

# Raise awareness about environment degradation

Mannan Bhuiyan urges MPs

BSS, Dhaka

LGRD and cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday called upon the lawmakers to sensitize people to environmental degradation to help achieve sustainable development.

He also stressed the need for making prudent budget and planning keeping in mind the demand of future generations.

He was addressing the inaugural session of the Consultative Meeting of MPs on their role in sustainable development and climate change at a city hotel. Organised by the centre for sustainable development (CFSD) with support from the British High Commission the meeting was attended by 15 MPs.

Mannan Bhuiyan emphasised the need for adequately sensitising the lawmakers so that they can actively and effectively participate in the parliamentary debates on national budget, natural resources management and sustainable development.

He said: "Given the level of under development and resource constraints of Bangladesh compared with the advanced devel-

oped countries, our sustainable development effort is more challenging against the backdrop of increasing soil, air and water pollution and depletion of natural resources.

"We have to think judiciously whether we should utilise all our natural gas now. We have to think very carefully whether we can export gas after meeting our current demands. How much of our gas will be left for our next generations? Will it be sustainable?" Mannan Bhuiyan posed the question.

"We have to be more careful and wise in utilising our natural resources including gas. We have to strike a balance between our developmental goals and environmental conservation. We have to clean the water of our river bodies including Buriganga, Shitalakha Karnaphuli to meet our demand. We have to more utilize surface water and think twice in using groundwater," he told the lawmakers.

He regretted that textiles and other industries along the rivers Buriganga and Shitalakha are dumping chemical wastes in to the

rivers, ruining the fragile ecosystems. Now we have to dredge both Buriganga and Shitalakha rivers to meet the water demand of the city dwellers.

He was also critical of those who have damaged the environment most across the globe and are now prescribing the developing countries like Bangladesh a new set of conditions tailored for them.

Environment and Forest Secretary Sabihuddin Ahmed and Prof Mahabubullah made presentations at the working sessions while British High Commission official Robin Budd was also present.

## Snatcher gets 3 yrs' RI in Ctg

BSS, Dhaka

A judge of the Public Safety Act (PSA) Tribunal here yesterday sentenced a person to three years rigorous imprisonment for snatching ornaments from a woman about one year back, court sources said.

Judge A N M Bashirullah also fined the accused Tk 10,000, in default to suffer another three months imprisonment.

The accused is Ujjal Chandra Dey, son of late Chandra Mohan Dey of Gopalpara under Kotowali thana of the city.

The prosecution story in brief is that the accused was caught red handed by people and later handed over to police while he along with his other accomplices were fleeing after taking away gold chain and ring at gun point from one Jakia Alam Parveen, elder sister of the complainant of the case Nurul Islam Manik, at CRB Hill area in the city on June 9, 2001. Other gang members managed to escape from the scene. The judge found the accused guilty after testimony of eight witnesses.

Special Public Prosecutor Ahmed Qamrul Islam Chowdhury Sazzad appeared before the court on behalf of the state.

Advocate Manik Chandra Dey stood for the defendant.

## New committee of Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila BNP

UNB, Lalmonirhat

The new committee of Sadar upazila BNP was formed with Sekendar Ali and Nagendranath Bhender as president and general secretary respectively.

The committee was formed in the party's biennial council held in the town on July 28. Deputy Minister for Communication Asadul Habib Dulu attended the council as chief guest.

Also, a committee of BNP pourasava unit was formed with Mosharaf Hossain Rana and Hafizur Rahman Babla as its president and general secretary respectively in the council.



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia presiding over the 8th meeting of the Housing Fund Trustee Board at the International Conference Centre (ICC) in the city yesterday.

## Moudud to observe ADR management in US

BSS, Dhaka

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed left Dhaka yesterday for San Francisco to observe alternative dispute resolution (ADR) management process at the invitation of the United States.

Moudud will share views with the American judges, lawyers and legal experts about the innovative method of dispute resolution, official sources said.

The minister is expected to return home on August 12.

Experts on ADR said the modern ADR movement was originated in the United States in the 1970s and was spurred to avoid the cost, delay, and adversarial nature of litigation.

They said ADR falls into two broad categories: court-annexed options and community-based dispute resolution mechanisms.

Court-annexed ADR includes mediation/conciliation -- the classic method where a neutral third party assists disputants in reaching a mutually acceptable solution -- as well as variations of early neutral evaluation, a summary jury trial, a mini-trial, and other

techniques. Community-based ADR is often designed to be independent of a formal court system that may be biased, expensive, distant, or otherwise inaccessible to a population. New initiatives sometimes build on traditional models of popular justice that relied on elders, religious leaders, or other community figures to help resolve conflict.

They said some definitions of ADR also include adversarial arbitration: private adversarial proceedings in which a neutral third party issues a binding decision. Private arbitration services and centres have an established role in the United States for commercial dispute resolution, and are spreading internationally as business, and the demand for harmonisation expands.

They said in the last decade, many countries have passed legislation based on the 1985 UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration, which makes an arbitral award legally binding and grants broad rights to commercial parties choosing arbitration.

## 10 injured in stampede in launch

UNB, Chandpur

At least 10 people were injured in a stampede in a Dhaka-bound two storied launch in the river Meghna near the Railway Baro Station here Friday.

Witnesses said the incident occurred at about 8:45am as the launch 'Eagle' with about 200 passengers on board, suddenly tilted to right side and was about to capsize due to tremendous whirlpool.

River police, hearing hue and cry, rushed to the spot and help the passengers evacuate the vessel.

## Housewife tortured, hospitalised

UNB, Bholakathi

A housewife, tortured allegedly by her husband and in-laws at west Chandkati in the town, has been fighting for life at Sadar hospital since July 12.

Family sources said Farida Begum, 25, mother of two children, was mercilessly beaten when she asked her husband Liton Mia for marketing on that day.



Jatiya Party Chairman Anwar Hossain Monju speaking at the extended meeting of the Jatiya Chhatra Samaj in the city yesterday.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Facilities Department, Ministry of Education Gopalganj Zone, Gopalganj

### Tender Notice

No. 03/Madrasa/EE/G-Z/FD/2002-2003 Dated: 21.7.2002 Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from Facilities Department's enlisted/renewed A-1, A-2 class contractors for construction of two-unit pucca latrine, installation of tubewell and construction of 2 classrooms with staircase at the selected madrasas under this zone under the Selected Madrasa Development (Gopalganj & Private) project. List of the selected madrasas with group no. and location etc. will be available in the tender document.

- Estimated cost per group : Tk 11,10,500/- (Eleven lakh ten thousand five hundred) only.
- Amount of earnest money per group : Tk 22,300/- (Twenty-two thousand three hundred) only.
- Price per set of the tender document : Tk 750/- (Seven hundred fifty) only (non-refundable).
- Time limit for completion of work : 04 (four) months.
- Last date & time of purchasing tender document : 12/8/2002 (upto office hours).
- Date & time of submitting tender : 13/8/2002 upto 01:00 pm.
- Date & time of opening tender : 13/8/2002 at 01:30 pm.
- Place of selling & receiving tender : Office of the undersigned/ offices of all Executive Engineers under Facilities Department, Dhaka Circle and office of the Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department, Narail district.

The above-mentioned amount of earnest money must be submitted with each tender through Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Gopalganj Zone. The authority reserves the right to accept/reject any/all the tenders without assigning any reason.

- Terms & conditions**
- Contractors shall have to obtain prior permission from the proper authority on production of enrolment book, up-to-date income tax clearance certificate, VAT registration certificate etc. before purchasing tender document.
  - Contractor cannot claim any financial benefit if name of any madrasa is changed or cancelled.
  - Tender will be treated as cancelled outright if the quoted rate is more than 5% (five per cent) below the estimated cost.
  - Bill will be paid subject to receipt of allotment. But the contractor shall have to complete the work within the prescribed time.
  - Income tax and VAT will be deducted from each bill, as per government rules/regulations.
  - If more than one tenderer quotes the same lowest rate in any group then the contractor will be selected through open lottery.
  - Not more than one work will be allotted in the name of the same firm.

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## Monju against use of students for political gains

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Anwar Hossain Monju, chairman of Jatiya Party (Monju) yesterday called upon the conscious students to be united against those who use them as the weapon of their political gain.

He was speaking as chief guest at the extended meeting of the Jatiya Chhatra Samaj, the student wing of the Jatiya Party at its office at Lalmatia in the city.

Monju said the other political parties have failed to meet the hopes and aspirations of the people and added that his party does the politics to ensure the welfare of the general people.

Jahangir Alam Pradhan, Nazrul Islam, Abdur Rahim, Khondaker Mahtabuddin, Azam Khan, Saleque Siddique, Mafizul Haq Bebu, Amena Bari, Syed Mahabubul Islam Bulu and Mir Harun-ur-Rashid were present at the meeting.

## Obituary

Zareena Zaman passed away in the early hours of Friday, says a press release. Her namaz-e-janaza was held after Juma prayers the same day.

A doa mahfil will be held at the old DOHS mosque after Asr prayers on August 5.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the doa and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

## Time befitting 'labour code' underway: Minister

BSS, Dhaka

State Minister for Labour and Employment Lutfor Rahman Khan said formulation of a time befitting "Labour Code" is underway with a view to flourishing garments and other industries.

He said this at a meeting with a delegation of Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. President of BGMEA Kutub Uddin Ahmed led the delegation.

He said the government is making concerted efforts to provide all out assistance for rapid

flourishing and strengthening of the garment sector, the highest foreign exchange earner industry.

He said steps will be taken to resolve the problems confronting the labour-intensive industry.

Khan called upon the BGMEA leaders to ensure a safe working environment and implement the legitimate rights of the workers to increase the productivity of the garment industry.

The BGMEA leaders demanded of the authorities to raise the overtime time limit for the workers and resolve the other problems faced by the sector.



## Moderate rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Chittagong, Sylhet and Dhaka divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi, Khulna and Barisal divisions with moderately heavy falls at places during the next 12 hours till 6pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period, Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 33.8 degree Celsius was recorded at Dinajpur and the lowest of 23.5 degree at Jhargama.

The sun sets in the capital at 6.40pm today and rises at 5:29am tomorrow.

The 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	30.2	24.5	87	73
Chittagong	28.7	23.7	88	78
Rajshahi	30.5	26.5	84	85
Khulna	31.0	25.4	98	84
Barisal	31.0	25.0	98	82
Sylhet	32.4	24.8	98	90
Cox's Bazar	30.0	25.0	86	83

## Head Quarters Bangladesh Coast Guard DOHS, Baridhara, Dhaka-1206 Tender Notice

CG/Med-1807/1914 Dated: 24/07/2002

- Tenders under sealed envelope are invited from bonafide manufacturer/supplier firms for purchase of medicine for Bangladesh Coast Guard, during the current (2002-2003) financial year.
  - Tender schedule with necessary terms & conditions and name list of medicines can be collected at the prescribed price (non-refundable) from the Coast Guard Head Quarters, from 0800 hours to 1200 hours on any working day. The last date of selling tender is 10 August, 2002. Last time of receiving tender is up to 1200 hours of 11 August, 2002, and the tenders will be opened on the same day at 1230 hours, in presence (if any) of the tenderers.
  - Total price should be mentioned beside the unit price. The tenderer will be bound to supply one or more items at the quoted price. Attested photocopy of currently renewed Trade Licence, Bank Solvency, Drug Licence and Tax/VAT certificate should be submitted with the tender.
  - Coast Guard authority reserves the right to reject any or all tenders, without assigning any reason.
- DFP-19057-28/07 Surgeon Lt. Commander G-1967 For Director General

## Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha

Head Office BSRs Bhaban 12, Kawran Bazar C/A Dhaka.

### Law Department

Notice for Sale of Mortgaged Assets and Properties of M/s. Naaz Cold Storage Ltd., Kashinathpur, Pabna

The mortgaged assets and properties of M/s. Naaz Cold Storage Limited, Kashinathpur, Pabna, will be sold in terms of Article 34 of Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha Order, 1972 read with the Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha (Direct Sale of Mortgaged Property) Rules, 1981 on "as it is where it is" basis and on the basis of "Cash Payment" to realise the BSRs's outstanding loans and dues of Tk. 181.619 million (Principal 12.987 million & interest and others 158.632 million) as on 01-01-2002 together with further interest and charges till realisation from the above named company and its directors listed at para-4 hereinafter.

02. The tenderers may submit their tender for the purchase of the entire properties mortgaged with BSRs's as a whole or for land, building and machinery separately.

03. Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha will not assume any legal obligation whatsoever on behalf of the company and/or its directors in respect of any dues/claims of government and/or autonomous bodies such as WASA, local municipality, electric and gas supply authorities, land revenue and other creditors for which the company is liable.

04. The following persons are the directors of the company:-

- Mr. Md. Nurul Islam, S/o. Alhaj Jonab Ali;
- Mrs. Shaheda Islam, W/o. Mr. Md Nurul Islam;
- Mrs. Shahinur Islam, D/o. Mr. Md. Nurul Islam;
- Mr. Md. Moinul Islam, S/o. Mr. Md. Nurul Islam;
- Mr. Md. Tariquul Islam, S/o. Mr. Md. Nurul Islam;
- Mrs. Shahida Kabir, W/o. Mr. Shamsul Kabir, and
- Mr. Md. Shamsul Kabir, S/o. Mr. Abdul Haye.

05. Description of Properties:

About 1.60-acre of land situated at Plot No. S.A. 38 and 39, Mouza-Shibpur, P.S. and Sub-Registration Office, Bera, Kashinathpur, Pabna together with an industrial unit capable of storing 2500 tons potatoes and having 9600 sqft. Cold Storage Chamber, 2400 sqft. Precooling Room, 1875 sqft. Machine Room, 300 sqft. Generator Room, 400 sqft. Office Room, 2000 sqft. Sorting Shed, 1440 sqft. Water Tank for Condenser, 800 sqft. Guest Room, 2000 sqft. Verandah, 4000 sqft. Store etc. The machinery are of mainly USA Origin.

06. The details of the mortgaged assets and properties and tender schedule containing the terms and conditions of sale may be obtained on payment of Tk. 250.00 (non-refundable) from the Assistant General Manager, Law Department, BSRs, Head Office, Dhaka. The intending tenderers/buyers who are interested to inspect the project assets may contact the Assistant General Manager, Law Department, Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha, Head Office, Dhaka.

07. The intending tenderers/buyers may submit their tenders/offers in sealed cover in the tender box kept at the BSRs's Head Office, Dhaka by 2-00 PM on the 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2002 accompanied with earnest money @ 5% of the tendered amount (refundable in case the offer is not accepted by the BSRs) in the form of scheduled Bank's Draft/Pay Order drawn in favour of the Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha and payable at Dhaka.

08. The tender will be opened on the 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2002 at 2-30 PM at the BSRs' abovementioned head office, Dhaka in presence of the tenderers, if any.

09. The successful tenderers shall have to deposit 50% of the tendered amount within 7 (seven) days and the balance within 30 days from the date of acceptance of the tender. In case of failure in making the payment of the tendered amount as aforesaid within the stipulated time the earnest money, 50% of the tendered amount, (including earnest money) or any amount of the tender money deposited shall be forfeited and the mortgaged assets and properties will be eligible for resale.

10. The BSRs reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders/offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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