

## DHAKA TODAY

**Painting exhibition**  
Jagat Joti Shishu Sadan organises a children painting exhibition and cultural function with Managing Director of Grameen Bank Prof Mohammad Yunus as chief guest. Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. Time: 5.30pm.

**Film show**  
A two-day film show organised by the Jahangirnagar Film Society will begin. On the first day a film titled 'Utsab' directed by Rituparna Ghosh will be screened. Venue: High Commission of India Cultural Centre, 754 Satmasjid Road. Time: 6.00pm.

**Rotary meeting**  
The year launching intercity meeting with the theme 'Regional Cooperation for International Understanding', organised jointly by Rotary International District 3280 and Rotary Club of Dikusha, will be held with State Minister for Foreign Affairs Reaz Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 5.00pm.

**CARE seminar**  
CARE-Bangladesh organises a seminar on 'Dissemination of Research Findings on Violence against Women'. Venue: BRAC INN, 75 Mahakhal. Time: 9.30am.

**Inauguration**  
The inaugural ceremony of Computer Education Programme-2002 of Muslim Aid Bangladesh will be held through distribution of computer to different educational institutions with State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Ebadur Rahman Chowdhury as chief guest.

**Discussion**  
Ananya, a fortnightly magazine, organises a discussion on 'Why the involvement of women in literature is not increasing' with poet Shamsur Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Gana Unnyan Granthagar auditorium, House-39, Road-14 A, Dhanmondi. Time: 4.00am

## DHAKA TOMORROW

**Photography exhibition**  
A photography exhibition of renowned French photographer Fabien Calvache, organised jointly by French Artists Association and Italian Association of Theatre, will begin. Venue: La Galerie of Alliance Francaise. Time: The exhibition will remain open till July 26 from 9.00am to 12.00pm and from 5.00pm to 8.00pm daily.

**Publication ceremony**  
The publication ceremony of a book titled 'Press Under Mujib Regime' authored by Mahfuz Ullah, will be held with LGRO and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan as chief guest. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 4.00pm.

**Launching ceremony**  
The launching ceremony of BGMEA's Web Portal and E-Commerce site designed and developed by DataSoft Bangladesh and eVastra USA. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 3.30pm.



Students of different schools staged a token hunger strike at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city under the auspices of Working for Better Life yesterday demanding a ban on advertisement of cigarette on TV and in the newspapers.

## Prize giving ceremony

**BSS, Dhaka**  
The prize distribution of the essay competition on educationist Prof Abdullah Farooq was held here recently. Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Fakrudin Ahmed distributed the awards among winners of the essay competition at a simple ceremony. The winners of essay competition were Abu Hena Mohammad Mesbah-ul-Islam, a student of Islamic University of Technology, Saidul Islam of Jahangirnagar University and Mohammad Amirul Islam of Dhaka University. The winners of first, second and third prizes received Tk 20,000, Tk 15,000 and Tk 10,000 respectively.

## Joygun Bibi - another victim of fatwa

**UNB, Sirajganj**  
Police filed a case and arrested a village leader on Saturday for meeting out punishment of 80 lashes to a rape victim by invoking 'fatwa' (religious edict) at an arbitration. Osman, a former union parishad (UP) member, was taken to custody while two other accused Maulana Abdul Mannan and Abdus Sabur Azad went into hiding. The arbitration at Chak Govindapur village in Salanga thana on June 17, presided over by Sak-hawat Hossain, awarded 80 lashes to rape victim Joygun Bibi, 20, and 80 lashes and fine of Tk 10,000 to rapist Hafizur Rahman. The verdict was executed the following day. Police became active and filed the case after reports published in the newspapers. Earlier, police allegedly refused to register case or take any action against the culprits when Joygun's father, Sirajul Islam, went to Salanga thana on June 7. Poor Sirajul of village Hatapara said her daughter would not have undergone the punishment had police taken the case earlier and acted against the culprit, villagers said. Joygun was married two years back to Akbar Ali of neighbouring Chak Govindapur. Akbar was thrown into jail hajat in a case a year ago. Since then Joygun has been living in her parents' house. At dead of night on June 4 Hafizur and his accomplices abducted Joygun, took her to village Binode in Tarash upazila and confined her to a house. There, Hafizur raped her repeatedly for 12 days. Her father wanted to file a case, but for reasons unknown police refused to accept the case, sources said. On June 16, relatives of Hafizur brought him and Joygun to Chak Govindapur and convened arbitration the following day. Maulana Abdul Mannan and the village elders awarded equal punishment of lashes to the abductor-rapist and the rape victim that angered many in the village. Police said they are hopeful of arresting the other accused. They avoided queries why Salanga thana refused to register the case Joygun's father wanted to file there.

**Imams urged to free society from evils**  
**BSS, Khulna**  
Khulna City Corporation Mayor Sheikh Tayebur Rahman has called upon the Imams of mosques to play a greater role in freeing the society from all sorts of evils.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer  
Sylhet PWD Division, Sylhet

## PWD Notice Inviting Tenders

(Tender No 145/2001-2002)

Sealed tenders are hereby invited in BD Form No 2911 for the undermentioned work as per terms and conditions stated below:

- Name of work : Construction of VIP Circuit House at Sylhet.
- Estimated cost : Tk 1,80,10,951/=
- Earnest money : Tk 3,60,250/=
- Time allowed for completion : 365 (three hundred sixty five) days.
- Price of tender : Tk 750+25/- = Tk 775/- (seven hundred seventy five) only (non-refundable).
- Place of selling tender : Office of all the Executive Engineers, PWD Division, under Chittagong Zone & Additional Chief Engineer, PWD, Dhaka, Rajshahi & Khulna Zone, Divisional Commissioner's Office, Sylhet.
- Place of receiving tender : Office of the undersigned including all Executive Engineers' offices under PWD Circle, Sylhet and also the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet Division, Sylhet.
- Last date of selling tender : During office hours up to 14/7/2002.
- Eligibility of contractor/firm : (a) All classes of approved building contractor of PWD as per their financial limit, (b) The intending tenderer must have VAT Registration.
- Attested copy of VAT registration/TIN certificate and also original money receipt for purchasing tender to be enclosed along with the tender.
- Date of receiving and opening tender : At 12.00 Noon on 15/07/2002 and will be opened on the same day at 12.15 PM (due to unavoidable circumstances, if any, receiving and lottery date shall be shifted to immediate next working day).
- Lottery applicable (where necessary) : If more than one tenders stand lowest having same rate, selection will be made by lottery, to be held on 22/07/2002 at 12.00 Noon in the office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD Circle, Sylhet in presence of the intending tenderers who may like to remain present at the time of lottery.
- The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason.

Mahmood Hasan Sirajee  
Executive Engineer  
Sylhet PWD Division, Sylhet  
DFF-16742-25/6/02  
G-1765

## Gender parity achieved in primary edn: ERD report

**BSS, Dhaka**  
Bangladesh has achieved considerable success in mainstreaming women in the development process with marks of progress in different key fields of the national economy.

According to a draft on a strategic plan, women in Bangladesh played an important role in scoring success in micro-credit, RMG exports, reducing population growth, increasing child nutrition and spreading primary education. Economic Relations Division of the Ministry of Finance formulated the draft on "A National Strategy for Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction." It has reflected experience of existing research and participatory assessments on poverty, impact of the past strategies and assessment of the development and reform process.

It said Bangladesh also achieved gender parity in primary education and nearly removed gender gap in secondary education. While significant gender gaps persist, the role of women in all occupations has become increasingly visible and will be instrumental to bring about wider social and economic changes in future. "Strengthening of adopted measures will further contribute towards declining fertility rate, improving the child and maternal nutrition and greater welfare of women themselves."

The government is framing policies and institutional actions under the proposed poverty reduction strategy, which will be designed to reach out to the poorest section of the people. Special attention will be given to the problems faced by the hill people in development activities in the CHT region and the tribal population in other parts of the country. While the gender gap is closing in development indicators, the overall level of empowerment measured in terms of literacy, workforce participation, property rights and access to credit leaves much to be desired.

The aim of a related national issue is to increase the political voice of women, especially the poor women, which will further enhance agency role and hence contribute towards faster progress in the well-being of children and women.

For further women advancement in Bangladesh, the government has already given maximum emphasis on several areas of critical importance to combat various negotiations and adversities they have been facing at different levels.

**Jamiruddin greets governor general of Canada**  
**UNB, Dhaka**  
Acting President Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar has felicitated Governor General of Canada Adrienne Clarkson on the occasion of 135th anniversary of the Canadian Confederation.

In a message of felicitations to Clarkson, Barrister Sircar hoped that the existing bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two countries would be further strengthened in the years to come. Sircar wished her good health and happiness as well as continued peace and prosperity of the people of Canada.

## BCIC Re-Tender Notice

Managing Director, Sylhet Pulp & Paper Mills Ltd, Chhatak, Sunamganj invites sealed tender under 2 (two) envelope system from the bonafide suppliers for supply of the following items:

Tender No. & date	Name of the materials	Price of tender documents	Date of receiving/opening
25 dt 19/6/2002	500m/tons Soda Ash	500/-	10/7/2002
26 dt 19/6/2002	250m/tons Unslaked Lime	200/-	10/7/2002

Prescribed tender documents per set will be had on cash payment of taka as mentioned above from 1) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha, Dhaka, 2) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad, Chittagong & 3) Sylhet Pulp & Paper Mills Ltd, Chhatak, Sunamganj. Tender with 1% earnest money will be received in the tender box kept in the Purchase Department of SPPM Ltd, Chhatak up to 3-00 PM on 10/7/2002 and will be opened immediately thereafter in presence of the tenderers (if any). No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening. The Management reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

BCIC-954-22/6/2002  
DFF-16697-24/6/02  
G-1758  
Md Askir Ali  
Manager (Purchase)  
for Managing Director

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer  
Public Works Division, Sathkira

## Tender Invitation Notice

No 24/2001-2002

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from Public Works Directorate enlisted contractors/contractors' firms as per financial eligibility for execution of the undermentioned work. Tenders will be opened on the date of submitting tender at 12-15 minutes in presence of interested tenderers (if any). Name of work/name & address of contractor/contractors' firms & the address to whom the tender is submitted should be mentioned on the envelope.

SI No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time for completion of work	Eligibility of contractor
1	Construction of boundary wall at south-west gey point of Sathkira Television Relay Station	Tk 12,29,649/-	24,600/-	90 (ninety) days	Public Works Directorate enlisted valid contractors/contractors' firms as per their respective financial eligibility (vide the latest notice of Chief Engineer Public Works Directorate)

- Name of offices to receive tender : Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Khulna Division and the undersigned as well as Executive Engineer, Public Works Division-1/2, Khulna/ Bagerhat/Eden Building Division, Dhaka/Dhaka Public Works Division-2/Jessore/Kushtia/ Faridpur/Barisal/ Patuakhali, Public Works Division.
- Name of offices to sell tender : Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Khulna Division and the undersigned as well as Executive Engineer, Public Works Division-1/2, Khulna/ Bagerhat/ Jessore/Kushtia/ Faridpur/ Jhenidah/ Narail/ Meherpur/ Chuadanga/ Rajbari/Megura/ Barisal/ Patuakhali/Bhola/Madaripur/Shariatpur/Barguna/Jhalakathi/ Pirajpur/ Gopalganj/Eden Building Division, Dhaka/Dhaka Public Works Division-2, Dhaka.
- Last date of selling tender : 10.07.2002 (during office hours).
- Date of receiving tender : 11.07.2002 (up to 12-00 Noon).
- In case there happens to be more than one lowest tenderer in the tender, the contractor will be selected through lottery and the lottery will be held on 24.07.2002 at 11-00 AM at the office chamber of the undersigned.

N.B: All other information can be obtained from the respective offices during office hours.  
DFF-16072-16/6  
G-1728  
Md. Ikramul Haque  
Executive Engineer  
Public Works Division, Sathkira