

Graft case against Ershad Hearing on Oct 19

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The District and Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka yesterday adjourned the hearing of a graft case against former President HM Ershad till October 19.

Judge (in-charge) Latif Ahmad Khan passed the order following a time petition by the defence lawyers.

Advocate Sheikh Serajul Islam

WHO, UNFPA to provide Tk 1.28cr for training of birth attendants

The World Health Organisation (WHO) and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) will provide Tk 1.28 crore to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for the training of birth attendants aiming to ensure safe delivery at community level, says a press release.

An agreement in this effect was signed between the Government, WHO and UNFPA in the city yesterday.

Additional Director General of the Directorate of Health Services Prof Md Mizanur Rahman, WHO Representative Suniti Acharya and UNFPA Representative Suneeta Mukherjee signed the agreement on behalf of their respective sides.

Of the total amount, WHO will contribute Tk 64 lakh while UNFPA Tk 64 lakh.

Under the one-year pilot phase, 300 birth attendants (female health assistants and family welfare assistants) of six districts -- Joypurhat, Jessore, Habiganj, Comilla, Tangail and Patuakhali -- will be imparted training on Ante Natal Care (ANC), normal delivery and referral complications.

submitted a petition, seeking adjournment of the hearing. He stated that a criminal revision was earlier filed with the High Court for quashing of the case. So, he prayed for adjournment of the hearing.

The prosecution side opposed the petition.

After hearing both the sides, the court granted the petition. Ershad while in office, directed the authorities concerned to reinstate one dismissed Sultan Alam Malik in his (Sultan) previous post (office super, accounts of the Shaheed Suhrawardi Hospital, Dhaka). It caused a loss of Tk 1,32,061.49 to the government.

The Bureau of Anti-Corruption filed a corruption case with Tejgaon thana against Ershad and Sultan on January 2, 1992.

The Investigation Officer (IO) of the case submitted a charge sheet against the two showing 19 people as prosecution witnesses on February 13, 1995.

Earlier, 15 of the prosecution witnesses were cross-examined.

Ershad and Sultan Alam were present in the court yesterday.

Defence ministry hands over 17 acres of land to EPB

The Ministry of Defence handed over 17 acres of land at old airport to the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) at a simple ceremony here yesterday, Defence Ministry sources said.

The Ministry of Defence decided to hand over 35 acres of land at the old airport to the Export Promotion Bureau in order to construct a permanent Trade Fair Complex.

Grameen Shikkha scholarship management programme

Every year, not only a good number of meritorious boys and girls in the rural areas of Bangladesh are deprived of higher education, but many of them are also compelled to discontinue their education half way through for lack of money.

Grameen Shikkha, a member of Grameen family of companies, has introduced a scholarship management programme to nurture the talents of such meritorious students, says a press release.

The main objectives of the programme are to ensure school education of poor rural boys and girls, assist them to advance toward higher and IT education and to find out poor rural boys and girls who have talents in cultural activities and support them to develop their talents.

As part of the programme, the Grameen Shikkha will provide scholarships sponsored by interested persons in his/her name or in the name of his/her beloved persons, for school and college students in any locality chosen by the sponsors.

It will identify and financially support boys and girls with talents in cultural activities such as music, drama, dance and sports.

It will also create an opportunity for expatriate Bangladeshis to contribute to the development of human resources in the country.

Any interested sponsor may start a scholarship programme by entrusting an amount of Tk 50,000 or more with Grameen Shikkha.

Grameen Shikkha will give scholarships from the income of the money to students in schools or institutions the sponsors identify, such as schools in their villages or national institutions.

It will take the responsibility of management of the scholarships. Every year the students will receive an amount equivalent to 6.5 per cent of the amount entrusted with the Grameen Shikkha.

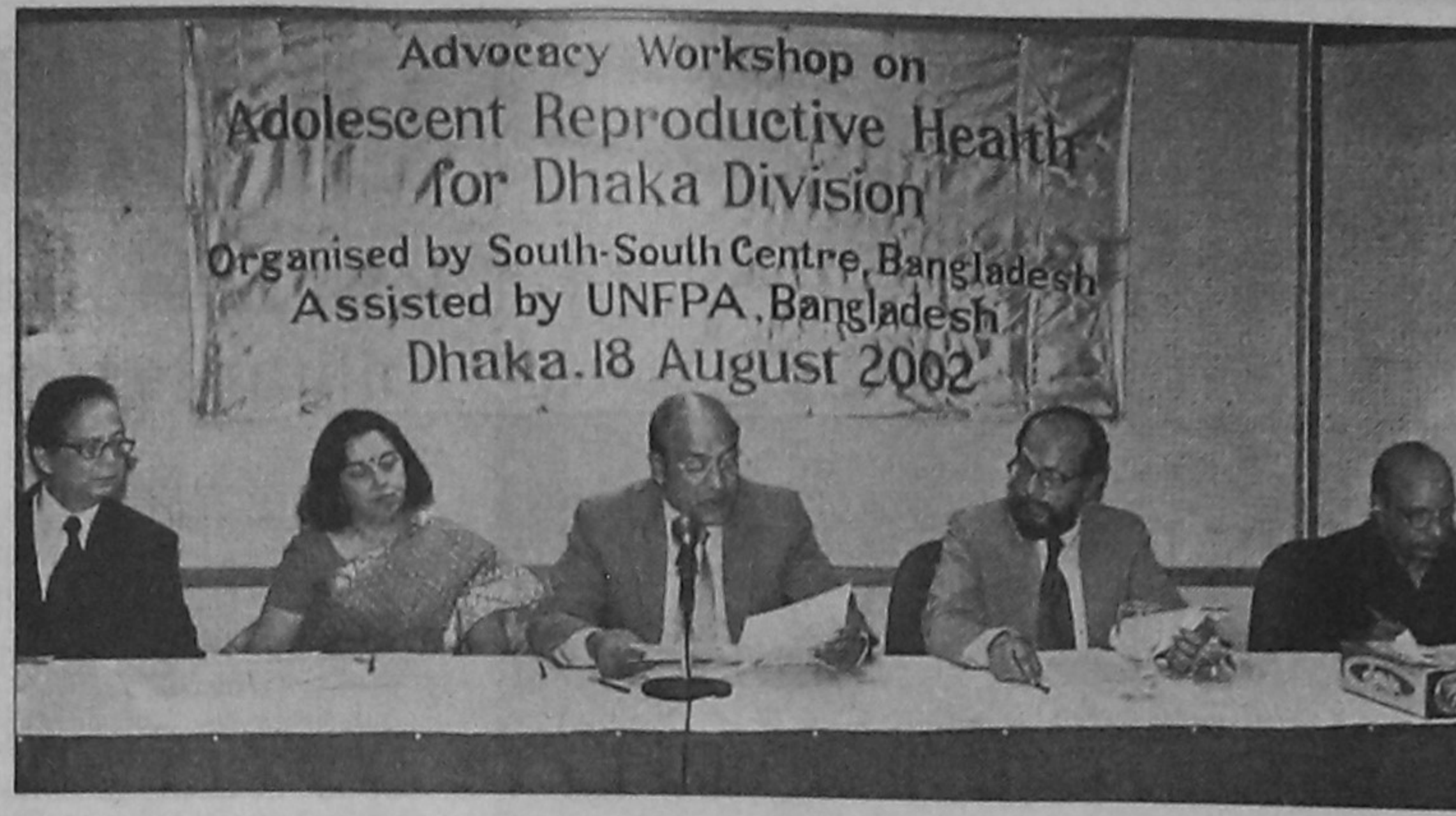
The Grameen Shikkha will send a report every year to inform the sponsor about progress of the scholarship holders. Besides, Grameen Shikkha will publish news on the progress of the programme in its own publications.

9 listed criminals arrested

UNB, Dhaka
Police arrested 1,268 people, including nine listed criminals, from different parts of the country during their ongoing countrywide drive in last 24 hours till 6.00am yesterday.

They also recovered 11 firearms, four other weapons and 18 bullets and filed five cases against three people under the Arms Act, said a release of police headquarters.

The listed criminals are Hazrat Ali, Amanur Khan, Tuhin Khan and Biplob of Jessore, Farooq Hossain of Khulna, Abu Hanif, Mozibur Rahman and Khokan of Meherpur and Rony of Dhaka.



Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandkar Mosharrar Hossain speaking at the inaugural session of a divisional advocacy workshop on 'Adolescent Reproductive Health' in the city yesterday, organised by the South-South Centre, Bangladesh. M Fazlur Rahman, Secretary, and Md Lutfor Rahman Chowdhury, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health, are seen on his left and UNFPA Country Representative Suneeta Mukharjee and Director of South-South Centre Jalaluddin Ahmed are on his right.

Reproductive health education a must for adolescents

Speakers tell workshop in city

BSS, Dhaka

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandkar Mosharrar Hossain yesterday said the government is determined to upgrade the reproductive health education (RHE) and formulate innovative strategies to make the adolescents fully educated on this subject.

"Lack of knowledge in RHE may bring jeopardy to the future of the adolescents," he said while addressing the inaugural session of a Divisional Advocacy Workshop on Adolescent Reproductive Health as chief guest.

The minister said early marriage is still rampant in rural Bangladesh where over 66 per cent women become mothers before reaching the age of 25.

Highlighting the steps of the government to combat such menace, he sought cooperation from NGOs and development partners to implement the government's initiatives to eliminate such social ills.

Dr Mosharrar said Bangladesh is on high risk of sexually transmitted diseases (STD), including HIV/AIDS, though its prevalence is very low. "If we feel complacency with this low prevalence of STD in the country and take no immediate measures it would bring a great disaster to the nation."

Organised by the South-South Centre, Bangladesh, the workshop was held at the BRAC Centre in the city. It was the last of a series of six

workshops. Earlier, the other workshops were held at the divisional headquarters of Chittagong, Rajshahi, Sylhet, Barisal and Khulna.

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"Teachers feel shy to teach sex education to the teenagers while parents are also ashamed of talking with their offspring on this sensitive issue due to persisting socio-cultural prejudices."

It is, therefore, the adolescents are left to meet sex-related curiosities through Internet exploration or viewing blue films or coming in contact with sex workers, instead of parents or teachers, she said. "If the youths could learn about the dangers often related to sexual activities, they may refrain from wrong-doings."

Evaluating the present condition of the youths in the country, the speakers mentioned that adolescents constitute 23 per cent of the total population with over 30 million boys and girls. About 60 per cent of the adolescent girls are being married off before they reach 18 and one third of them have children in their teens.

They observed that the reproductive health status of adolescent boys and girls is still remarkably low. The lack of knowledge and information take adolescents and youths to think about sex and sexuality in wrong ways, they said.

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Air team leaves for China

BSS, Dhaka

A three-member delegation of Bangladesh Air Force led by Chief of Air Staff Air Vice-Marshal Fakhrul Azam left here yesterday on a seven-day official visit to China.

During the visit, Air Vice-Marshal Azam will call on the Minister of Defence, Armed Forces Chief of General Staff and the Chief of the Air Staff of the People's Republic of China and discuss matters relating to mutual interest, an Air Force press release said.

Rotary president calls on Sircar

UNB, Dhaka

President of Rotary International Bhichai Rattakul made a courtesy call on Acting President Muhammad Jamiruddin Sircar at Bangabhaban in the city yesterday and they discussed humanitarian activities of the organisation.

Rattakul apprised the president of the humanitarian and charitable activities of the Rotary across the globe, including its operations in Bangladesh.

He also informed Sircar about the ongoing schooling programme of young boys and girls and other child-welfare activities of Rotary, saying these would help increase literacy rate and ensure child welfare to a great extent.

He also appreciated the government support in the Rotary welfare activities.

The acting president appreciated the humanitarian and charitable activities of Rotary International in 163 countries of the world.

"We should feel sorrows and happiness of others and do the best to alleviate the sufferings of others with a view to ensuring a peaceful and better society," he said.

Mohammad Abdul Haq, secretary to the president, Minister-Counsellor of the Thai Embassy in Bangladesh Virasak Chullawichit, Rotary district governor KM Zainul Abedin, among others, were present on the occasion.

DHAKA TODAY

Day

In observance of World Photography Day, Bangladesh Photo Journalists' Association organises a rally. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 10.00am.

Photography exhibition

A day-long photography exhibition titled 'People of Bangladesh and the Nature', organised by Dhaka Photographic Institute, will be held in observance of the World Photography Day. Venue: 400, North Kazipara, Mirpur. Time: 10.00am.

Charity programme

Elxir, a band music group of S.F.X. Greenherald International School, will organise a musical programme to raise fund for the treatment of Jhinku who is suffering from limb paralysis. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi.

Rotary meeting

Regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka North will be held with Rtn. PDG M Jamaluddin as guest speaker on 'Membership Development and Extension'. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 6.00pm.

Cleanliness drive

In continuation of its Dengue prevention campaign, Bishwa Sahitya Kendra will organise a cleanliness drive. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar, Bakshibazar and its surrounding areas. Time: 8.00am.

Course

The inaugural ceremony of a week-long training course on 'Essential Elements relating to various types of Engineering Insurance', organised by Bangladesh Insurance Academy, will be held. Venue: Academy Bhaban, 53 Mahakhali.

Seminar

A seminar, organised jointly by Nippon Steel Corporation and ITOCHU Corporation, Japan, will be held. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 5.20pm.

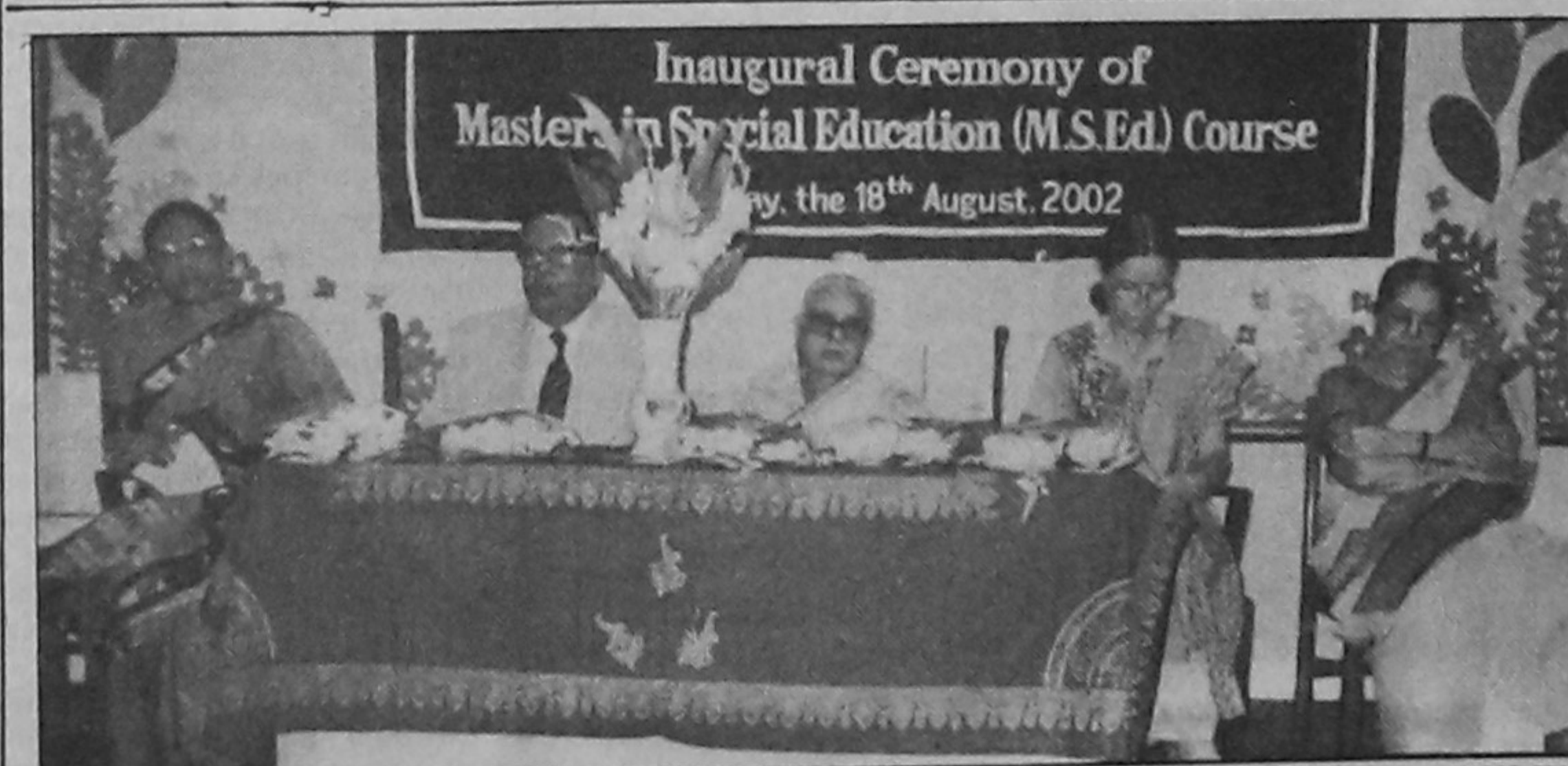
Workshop

A five-day long training workshop on 'Occupational Health, Safety and Environment', organised by the Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh, will begin with Advisor to the prime minister, Prof Jahanara Begum as chief guest. Venue: TTTC auditorium, Tejgaon. Time: 10.00am.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Photography exhibition

In observance of World Photography Day, Bangladesh Photo Journalists' Association organises a photography exhibition with State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman Patal as chief guest. Venue: National Press Club auditorium. Time: 11.00am.



The Bangladesh Institute of Special Education, a project of Bangladesh Protibondhi Foundation, launched the Masters in Special Education course at a ceremony in the city yesterday. Prof. Abdul Momen Chowdhury, vice-chancellor of National University, was present as chief guest.

WEATHER TODAY

Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over the country with moderately heavy falls at places today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met office said.

Country's highest temperature was recorded 33.4 degree Celsius at Rajshahi and lowest 24.0 degree at Rangamati.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:29pm today and rises at 5:35am tomorrow.

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	31.2	25.0	79	83
Chittagong	31.3	24.8	88	79
Rajshahi	33.4	26.0	90	82
Khulna	32.0	24.5	97	86
Barisal	30.5	26.0	73	89
Sylhet	30.3	24.5	93	88
Cox's Bazar	32.3	26.0	--	85

Auction Notice

Tender Notice No. C-04/2002-2003

- Tenders in sealed cover are hereby invited from general public for auction sale of various kinds godown stored goods (as per the attached list) as it is where it is (good/bad whatever condition) under Mymensingh Public Works Division kept at Saheb Quarters, Charpara, Gohalkandi & Public Works Godown in Mymensingh town.
 - Date of receiving : 26-08-2002 (up to 12.00 Noon). auction tender
 - Place of receiving : Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka & Public Works Division, Mymensingh / Kishoreganj / Tangail / Jamalpur/Netrakona/Sherpur.
 - Last date of selling : 25-08-2002 (up to office hours). auction tender
 - Place of selling : Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka & prescribed office under Additional Chief Engineer, Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi Zone, Public Works Division, Sherpur, Jamalpur, Tangail/Kishoreganj/Mymensingh/Netrakona, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Public Works Division-1/2/3, Mohakhali, Eden Building Division, Dhaka, Public Works Division-1/2/3/4, Public Work Civil Division, Medical College Public Works Division, Motijheel, Azampur, Savar, Mirpur, Resources, Maintenance, Arboniculture, Munshiganj, Narayanganj, Narsingdi, Gazipur, Manikganj.
- Auction tender schedule should be purchased on payment of Tk 500/= (five hundred) only (non-refundable). No schedule will be sold on the date of receiving tender.
- Interested participants in auction bidding are requested to participate in auction tender on prescribed date & time by on the spot inspection of the said goods (viz. materials unsuitable for use in govt. works & materials kept in govt godown for long time which have no scope for use in govt work) and verifying their quality & correct quantity and assuming value thereof prior to participating in bidding. Later on no objection will be acceptable if the quality & quantity happen to be lower in respect of corrosion in iron materials or mild decay in wooden materials. Schedule stated quantity shall be treated as acceptable in case of all materials and rate should be quoted deciding the price accordingly.
- Tenders will be opened on the date of opening tender at 1.00 PM in presence (if any) of the participants in the tender.
- Interested candidates can inspect the goods on direct contact with the Sub-Divisional Engineer, Mymensingh & Kendua (Charpara) during office hours and collect all information in this regard from the office of the undersigned during office hours. But no objection after submission of tender will be acceptable.
- After auction, the buyer shall have to kept the materials at his own responsibility. Office shall not bear the responsibility of issuing removal order prior to deposit of auctioned tender and without payment of the amount due.

- List of materials of auction tender invited for sale of materials lying unused for long time at stock/stores of Mymensingh Public Works Division.
- | Sl No | Description of materials (name & quantity) | Unit |
|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. | 1 1/2" dia MS Rod | 29.594 quintal |
| 2. | 1 1/4" dia MS Rod | 1175.3079 quintal |
| 3. | 7/8" dia MS Rod | 2889.554 quintal |
| 4. | 5/8" dia MS Rod | 3688.3667 quintal |
| 5. | Barbed wire | 510.68 quintal |
| 6. | Jackfruit timber | 420.41cuft |
| 7. | Shal timber | 2007.56 cu.ft |
| 8. | Pinkado timber | 34.64 cu.ft |
| 9. | Blackberry timber | 104.75 cu.ft |
| 10. | Teak timber | 20.01 cu.ft |
| 11. | Chaplis timber | 823.25 cu.ft |
| 12. | BT wood/Pinkado | 121.18 cu.ft |
| 13. | Scantling timber | 202.63 cu.ft |
| Surplus Materials | | |
| 14. | 3/4" dia Rod | 4.00 quintal |
| 15. | 5/8" dia Rod | 73.90 quintal |
| 16. | 7/8" dia Rod | 43.00 quintal |
| 17. | 1" dia Rod | 14.31 quintal |
| 18. | 3/8" dia Rod | 2.00 quintal |
| 19. | Old shal timber | 15.17 cu.ft |
| Site Materials | | |
| 20. | 5/8" dia Rod | 536.422 Quintal |

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Tender Notice

No. 02/2002-2003

Memo No: LGED/EE/Bar/D-935/2002/3676/(100) 3683 (11) Dated: 04-08-2002
Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed envelope are invited from LGED enlisted and all projects pre-qualified 2002-2003 renewed contractors/contractors' firms (as per financial capacity) for implementation of work of O1 group under low cost bridge/culvert construction on Rural Road Project under Local Government Engineering Directorate, Barguna district.

- Last date of selling tender: 25-08-2002 up to office hours.
- Date & time of receiving tender: 26-08-2002 up to 01.00 PM.
- Date, time & place of opening tender: 26-08-2002 at 01.30 PM, at the office of the Executive Engineer, Barguna.
- Tender document to be had at: Office of
 - Divisional Commissioner, Barisal Division, Barisal.
 - Project Director, Low Cost Bridge/Culvert Construction on Rural Road Project, LGED Head Office, Dhaka.
 - Deputy Commissioner, Barguna.
 - Executive Engineer, LGED Barguna/Patuakhali.
 - Upazila Engineer, LGED, Barguna Sadar/Aamtoli/Patharghata/Bamna/Betagi, District-Barguna.

5) Tender to be submitted at: At the offices mentioned in serial No. 4. Schedule of work and site, amount of earnest money, time limit for work, additional terms & conditions and other related detailed description can be known from the above mentioned offices up to the day before the date of submitting tender.

The authority reserves the right to reject/accept any or all the tenders without assigning any reason.

Md. Abdur Rashid
Executive Engineer
Local Government Engineering Directorate
G-2035 Barguna.

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Local Government Engineering Directorate

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Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed tenders are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 from "A" to "E" general category, "A" to "D" special category enlisted contractors of RHD eligible as per financial limits and jurisdiction of enlistment.

- Tender Notice No : 01/2002-2003 (FRD).
- Name of works : Construction of boundary wall and office compound raising of Sub-Division-2 and 0.61 Metre span Masonry culvert at 1st KM of Chhagolnaiya-Muhuriganj Road under Feni Road Division during the year 2002-2003 of 2 (two) groups as per group list.
- Name of offices from where tender documents can be purchased : Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Feni/Noakhali/Lakshmipur /Planning & Design Divn., Comilla/Planning Division-1 (P&D) Sarak Bhaban, Rama, Dhaka and all Sub-Division under Feni Road Division.
- Name of offices where the tender will be received : Addl. Chief Engineer, RHD, Comilla Zone, Comilla/Superintending Engineer, RHD, Noakhali Road Circle, Noakhali/Superintending Engineer, RHD, Procurement & Monitoring Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka & Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Feni.
- Last date of selling of tender : 25-08-2002 Eng/10-5-1409 Bang during office hours only.
- Last date of receipt of tender : 26-08-2002 Eng/11-5-1409 Bang at 12.30 PM.
- Time and date of opening of tender : 27-08-2002 Eng/12-05-1409 Bang at 11.00 AM.
- Time & date of lottery : 29-08-2002 Eng/14-5-1409 Bang at 11.00 AM.
- Chargeable head : As per group list.
- Description of work : As per group list.

Group No	Name of work with location	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Category of contractors	Time for comp. work
i (one)	Construction of boundary wall, deep hand tubewell and office compound raising of Sub-Division-2 under Feni Road Division during the year 2002-2003. Chargeable head: 168-RBF	Tk 5,76,898/-	Tk. 11,538/-	-Do-	50 days
ii (two)	Construction of 0.61 Metre span Masonry culvert at 1 st KM of Chhagolnaiya-Muhuriganj Road under Feni Road Division during the year 2002-2003. Chargeable head: 266-Development	Tk. 1,08,738/-	Tk. 2,175/-	"A" to "D" spl. caty.	40 days

- বিঃদ্রঃ
- ক্রম নং-২, অতিরিক্ত প্রধান প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, কুমিল্লা জোন এবং তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, প্রকৌশলী ও মনিটরিং সার্কেল এর দপ্তরে গ্রহণ করা হইবে না। নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, প্রতিনিধি বিভাগ-১ (পিএভিডি), সওজ ভবন, রমনা, ঢাকা এর দপ্তরে ক্রম নং-২ বিক্রয় করা হইবে না।
 - যথামত কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক অনুমোদিত দর কম/বেশি হইতে পারে। আনুষ্ঠানিক দরপত্র সম্পাদনের সময়ে যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক অনুমোদিত প্রাক্কলন অনুযায়ী সংশোধন করা হইবে।
 - উক্ত কাজের জন্য কোন বরাদ্দ নাই। বরাদ্দ প্রাপ্তি সাপেক্ষে কার্যাদেশ প্রদান করা হইবে।

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