## Sandwip BNP demands fresh poura polls

BSS, Chittagong

Sandwip Pourasabha unit of BNP again denied the allegation of intimidation in last week's municipal election and demanded fresh polls.

"Neither any activist of BNP nor any worker of the four-party alliance partners intimidated the voters on the day of Pourasabha election on July 20," Sandwip Poura BNP president Mohammad Fakhrul Islam told a press conference here on Friday.

In a written statement, he said that the "propaganda by some newspapers" against the leaders of Sandwip BNP and its front organisations centring the election was "baseless, false and unexpected."

Sandwip BNP also demanded fresh elections under a new schedule enabling all intending

### Obituary

UNB, Dhaka

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UNB, Dhaka

Abdul Hamid Molla FCA, a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB), died of a cardiac arrest at his Banani residence on Thursday night at the age of 66.

son and two daughters, said a press release.

Moderate rain likely

divisions during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today.

some major cities and towns yesterday were:

ture may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by tempo-

rary gusty wind is likely at many places over Rajshahi and Sylhet divi-

sions and at few places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna and Barisal

divisions during the period, Met office said, adding that day tempera-

recorded at Khulna and Chuadanga and the lowest of 24.4 degree at

Moderately heavy falls are likely at places over Rajshahi and Sylhet

Yesterday's highest temperature of 36.0 degree Celsius was

The sun sets in the capital at 6.44 pm today and rises at 5:26 am

The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in

26.4

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28.4

26.2

City/Town Temperature Humidityin

in Celsius

Max Min

35.4

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- 31.8 26.6

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people to contest the polls.

Held at the local press club, the press conference was also ad dressed by Sandwip thana BNP vice-president Advocate Mohammad Abu Taher, Pourasabha unit joint secretary Mohammad Mannan Ferdous Swapan, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal president Moham--mad Alamgir Hossain Thakur and Belayet Hossain.

They said the voters of the municipal area had virtually boycotted the election on July 20 because the election was arranged under a schedule announced two and a half years ago. This frustrated the voters' expectations,

They also said that people had spontaneously refrained from voting as a mark of protest against the absconding candidates accused in a number of criminal cases including murder cases, mostly lodged during the past Awami League rule.

Seven out of ten chairman candidates were accused in several criminal cases and one of them is now outside Bangladesh they said.

"The candidates lost their moral rights to face the voters or failed to make any appeal to the He is survived by his wife, one electorates because of their previous misdeeds," the written statement said.



NEWS

World Youth Day pilgrims play in the fountain at Nathan Phillips Square in downtown Toronto on Friday before the start of the Way of The Cross Ceremony as part of the World Youth Day Ceremonies in Toronto, Ontario,

## Women have better memories

AP, Washington

The reason wives are better at remembering emotional issues than husbands may be because women's brains are wired to both feel and recall emotions more keenly than those of men, a new Diane F. Halpern, director of the study found.

When groups of women and men were tested for their ability to recall or recognise highly evocative photographs three weeks after first seeing them, a team of psychologists found that the women's memories were 10 to 15 percentage points more accurate.

The study, appearing Tuesday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, also used MRIs to image the subjects' brains as they were exposed to the pictures. It found that the women's neural responses to emotional scenes was much more active than the men's.

Turhan Canli, an assistant professor of psychology at State University of New York Stony Brook, said the study shows that a woman's brain is better organized to perceive and remember emo-

"The wiring of emotional experience and the coding of that experience into memory is much more tightly integrated in women than in men," said Canli, lead author of the study. "A larger percentage of the emotional stimuli used in the experiment were remembered by women than by stantly changing."

University.

with earlier research that found differences in the workings of the minds of women and men, said Berger Institute for Work, Family, and Children and a professor of psychology at Claremont McKenna College in California.

Halpern said the study "makes a strong link between cognitive behavior and a brain structure that gets activated" when exposed to emotional stimuli.

"It advances our understanding of the link between cognition and the underlying brain structures," she said. "But it doesn't mean that those are immutable ... that they can't change with expe-Halpern said the study also

supports earlier findings that women, in general, have a better autobiographical memory for anything, not just emotional She said the study supports the

folkloric idea that a wife has a

truer memory for marital spats than does her husband. "One reason for that is that it has more meaning for women and they process it a little more," said Halpern. "But you can't say that we've found the brain basis for now be asked to remember the

Other authors of the study are leagues individually tested the from the earlier session.

John E. Desmond, Zuo Zhao and emotional memory of 12 women John D. E. Gabrieli, all of Stanford and 12 men using a set of pictures. Some of the pictures were ordi-The findings are consistent nary, and others were designed to evoke strong emotions.

Each of the subjects viewed the pictures and graded them on a three-point scale ranging from "not emotionally intense" to "extremely emotionally intense."

As the subjects viewed the pictures, images were being taken of their brains using magnetic resonance imaging. This measures neural blood flow and can identify portions of the brain that are ac-

Canli said women and men had distinctively different emotional responses to the same photos. For instance, the men would see a gun and call it neutral, but for women it would be "highly, highly negative" and evoke strong

Neutral pictures showed such things as a fireplug, a book case or an ordinary landscape.

The pictures most often rated emotionally intense showed corpses, grave stones and crying people. A picture of a dirty toilet prompted a strong emotional response, especially from the women subjects, Canli said.

All the test subjects returned to the lab three weeks later and were surprised to learn that they would this, because our brains are con- pictures they had seen. Canli said they were not told earlier that they In the study, Canli and his col- would be asked to recall pictures

## Zinc supplements may harm unborn babies: Study

REUTERS, London

Zinc supplements given to women in the developing world during pregnancy could be harming the mental development of their children, doctors said on Friday.

supplements improve infant Sally Grantham McGregor said in growth and protect young children a report in The Lancet medical in poor countries from infectious journal. diseases but scientists at the Centre for International Child Health considered with caution." in London said they also have negative effects.

whose mothers had been given a placebo.

with zinc alone in poor women from Bangladesh does not seem to Research has shown that zinc mental development," Professor dren's development,

"Such treatment should be, mother and child.

zinc supplements during preghad lower scores on mental and may have a direct influence on added.

psychomotor tests than children brain development in the womb. The researchers acknowledged zinc deficiency in developing "Prenatal supplementation countries is a problem because of a diet low in animal protein and high in fibre and that underconfer benefit on the infant's nutrition is detrimental to chil-

But they suggested other supplements may also be needed to improve the health of both the

"The next step would be to ex-The scientists do not know how amine the effect of more comprehensive supplementation to im-In a study of 168 children in nancy influence child develop- prove maternal nutrition status Bangladesh, they found that ba- ment. One theory suggests they during pregnancy on a broad bies whose mothers took zinc could cause deficiencies in other range of outcomes including insupplements during pregnancy micro-nutrients in the infant or fants' development," McGregor

#### 50 CU teachers condemn police attack on DU hall

CU CORRESPONDENT

Some 50 teachers of Chittagong University (CU) have condemned the brutal police attack on the female students of Shamsunnahar Hall of Dhaka University (DU) in the early hours of Wednesday.

In a statement issued here on Friday, they termed the incident as inhuman and barbaric. They said the incident was unprecedented and beyond their imagination.

The teachers said it was a matter of great shame that the police attacked the sleeping students of a female dormitory, pulled them out of their rooms and took them to thana. They condemned the incident as 'most disgraceful'.

The signatories to the statement included Prof Anupam Sen, Prof Gazi Salehuddin, Prof Hasanuzzaman, Prof Imran Hossain, Prof Iftekharuddin Chowdhury, Prof Khan Towhid Osman, Prof Shah Alam, Prof. Dhali Al- Mamun, Prof Soureen Biswas, Assistant Prof AKM Tofazzal Haq, Assistant Prof Kamalendra Narayan Das, Assistant Prof Sirajuddollah, Dr. AFM Aurangzeb and Dr. Irshad Kamal Khan.

# ODA

#### Award giving ceremony

The award giving ceremony of Jugantor-Anwar Cement Bumper Quiz Competition, organised in connection with the World Cup Football 2002, will be held with Mayor of Dhaka Sadeque Hossain Khoka as chief guest. Venue: National Museum auditorium, Shahbagh, Time: 4.30pm.

#### Seminar

The SAARC Society and Bangladesh Democratic Party will jointly organise a seminar on 'Bangladesh-Pakistan Relations as Partners in Development'. Venue: White House Hotel, 155 Shantinagar, Time: 3.30pm.

#### AGM

The annual general meeting of Prime Insurance Company Limited will be held. Venue: BIAM auditorium, 63 New Eskaton, Time: 10.30am.

#### HIV/AIDs seminar

The concluding function of the two-day seminar on 'HIV/AIDs and Human Rights' will be held with Information auditorium. Time: 4.00pm.

Minister Tariqui Islam as chief guest. Venue: YWCA Bhaban auditorium, Mohammadpur, Time: 3,00pm.

#### FICCI meeting

The monthly meeting of Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce and Industry will be held with Frederick T Temple, Country Director of World Bank Resident Mission as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 12.30pm.

#### Rally and procession

Bangladesh Mahila Awami League organises a rally and procession to protest the police atrocity at the Shamsunnahar Hall of Dhaka University. Venue: 23, Bangabandhu Avenue. Time: 4.00pm.

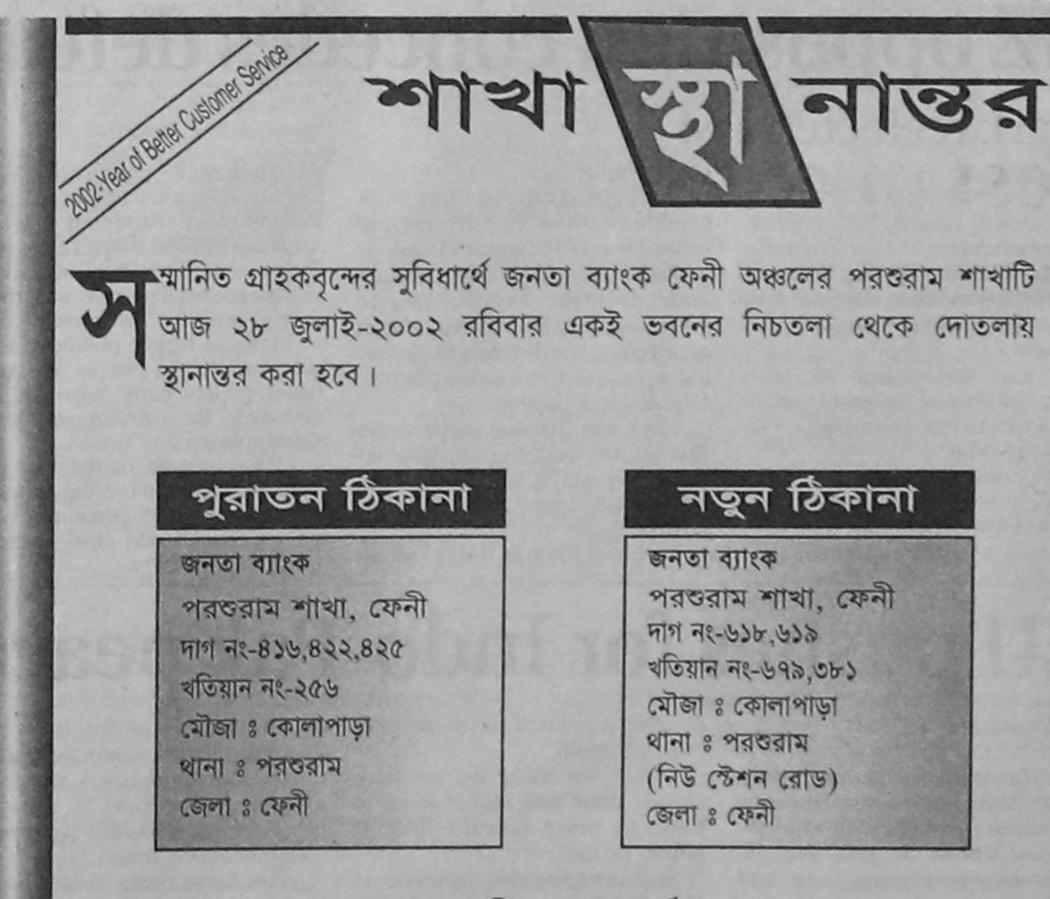
#### DHAKA TOMORROW

#### Roundtable

Local Governance Support Group organises a roundtable on 'Development Budget, Local Government and Local Economy'. Venue: CIRDAP



A handout image of the Beagle 2 landing craft that will be launched from a spacecraft orbiting Mars in 2003 as part of a 4 billion pounds European Space Agency project. Colin Pillinger, professor of astronomy at the Open University, who designed the device, revealed that his team were now assembling the component parts for the device. The scientists are constructing Beagle 2 at a contamination-free facility at the university in Milton Keynes to prevent micro-organisms from Earth contaminating Mars.



জনতা ব্যাংক পরতরাম শাখা, ফেনী

খতিয়ান নং-৬৭৯,৩৮১ মৌজা ঃ কোলাপাড়া থানা ঃ পরতরাম (নিউ স্টেশন রোড)

সম্মানিত গ্রাহক, ভভানুধ্যায়ীদের নতুন ঠিকানায় যোগাযোগ ও ব্যাংকিং কার্যক্রম সম্পন্ন করার জন্য অনুরোধ জানানো যাচ্ছে।



Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Local Government Engineering Directorate Office of the Executive Engineer, Manikganj

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Memo No-LGED/EE/Manik/C-1053/2001/1612

Dated: 30/06/2002

#### **Tender Notice** No. 23/2001-2002

1) Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2908 are invited from LGED and its all projects' pre-qualified 2001-2002 financial year renewed/enlisted class basis contractors' firms and supplier firms for implementation of the work mentioned in the enclosed project list under the Rural Road Culvert Repairing Program for 2001-2002 financial

Schedules of work can be purchased at the prescribed price (non-refundable) from the Office of the Superintending Engineer (Maintenance), Local Government Engineering Directorate, LGED Bhaban, Agargaon Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Executive Engineer, LGED, Dhaka, Narayanganj, Munshiganj, Gazipur, Narsingdi, Office of the District Executive Engineer, Office of the respective Upazila Engineer of this district and office of the undersigned, during office hours up to 11/08/2002. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the abovementioned offices up to 01.00 PM of 12/08/2002 and will be opened at the same offices on the same day at 02.00 PM, in presence (if any) of the contractors.

2.50% (two point five zero per cent) of the estimated cost as earnest money should be submitted with the tender

through BD/CD/Pay-Order from any scheduled bank in favour of the undersigned. Tenderer shall have to submit itemwise rate. Rate must be quoted in figures and words. Rate quoted in words

only will be considered. No striking off, erasing or overwriting is acceptable in quoting rate, and tender consisting stricken off and erased, overwritten rate will be treated as cancelled outright. Itemwise rate analysis should be submitted with the tender. No photocopy of the rate analysis will be

acceptable. Tender without rate analysis, or with photocopy of rate analysis will be treated as cancelled outright. Up-to-date Income Tax (TIN) and Value Added Tax (VAT) registration certificate should be submitted with the tender. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled.

Work plan consisting time limit for completion of work of each phase, should be submitted with the tender. Tender without work plan will be treated as cancelled.

Rate must be quoted in figures and words. Rate quoted only in words will no be considered. No striking off, erasing is acceptable in quoting rate. Tenders can be submitted at the tender receiving offices, as per tender notice, by Registry with AD post. But in

this case, tenders should reach the respective office before the last time of receiving tender. Otherwise that will not be accepted. If any tenderer is found obstructing other tenderer at the time of purchasing or submitting schedule or helping in

negotiation, then the tender and enlistment of the respective tenderer will be cancelled. Amount of work mentioned in the schedule may be decreased/increased after approval of estimate by the higher

authority, which the contractor shall be bound to execute as per the original terms and conditions of contract or according to the advice of the Engineer in Charge.

Bill will be paid subject to availability of fund in the respective project head only. Work order will be issued subject to receipt of approval of the respective estimate by the higher authority.

If normal movement of traffic or normal life is disrupted under any circumstance on the date of submitting tender,

Code No.	Name of project	Amount of earnest money	Price of schedule	Time limit for completion of work	Class of contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6
0232001	Supply of Trolley Mounted Bitumen hand sprayer (500 liter capacity) for the Office of Executive Engineer, LGED, Dhaka district.	2.50% of the quoted price	500.00	30 days	LGED's all class and supplier firms.

**Executive Engineer** DFP-18739-23/7 LGED, Manikganj. G-1931

#### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer

Sylhet PWD Division, Sylhet

#### **PWD Tender Notice** Tender No. 02/2002-2003 (3rd Call)

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

of : Construction of Thana-cum-Barrack Name Bldg at Balaganj, PS Sylhet (Subhead: Installation of 50mm x 125mm dia shrouded production well with PVC pipe).

: Tk 2,84,108/-Estimated Earnest : Tk 5,700/-: 75 (Seventy-five) days. Time allowed

> completion of tender Tk 400/- + 25/- = 425/- (Taka four Price hundred twenty-five) only per set tender

schedule (non-refundable). Office of the undersigned in/c all the Place selling Executive Engineers' office under PWD Circle, Sylhet. receiving of

tender Last date of selling tender Eligibility of

contractor/firm

to compete

in the tender

During office hours up to 6-8-2002. All classes of approved sanitary

& water supply

contractor of PWD as per their financial limit. B) The intending tenderer must

have VAT registration. VAT Attested copy of registration/TIN certificate and also original money receipt to be enclosed along with the tender.

Up to 12-00 Noon on 7-8-2002 & will be opened on the same date at 12:15 receiving & (Due to unavoidable opening of circumstances (if any) receiving & lottery date shall be shifted go immediate next working day).

Lottery (Applicable where necessary)

G-1878

Date

tender

If more than one tenderer are received having same rates stand lowest selection will be made by lottery to be held on 14-8-2002 at 12:00 noon in the office of the undersigned in presence of the intending tenderers who may like to remain present at the time of lottery.

or all the tenders without assigning any reason. Mahmood Hasan Sirajee **Executive Engineer** DFP-18243-16/07/02 Sylhet PWD Division, Sylhet

The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any