

Return Rathayatra of Jagannath Dev Bangladesh a land of communal harmony

BSS, Narayanganj
Speakers at a discussion termed Bangladesh a land of communal harmony where people of different religions are living in peace and amity under the present government of four-party alliance.

Sylhet Diabetic Hospital to be upgraded

UNB, Sylhet
Sylhet Diabetic Hospital will be upgraded to a full-fledged hospital by December at a cost of Tk 3 crore.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman has assured the hospital authorities of providing necessary government assistance to implement the project.

The diabetic centre was set up at Puran Lane in Zindabazar area of the town in 1985 under a private initiative at a cost of Tk 2 crore.

It was shifted to a new building in 2001. So far, some pathological apparatus and other medical equipment have been procured for the centre.

The centre presently offers only outdoor medical services. It has five specialist doctors, four officers and 10 employees.

Jagannath Dev at Akhra premises yesterday morning.

Presided over by Tarapad Chakraborty, general secretary, Baladev Ziur Akhra, the discussion was addressed by State Minister for Water Resources, Advocate Goutam Chakraborty, State Minister for Education A N M Ahsanul Hoq Milon and Ronobir Ray Chowdhury, Convener of Hindu-Buddha-Christian Kalyan Parishad.

Goutam Chakraborty said the Leader of the Opposition and Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasina is shedding crocodile tears over the so-called repression on the minority community in the country.

He said the propaganda unleashed by Sheikh Hasina against the government of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia could not be established as her allegations are not based on facts. He declared a donation of Tk 50,000 for the repair of the Akhra.

A N M Ahsanul Hoq said the rights of minority community which were snatched away the past Awami League government has been restored by the four-party alliance government led by Prime Minister Khaleda Zia.

Later, the return Rathayatra was inaugurated by pulling it with rope. The two ministers participated in the pulling.

The other programmes of the day included Rath Puja and recitation from the Geeta.



Garments workers staged a demonstration in the city yesterday to press their various demands including legal minimum wages.

Dowry still rules

UNB, Dhaka

The death toll from dowry-related violence in the country remained steady at 135 last year, showing that the government efforts to deal with the crime have had little impact on the casualties of helpless women.

An investigative report conducted by the News Network revealed that 166 women were tortured either by their husbands or in-laws for dowry during the period. Of them, 127 died and eight committed suicide.

Young housewife Asma Akhter Mridula, 23, of Madaripur town was among them. She was killed allegedly by her husband Jamal Hossain for dowry on August 3, 2001.

Dowry also cost the lives of Dilruba Islam Dina, 25, of Narayanganj town and Anika Shikder Lucky, 20, of Dhaka in August and September respectively.

Another housewife Minara Begum, 30, and her one-year-old son Habibullah were killed allegedly by husband in Bhola on July 17, seven years after their marriage.

Her husband Maksudur Rahman, former imam of a mosque in Bhola, confessed to police that he strangled his wife and their son to death for dowry, and buried them at dead of night.

According to the report, some 11,977 cases of women repression were filed with the country's various police stations and courts against 38,117 people in 11 months of the last year. Of the cases, 2,761 were dowry-related.

Among the 38,117 accused, police could arrest only 4,829 people during the period.

A UNDP report showed that 50 per cent of the country's married women suffered either physical or mental torture for dowry in last 10 years.

Maleka Begum, a prominent writer and leader of women movement, said, "Dowry is an old weapon to oppress women. Thousands of women fall prey to dowry-related violence every year and most of the incidents go unreported."

Although the incidents of women repression marked a slight fall in 2001 compared to those happened in 1998, 1999 and 2000, the situation is still grim in the country.

"The country has got many laws. Even then violence against women is on the rise. We need to launch a vigorous social movement against this menacing problem, or else, helpless women will continue to suffer," Maleka Begum said.

In the wake of growing dowry-related violence, an international conference titled "Dowry: Reality and Techniques of Elimination" was held in Dhaka in January this year.

Chehlum of Sony held

UNB, Dhaka

Chehlum of BUET student Sabun Nahar Sony was held at Sonali Bank Officers' quarter at Uttara in the city after Juma prayers yesterday.

Dhaka City Corporation Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka, Education Minister Dr Osman Faruk, political leaders and ward commissioners, among others, attended the function.

Sony's father Habibur Rahman and mother Dilara Begum broke down when the mayor and the minister arrived at their residence.

Sony was shot dead during a gunfight on BUET campus.

The mayor reiterated the government's determination to bring Sony's killers to book.

Obituary

UNB, Dhaka

Eminent Mathematician Muhammad Shahabuddin died of old-age ailment in the city on Thursday night at the age of 95.

He retired as secretary of the then East Pakistan School Textbook Board in 1969.

He is survived by six daughters and four sons.

He was buried at Banani graveyard after a namaz-e-janaza on the premises of Baitul Mamur Jame Mosque at Elephant Road after Juma prayers yesterday.

His quikhani will be held at his residence in the city after Asr prayers on Sunday, says a press release.

Erratum

UNB, Dhaka

In a UNB story on longan fruit published in The Daily Star yesterday, the name of Thai Ambassador was written as Pihaya Pookaman, who was actually the former envoy of Thailand to Bangladesh.

The name of the incumbent ambassador is Pithak Phrom-bubupha. An official release erroneously gave the ex-envoy's name instead of the new ambassador.

DHAKA TODAY

Founding anniversary

The 10th founding anniversary of Greater Mymensingh Cultural Forum will be held with Environment and Forest Minister Shajahan Siraj as chief guest. Venue: Shawkat Osman auditorium, Central Public Library. Time: 5:00pm.

Rotary

Regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5:30pm.

Media conference

The inaugural ceremony of a three-day media conference 2002, organised by the Centre for Development Communication, will be held. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 3:30pm.

Conference

The inaugural ceremony of the first national conference and scientific seminar of Bangladesh Society of Allergy and Immunology (BANSAL) will be held with Minister for Science and Information and Communication Technology Dr. Abdul Moyeen Khan as chief guest. Venue: LGED auditorium, Agargaon. Time: 9:30am.

Lecture

Franco-Bangladesh Association of Scholars and Trainees (FBAST) will organise a lecture on 'Pasteur as a Problem in the field of History of Science' to be delivered by Dr Daniel Raichvarg, Prof of Bourgogne University, France. Venue: Department of Chemistry, University of Dhaka. Time: 11:00am.

Meeting

The Institutional Development of Human Rights in Bangladesh (IDHRB) will organise a meeting to discuss its two study reports on 'HIV/AIDS, Law, Ethics and Human Rights' and 'State of Human Rights of People Living with Disabilities in Bangladesh'. Venue: House-500H, Road-8, Dhanmondi. Time: 12:00pm.

BKL meeting

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DHAKA TOMORROW

Concluding function

The concluding function of the 10th founding anniversary of Greater Mymensingh Cultural Forum will be held with Education Minister Dr Osman Faruk as chief guest. Venue: Shawkat Osman auditorium, Central Public Library. Time: 7:00pm.

Fair

The inaugural ceremony of the IT Qualifications @ UK Fair will be held with Education Minister Dr M Osman Faruk as chief guest. Venue: The British Council auditorium, 5 Fuller Road. Time: 10:30am. The fair will continue till July 23 from 10:00am to 6:00pm daily.

Publication ceremony

Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) organises the publication ceremony of two books titled 'Agricultural Research in Bangladesh in the 20th Century' and 'Red Data Book of Vascular Plants of Bangladesh' with Agricultural Minister Matur Rahman Nizami as chief guest. Venue: BARC auditorium. Time: 4:00pm.

Exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of a week-long photo and book exhibition dedicated to the World Day of Chess will begin. The Russian Cultural Centre organises the exhibition. Venue: Library of the cultural centre. The exhibition will continue till July 28.

Public Expenditure Review Commission

Notification

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh recently set up a five member Public Expenditure Review Commission with the prime objective of making the public financial management orderly, efficient, dynamic and appropriate with present day world. The terms of reference of the expenditure commission are as under:

1. Review the budget preparation procedure and expenditure management and recommend improvement.
2. Recommend ways and means to ensure optimum use of available resource for achieving economic growth and poverty reduction.
3. Propose practical measures to contain wastage of resource.
4. Recommend structure of mid term budget review.
5. Recommend strengthening the system of internal expenditure control in the public sector.
6. Review and recommend on any other matters relating to public expenditure system.

Interested persons/organizations are requested to offer their valuable comments/recommendations on the aforesaid subjects to the undersigned by 31 July 2002.

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Member-Secretary

Public Expenditure Review Commission

Textile Bhaban (Level-7)

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Dhaka, Bangladesh

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Rajshahi City Corporation

Project Implementation Unit
Municipal Services Project
Rajshahi

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Memo No RCC/Eng (MSP)/01/2000/968
IFB No 02/2002-2003

Date: 06.07.2002
Date: 06.07.2002

IDA Credit No: 3177-BD Credit Name: Municipal Services Project

1. The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a Credit from the International Development Association (IDA) in various currencies towards the cost of Municipal Services Project (MSP) and intends to apply part of the Credit proceeds to cover eligible payments under the following contract.
2. The Project Implementation Unit (PIU), Rajshahi City Corporation, District: Rajshahi invites sealed bids for construction/reconstruction and completion of the works listed below. This invitation for bids is open to all bidders enlisted with LGED and Rajshahi City Corporation in addition, foreign bidders are eligible to bid without this enlistment but if awarded contract, would be required to enlist with LGED. Furthermore, when enlistment is done at district level, Bangladeshi contractors enlisted with LGED in other districts are also eligible to bid. Procurement is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the IDA's Procurement Guidelines. However, countries not eligible under the project also include The Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Brunei Darussalam, Cyprus, Kuwait, Qatar, Singapore, United Arab Emirates.

Rajshahi City Corporation:

Contract Package No	Name of the works	Bid security (Tk)	Cost of bidding documents (Tk)	Time for completion of work (days)
RAJ W SW 01	a) Construction of 08 (eight) numbers communal bins at different locations of Rajshahi City Corporation (Type-A) b) Construction of 44 (forty four) numbers communal bins at different locations of Rajshahi City Corporation (Type-B) c) Construction of 172 (one hundred seventy-two) numbers communal bins at different locations of Rajshahi City Corporation (Type-C)	25000.00	1000.00	90

3. Bidding documents (and additional copies) may be purchased at the office of the (i) Chief Engineer, Rajshahi City Corporation, Rajshahi, (ii) Executive Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department, Rajshahi, and (iii) Deputy Commissioner, District: Rajshahi, on non-refundable fee as shown in the above Table of Section 2, for each set during normal office hours on all working days up to 10.08.2002. Interested bidders may obtain further information at the same addresses during office hours up to 10.08.2002.

4. The provisions in the instructions to bidders and in the conditions of contract are the provisions of the standard bidding documents: Procurement of Works (SBD), National Competitive Bidding (Trial Edition-January 2000), issued by the World Bank office, Dhaka.

5. Bids shall be valid for a period of 63 days after bid opening and must be accompanied by a bid security as mentioned under para No 2 above. Bids must be delivered to the office of the (i) Chief Engineer, Rajshahi City Corporation, Rajshahi, (ii) Executive Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department, District: Rajshahi, and (iii) Deputy Commissioner, District: Rajshahi on or before 11.08.2002 by 2:00 PM.

12. Bidders may deliver their bids by either in person or by courier service or by mail which must reach the above offices before the deadline for submission of bids. Bids received after the deadline will not be accepted.

13. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend at 3:00 PM on 11.08.2002 at the office of the Chief Engineer, Rajshahi City Corporation, Rajshahi.

14. A pre-bid conference will be held on 25.07.2002 at the office of the Chief Engineer, Rajshahi City Corporation, Rajshahi, at 11:00 am. All bidders are requested to attend the conference in time.

Chief Engineer
Rajshahi City Corporation
Rajshahi

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Some TV actresses pose for photographers at the launching ceremony of Altamira, a designer fashion gallery, at Kemal Ataturk Avenue in the city yesterday.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Chief Engineer

Construction and Maintenance Management Unit (CMMU)

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

105-106 Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000

Memo No. MOHFW/CMMU/HPPP/THC/BID-256/2002/24 Dated: 16/7/2002

Amendment Notice

1. In pursuance of the Invitation For Bids (IFB) vide this office Memo No. MOHFW/CMMU/HPPP/THC/BID-256/2002/20 Dated: 01-07-2002 the following amendment has been made:

IFB para-2: Bidding documents for contract package W 3507-CMMU will be available in the office of Executive Engineer, CMMU, Dhaka Division instead of office of the Assistant Engineer (DDO) CMMU, Dhaka District.

2. All other terms and conditions as laid down in the original IFB will remain unchanged.

3. This Amendment Notice will also form a part of the bidding documents and will be binding upon the bidders.

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Colonel Ishfaq Hossain, Psc
Chief Engineer, CMMU

বাংলাদেশ বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ড
Bangladesh Power Development Board
দেশশ্রেণী উন্নয়ন
বিদ্যুতের অবৈধ সংযোগ বন্ধ করুন

BPDB's International Tender Notice

1. International sealed tenders are hereby invited by the Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) for supply of spare parts of Saidpur 20MW Power Station from the renowned manufacturers/suppliers against tender enquiry mentioned below.

Sl No	Tender Enquiry No. & Date	Name of Stores	Value of T. Docts	Submission of T. Docts	Opening of T. Docts
1)	Pur-428/2002 dt. 01-07-2002	Supply of spare parts for Saidpur 20MW Power Station	2000.00	14-08-2002 11-00 AM	14-08-2002 11-30 AM

2. A complete set of tender documents including detailed specification, terms & conditions may be sold to the interested eligible bidders against a written application to the undersigned on payment of Taka 2,000.00 (non-refundable) against the enquiry mentioned above in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh favouring Director of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka. The bidding documents shall be available from 04-07-2002. No tender schedule shall be sold after 11-8-2002.
3. All bids must be accompanied with a bid bond in the prescribed bid format @ 2% of the total bid price from a scheduled bank of Bangladesh in accordance with instructions to the bidders. Tender will be received up to 11-00 AM & will be opened at 11-30 AM on the same date in presence of the bidder or their representative, if any.
4. Documents will neither be sent/sold nor it will be received through fax, telex or post.
5. Late bids will not be received at all.

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Md. Khizir Khan
Director of Purchase
PDB, Dhaka

BFCC
Biman Flight Catering Centre বিমান ফ্লাইট ক্যাটারিং সেন্টার

ZIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, KURMITOLA, DHAKA, BANGLADESH. PHONES: 8914700-4, CABLE: AIRBANGLA. TLX: 642649 DAG BJ, FAX: 880-02-8913006, E-mail:bfcc@citechco.net
REF. BFCC/HS/TENDER/44/2002/84 Date: 17-07-2002

Re-Tender Notice

No. 46/2002

Biman Flight Catering Centre (BFCC) invites sealed tender from the experienced supplier/contractor/manufacturer for the supply of the following items:

SL NO	NAME OF ITEM	DATE FOR SALE OF TENDER SKD	EARNEST MONEY (TAKA) (REFUNDABLE)	COST OF SCHEDULE (NON-REFUNDABLE)	TIME & DATE OF DROPPING OFF TENDER SKD	TIME & DATE OF OPENING TENDER
01.	(a) Power Cable; Brand: BRB/Eastern/Paradise 3/8 1/2 Core Cable Type: NYV Size: 3x70smx35mm Current Rating: 190 amp Qty.-70mtr. (b) Circuit Breaker; Brand: MEM/Telemecanique/Merfigerin/Domansmith/Siemens Type: MCCB TP Capacity: 160 amp Insulation Voltage: 660VAC Operating Voltage: 400/415 VAC Qty: 01	From 21-07-2002 to 04-08-2002	3,000/-	400/-	From 10:00 hrs to 12:00 hours on 05-08-2002	At 14:30 hours on 05-08-2002

Tender boxes will be placed at BFCC premises, Security Gate of Biman Head Office (Balaka Bhaban), Security Gate of BAC, Security Gate of Biman Admin Building at Zia Int'l Airport, Dhaka, the office Biman Poultry Sales & Distribution Centre located at Biman Medical Centre Building, Farmgate, Dhaka. Bidders may drop their tender in any of those boxes.

Schedule of tender alongwith other terms and conditions may be obtained on request in the official letter head pad during office hours on payment of cost of schedule from the office of Manager Finance, BFCC, Zia International Airport, Dhaka. Any eligible bidder may participate in the tender.

BFCC management reserves the right to accept/reject any or all tender/tenders and also to change the opening date of the tender without assigning any reason whatsoever. If tender opening day happens to be holiday, the tender will be opened on the next working day at the same schedule time.

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For-Biman Flight Catering Centre
Dy. General Manager, BFCC