: 6-6-2002.
- Name of work : Supply of spare parts for different road roller of RHD, different road division under RHD, Procurement & Storage Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka. Charge to T&R during the year 2001-2002.
- Estimated cost : As per schedule.
- Earnest money : Tk. 2% of the estimated cost.
- Time allowed for completion of work : 30 (thirty) days from the date of issue of work order.
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- Lottery date & time of tender (if required) : 27-6-2002 & 1:30 PM.

Executive Engineer, RHD  
DFP-15575-10/6/02  
G-1660  
Procurement & Storage Division  
Tejgaon, Dhaka.

## RHD Notice Inviting Tender

- Tender notice : T-182/2001-2002 P&S Divn, Dhaka, Dt: 6-6-2002.
- Name of work : Supply of spare parts for different road roller of RHD, different Road Division under RHD, Procurement & Storage Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka. Charged to T&R during the year, 2001-2002.
- Estimated cost : As per schedule.
- Earnest money : Tk. 2% of the estimated cost.
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Executive Engineer, RHD  
DFP-15571-10/6/02  
G-1661  
Procurement & Storage Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka.

# DHAKA TODAY

### Art Exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of the fortnight-long Young Artists' Art Exhibition 2002, organised by Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, will be held with President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: National Art Gallery of the academy. Time: 10.00am.

### ADD discussion

Action on Disability and Development organises a discussion meeting on 'Disabled Peoples Participation in the Electoral Process' with former chief justice Mustafiz Kamal as chief guest. Venue: BIAM auditorium, 63 New Eskaton Road. Time: 10.30am.

### Film show

Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen two films titled 'The Odyssey' based on the famous epic by Homer and 'Maria's Lovers' directed by Russian filmmaker Andrei Konchalovsky. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre. Time: 5.00pm and 7.30pm respectively.

### Mahila Parishad

In observance of 91st birth anniversary of Poet Sufia Kamal, Bangladesh Mahila Parishad organises a discussion on 'Movement against Repression on Women and Poet Sufia Kamal'. Venue: National Press Club auditorium. Time: 4.00pm.

### Rally and Walkathon

On the occasion of the National Tree Plantation Campaign and Tree Fair-2002, a colourful rally and walkathon will be held. It will be led by Environment and Forest Minister Shahjahan Siraj as chief guest. Venue: South Plaza of the Jatya Sangsad Bhaban. Time: 8.00am.

### ICAB seminar

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) organises a seminar on 'Communication Skills' with Disaster Management and Relief Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf as chief guest. Venue: ICAB auditorium. Time: 5.00pm.

### ICC dialogue

The International Chamber of Commerce, Bangladesh organises a business dialogue on 'Budgetary Measures: Imperatives of Global Competitiveness' with Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 10.45am.

### Roundtable

The weekly Mridu Bhashan organises a roundtable discussion on the Budget for 2002-2003' with former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria as chief guest. Venue: Grand Azad Hotel, 55 Purana Paltan. Time: 1.30pm.

### DANDY

The launching ceremony of Dandy Food Products will be held. Venue: Hotel Pubani International. Time: 12.00 noon.

### Chhatra Moitree

The two-day national council of Bangladesh Chhatra Moitree will begin. Venue: TSC auditorium of Dhaka University. Time: 11.00am.

### Refugee Day

On the occasion of the World Refugee Day, Rainbow Film Society in collaboration with Liberation War Museum organises a discussion meeting and a film show. Venue: Liberation War Museum auditorium, 5 Segunbagicha. Time: 3.30pm.

### Alliance Francaise

The two-day programme of the Alliance Francaise on the occasion of the World Music Day will begin with Cultural Affairs Secretary Nazmul Ahsan Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium. Time: 4.30pm.

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### NDF conference

The National Conference of National Doctors Forum will be held with Agriculture Minister Mubir Raihan Nizami as chief guest. Venue: Dr. Milan Hall of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, Shahbagh. Time: 10.00am.

### Kachi Kanchar Mela

The Central Kachi Kanchar Mela organises a discussion and cultural function to mark the 91st birth anniversary of Poet Begum Sufia Kamal. Venue: Kachi Kanchar Bhaban auditorium, 37/A Segunbagicha. Time: 5.00pm.

### Anusandhan

In observance of 11th death anniversary of poet Rudra Mohammad Shahidullah, Anusandhan organises a discussion, recitation and cultural function. Venue: TSC cafeteria of Dhaka University. Time: 4.00pm.

# DHAKA TOMORROW

### Film show

Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen a film titled 'Kandahar', a feature film on Afghanistan by Iranian filmmaker Mohsen Makhmalbaf. There will be two shows of the film. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 4.00pm and 6.00pm.