

DHAKA TODAY

Film show

As part of Elvis Presley Retrospective, Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen a film titled 'Fun in Acapulco' (1963) and a documentary titled 'Graceland'. Venue: High Commission of India Cultural Centre, 754 Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.30pm.

Seminar

A seminar on 'Commonwealth in the 21st Century', organised by Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS), will be held. Venue: BISS auditorium, 1/46 Elephant Road, Ramna. Time: 3.00pm.

Workshop

A three-day workshop on 'International Accounting Standards', organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB), will begin. Venue: ICAB auditorium. Time: 6.00pm.

Discussion

Dhaka Anjibee Samity will hold a discussion on the occasion of the death anniversary of the father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Eminent lawyer Dr Kamal Hossain will attend the discussion as chief guest. Venue: Samity auditorium, Court House Street. Time: 3.30pm.

Installation ceremony

The installation ceremony of the newly elected office bearers of Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) will be held with Industries Minister M K Anwar as chief guest. Venue: BCIC auditorium, Dilkusha. Time: 5.30pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

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Dhanmondi. Time: 6.30pm.

Death anniversary

In observance of the death anniversary of national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, Bangla Academy will hold a discussion meeting with Prof Alauddin Al Azad as chief guest. A keynote paper on 'Editor Nazrul' will be presented at the discussion by Dr Laila Zaman. Venue: Seminar room of the academy. Time: 4.00pm.

Discussion

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy will hold a discussion on the occasion of the death anniversary of national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam with Prof Wakil Ahmed as chief guest. The discussion will be followed by a cultural function. Venue: Art Gallery of the academy. Time: 5.30pm.

Seminar

Bangladesh Chamber of Industries (BCI) organises a seminar on 'Export Diversification: Problems and Prospects' with Commerce Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Purbani International. Time: 11.00am.

BGMEA discussion

Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) will organise a discussion on 'Ready-made Garment Sector' with Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Saadeque Hossain Khoka as chief guest. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 12.30pm.

Conference

ENERGYPAC organises a conference on 'Combined heat and power generation and introduction to upgraded Rolls-Royce G4 Lean-Burn gas engines in Bangladesh' with State Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources AKM Mosharraf Hossain as chief guest. Rolls Royce's Vice President Nils-Peter Sibertsen will present the keynote paper at the conference. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 5.30pm.



Khan Sarwar Morshed speaking at a discussion on 'academic environment', organised by the concerned citizens, at the Engineers' Institution auditorium in the city yesterday.

Five diseases responsible for child mortality: WHO

BSS, Dhaka

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has identified five childhood diseases responsible for over two-thirds of the mortality of under-five children in the developing countries.

In these age groups, 19 per cent of the child mortality is associated with Acute Lower Respiratory Infection (ALRI) meaning pneumonia and 19 per cent with the diarrhoeal diseases. Malnutrition critically affects 55 per cent of the children in these age groups while vaccine-preventable diseases like measles claim a significant number of lives, according to WHO statistics.

The International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR'B) has undertaken many of the challenges in developing child survival strategies with intervention and research focus on cost-effective and locally applicable solutions.

ICDDR'B experts yesterday

said they were monitoring the levels, trends and patterns of childhood illness and causes of death along with improving child-caring and feeding practices to promote their growth and development. They are also ensuring effective routine care for the newborns in the community and improving care-seeking practices for the childhood illnesses.

Major steps undertaken by ICDDR'B in strengthening various immunisation and health programmes for child survival include improvement of pre-natal and neonatal health, incorporating new vaccines into immunisation drive and evaluating the strategy called Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI).

The other step is a major research initiative on evaluating interventions to reduce low-birth weight, which affects almost half of all births in Bangladesh. Experts are also responding to the emerging child health problems like injuries and accidental deaths.

ICDDR'B officials described the progress in the clinical management of diarrhoea and research on more effective treatment with Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS) as important since 70 per cent of the treated patients were children in the Centre's various hospitals and clinics.

They said the Centre made improvement and more cost effective rice-based ORS to routinely treat over 100,000 patients annually at its hospitals and clinics. It also developed and refined treatments for dehydration by testing improved ingredients in the ORS and anti-secretory agents to decrease fluid losses.

"Globally, ORS is the main treatment for diarrhoeal diseases. This is a simple technology which the average household in Bangladesh and other low-income countries can administer," says Director of ICDDR'B Dr David A Sack. ORS was innovated in Bangladesh and became a popular knowledge internationally, he added.

BSCIC finances 36,222 units in last fiscal

BSS, Dhaka

BSCIC financed Tk 448.36 crore to set up 36,222 small and cottage industries in its 63 industrial estates in 2001-02 fiscal creating 85,000 jobs.

Besides, Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) extended Tk 24.27 crore loan against 22,681 industrial units set up under its four new projects during the same period. 39,000 more jobs were created in the new units.

MA Mannan, chairman of BSCIC, gave the figures while speaking at the inaugural function of a two-day annual conference of BSCIC at its auditorium here yesterday.

State Minister for Industries Rezaul Karim inaugurated the conference as chief guest while Industries Secretary Al-Amin Chowdhury attended it as special guest. BSCIC General Manager Kazi Bazulur Rahman was in the chair.

Lauding the role of BSCIC in poverty alleviation, the state minister said it has to go ahead with its programme to boost the country's economy creating more jobs.

He asked the BSCIC authorities to initiate new projects and expedite training programmes across the country by setting up an advocacy cell in the BSCIC headquarters to advise small entrepreneurs on their projects.

According to sources, the BSCIC is currently providing financial and technical assistance to 58,494 small and 5,35,000 cottage industries across the country.

Nearly 25.50 lakh people have been working in the BSCIC assisted units, the sources added.

Death anniversary

The second death anniversary of Syed Harunur Rashid, former chief of personnel of Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation will be observed tomorrow, says a press release.

On this occasion, a milad and doa mahfil will be held after Magreb prayers at 84/2-B, North Jaraabari, Bibir Bagicha in the city.

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



The Bangladesh Public Works Employees' Union held a rally on the premises of Public Works office in the city yesterday demanding probe into repression on employees during the tenure of Awami League government.

WEATHER TODAY

Light rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

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

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

Yesterday's highest temperature of 34.2 degree Celsius was recorded at Chudanga and lowest of 24.0 degree Celsius at Rangamati.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:22pm today and rises at 5:39am 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	31.0	25.0	85	74
Chittagong	32.6	25.4	81	80
Rajshahi	33.2	26.5	86	-
Khulna	33.0	26.6	84	73
Barisal	33.5	26.6	84	87
Sylhet	30.5	24.2	100	88
Cox's Bazar	32.0	25.0	98	82

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International Re-Tender Notice for Supply of Petroleum Products during July '02-Dec '02 Corrigendum

All concerned are requested to note the following changes in Para 4 of Tender Notice No. 22.02/1/02-03 dt. 19/08/2002 on above published in The Independent, The Daily Star, The New Nation, The Dainik Jugantar, The Prothom Alo and The Daily Inqilab:

All offers must have validity up to 1800 hrs (BST) on September 30, 2002 instead of September 18, 2002.

All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.



Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation

BSC Bhaban, 1st Floor, Saltgola Road, Chittagong, Bangladesh.

GD-723

Open sale of spurious fuel in SE region Black smoke of vehicles poses health hazards

BSS, Narail

Emission of black and thick smoke from motor vehicles using spurious fuel has been posing serious health hazards in the southeastern region of the country.

Despite official ban, open sale of spurious diesel and petrol is widespread in the region. As a result, hundreds of town-dwellers, mainly the passengers, automobile workers and pedestrians, are exposed to different diseases.

Hospital sources said about 20 per cent people of the town areas have been suffering from various respiratory diseases due to air

pollution caused by black smoke. The school-going children are the worst sufferers.

The number of patients suffering from bronchitis, chronic headache, respiratory and lung diseases have increased at an alarming rate. Physicians advised the people to keep themselves away from black smoke as preventive measures against bronchitis, lung and heart diseases. Emission of black smoke from vehicles has directly been affecting both the transport workers and the people on either side of the roads.

A section of fuel dealers and retailers are engaged in selling adulterated petrol, octane and kerosene. Moreover, since the underground oil tanks are not cleaned for years together, deposited fuel get polluted with sulfur and lead contamination.

Use of spurious diesel has increased to a large extent due to low price. Black smoke of diesel-run vehicles like buses, trucks, tempos, motorcycles are polluting the environment with carbon-monoxide gas in the air.

In order to check the air pollution, the government took a pragmatic action discouraging marketing of leaded petrol and sulfur-mixed octane.

'Cooperate govt to resist anti-socials'

BSS, Manikganj

Minister Harun-ar-Rashid Khan Monno on Saturday urged the people to cooperate with the government efforts in resisting the anti-socials for establishing a peaceful society.

He also instructed the district administration and law enforcers to behave equally with all as the policy of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia's government is taking action against the offenders irrespective of party affiliations.

"I don't want to gain any political dividend at the cost of people's sufferings. I never needed any criminals to do politics," the minister said while addressing a gathering before distributing relief materials at Bauthaghat here.

Chaired by pourasava chairman Mobarak Hossain Khan, the meeting was also addressed by BNP leaders Advocate Ataur Rahman Bhuiyan Farid, former pourasava chairman Belayet Hossain Khan and Jubo Dal leader Abul Kalam Biswas.

Monno visited different flood and erosion-affected areas including Bauthaghat, Nabogram, Char Barail and Char Garpar where many houses were destroyed by the river Dhaleshwari and Kaligonga.



The Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal took to the street in the city yesterday protesting growing violence, corruption and 'misrule'.

BIWTC
Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation
 (An Inland Shipping Organization)
 5, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh

দুর্ঘটনা মুক্ত নৌ-চলাচল ও নিরাপদ যাত্রী সেবা
 প্রদান করতে বিআইডব্লিউটিসি অঙ্গীকারবদ্ধ

INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE FOR CONSTRUCTION AND DELIVERY OF TWO NO 60M DOUBLE ENDED PASSENGER & CAR RO-RO FERRIES.

1. Tender Notice No. NC/526.
 Sealed tender in duplicate superscribed tender for two 60m Double Ended Passenger & Car Ro-Ro Ferries are invited by the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC), 5, Dilkusha, Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh, from the interested firm/suppliers for construction and delivery of the above vessels.
 Specifications for the vessels together with the tender documents consisting of instructions to tenderers, condition of contract etc can be obtained on all working days with effect from the 1st September, 2002 from the Accounts Department of BIWTC on cash payment of Tk 500.00 (Taka five hundred) (non-refundable). No tender documents will be sold on the closing date of the tender.
 Tender shall be addressed to the Chairman, BIWTC and must be dropped in the tender box placed for the purpose in the office of the undersigned by 1200 hours on 3rd November, 2002 and the same will be opened at 1230 hours on the same day in the presence of the bidders if any.
 Any tender received in the office of the undersigned after the closing time for any reasons will not be entertained.
 Tender shall contain a fixed price in US dollar for the supply of the vessels as follows (applicable for both foreign and local supplier):
 a) FOB price ex-an sea port of the country in which the supplier is situated.
 b) CIF price, Chittagong port, Bangladesh.
 c) Delivery price: Ex BIWTC, Dockyard No 1, Narayanganj, Bangladesh.
 Offers must be valid for 180 (one hundred eighty) calendar days from the date of closing of tender and containing the supplier's time of delivery.
 The Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation reserves the right to accept any or reject all or any tender either in part or in full without assigning any reason.

S. M. Shahjahan Ali
 Director (Technical) BIWTC
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BIWTC/PR/14/2002-2003
 GD-722

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Memo No: LGED/XEN/NIL/2002/2337 Date: 11/08/2002
 IFB No. 02/2002-2003 Date: 11/08/2002
 IDA Credit No. 3177-BD Credit Name: Municipal Services Project

- 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 contract(s) mentioned in paragraph 2 below.
- The Executive Engineer, LGED, district Nilphamari 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 Saidpur pourashava. In addition, foreign bidders are eligible to bid without this enlistment but if contract is awarded would be required to enlist with LGED. Furthermore, when enlistment is done at district level, Bangladeshi contractors enlisted with LGED in other district 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 to participate in the bids under the project are The Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Brunei Darussalam, Cyprus, Kuwait, Qatar, Singapore and United Arab Emirates.

Contract package no.	Name of the works	Bid security (taka)	Time of completion of work (days)	Cost of bidding documents (taka)
SAD WRC 08	Re-construction of Kaji Nazrul Islam-Sher-e-Bangla Road.	1,37,000.00	90	2000.00

- Bidding documents (and additional copies) may be purchased at the office of the i) Executive Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department, district Nilphamari, ii) Chairman, Saidpur pourashava, district Nilphamari, and iii) Deputy Commissioner, district Nilphamari on non-refundable fee mentioned in the above table, for each set during normal office hours on all working days up to 23/09/2002. Interested bidders may obtain further information at the same addresses during office hours up to 23/09/2002.
- 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.
- 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) The Executive Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department, district Nilphamari, ii) Chairman, Saidpur pourashava, district Nilphamari and iii) Deputy Commissioner, district Nilphamari on or before 24/09/2002 by 2.00 PM.
- 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.
- Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders representatives who choose to attend at 3.00 PM on 24/09/2002 at the office of the Chairman, Saidpur pourashava, Dist Nilphamari.
- A pre-bid conference will be held on 14/09/2002 in the office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Nilphamari at 11.00 AM. All bidders are requested to attend the conference in time.

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 Chairman
 Saidpur Pourashava
 District Nilphamari.