

Seminar on 'Bangabandhu, Bangladesh' Hamid blasts govt for distorting history

CU CORRESPONDENT

Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Advocate Abdul Hamid MP yesterday blasted the government for distorting history of the country.

He was speaking at a seminar on 'Bangabandhu, Bangladesh and Present Perspective' held at the district council auditorium in the port city yesterday on the occasion of the 27th death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Advocate Hamid said the law and order situation in the country is deteriorating day by day and the people are now passing their days in complete insecurity. "The government has failed to ensure security of the people including the Leader of the Opposition in Par-

liament Sheikh Hasina", he added. Advocate Hamid said the country is going to face a famine. The prices of the daily essentials are increasing alarmingly causing untold sufferings to common people.

He also criticised the government for indulging corruption in every sphere of life including wheat scam and import of jet fuel.

Advocate Hamid called upon the people to build movement against the present government to get rid of its autocratic repression.

The seminar was organised by pro-Awami League teachers of the Chittagong University (Blue Panel) where two papers were presented. One paper on 'The Communalism and Fundamentalism in the Sub-Continent: The Recent Minority Repression in Bangladesh' was presented by Associate Professor Helal Nizami while 'The Contemporary Political Culture of Bangladesh' by Assistant Professor Dr. NHM Abu Bakar of CU.

Chaired by former CU pro-VC Prof Abu Yusuf Alam, the seminar was inaugurated by Chittagong City Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury.

Two sessions of the seminar was presided over by Prof Mohit-ul-Alam and Prof Bikiron Barua.

Prof Ranjit Kumar Dey, Prof Mohammad Lutfar Rahman, Prof Joti Prakash Dutta, Kazi Zafur Islam, President of Chittagong Union of Journalist (CUJ) Mohammad Idris, former president of CUJ and Prof Aslam Bhuiyan, Prof Golam Kibria and former ambassador Aatur Rahman Khan Kaiser.

ABM Mohiuddin in his speech criticised the present government for politicisation of the administration.

He also condemned the attack on the motorcade of Sheikh Hasina.

Ershad Shikdar's sister held on charge of selling heroin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Jessore Kotwali police arrested younger sister of condemned prisoner Ershad Shikdar on Friday night from Chanchra Roypart area.

Wife of Iddris Molla of Sonadanga residential area of Khulna City Selina Begum, 33, was caught red handed while she was selling heroin.

Police also arrested three of her accomplices from the spot. The arrested are Islam, 40, Liton, 34, and Dukhu Mian, 30, of Barandi Para of Jessore town.

Kotwali Police yesterday said Selina was not only involved in selling heroin but formed an organised gang of criminals.

A case filed against her with Jessore Kotwali thana.

Selina Begum was ousted from Khulna Skid Ghat early this year by BNP activists. Police also wanted her on charge of trying to regroup Ershad's accomplices at Skid Ghat. Since then she was residing at Chanchra area under Jessore Kotwali thana.

Journalist implicated in false case

UNB, Lalmonirhat

Mukul Mahbub, correspondent of UNB, has been allegedly implicated in a false case in a bid to harass him.

Local electricity officials along with police raided his house Thursday night in the absence of Mukul and filed a case of illegal power connection. They disconnected his power line, ransacked his house and threatened to arrest his wife and children.

Mukul also filed a general diary with the police against PDB magistrate. He alleged of official harassment since his report and interview with BBC exposing misdeeds of local activists of the ruling party that earned the wrath of deputy minister Asadul Habib Dulu.

Obituary

BSS, Dhaka

Anjuman Ara Begum, mother-in-law of Food Minister Abdullah Al Noman, died of old age complications at the BIRDEM Hospital on Friday night at the age of 80.

She is survived by six sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn her death.

She was buried at the family graveyard at Kaipara in Raozan upazila under Chittagong district after *Johr* prayers yesterday.

Meanwhile, LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan expressed deep shock at the death of Anjuman Ara Begum.

In a message of condolence, he expressed his sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the peace of departed soul.

General secretary of Jatiyatabadi Samik Dal, Nazrul Islam Khan, consoled the death of Anjuman Ara Begum.



Acting President Jamiruddin Sircar exchanged greetings with members of the Hindu community on the occasion of Janmastomi at Bangabhaban in the city yesterday.

Debate competition Ctg Govt High School, Ispahani College become champions

CU CORRESPONDENT

The Chittagong Government High School and the Ispahani Public School & College have emerged as champions in the Lifebuoy Gold-Prothom Alo Inter-School and College debate competition.

The final of the competition was held at the Chittagong Club auditorium in the port city on Friday.

Drishy, a cultural organisation, arranged the competition in association with the Lifebuoy Gold and the Prothom Alo, a leading Bengali newspaper.

Prof Moinul Islam, president of the Bangladesh Economics Association (BEA), attended the concluding ceremony as chief guest. Abul Momen, resident editor of Prothom Alo, Ekram Hossain, executive vice-president of AB Bank Ltd., Nurul Alam, Chittagong bureau chief of the Daily Star, and Hasina Reza, principal of GEMS International School, were present as the special guests respectively.

Chaired by Bridget Dias, president of Drishy, the concluding ceremony was also addressed by Safia Rahman, chairman of

Drishy debate committee, and Masud Bakul. The function was conducted by Saif Chowdhury, general secretary of Drishy.

In his speech, Prof Moinul Islam said corruption is a major obstacle on the way of our political and economical development.

Quoting the TI (Transparency International) report published recently, he said that Bangladesh ranked as the most corrupt nation in the world. "Bangladesh became the champion in the corruption competition," he said.

Abul Momen said that debates make a man think in a logical way. He called upon all to use creativity and analytical power for developing the country.

Nurul Alam urged the students to prepare themselves as worthy citizens to face the challenges of globalisation. The economic imbalance was leading to social unrest and lawlessness, he added.

Later, prizes were distributed among the debaters.

President hosts reception

UNB, Dhaka

Acting President Muhammad Jamiruddin Sircar and Begum Nur Akhtar Sircar hosted a reception for the members of the Hindu community at Bangabhaban yesterday on the occasion of Janmastami.

State Minister for Religious Affairs Mosharraf Hossain Shahjahan and State Minister for Water Resources Goutam Chakrabarty were present on the occasion.

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh ML Tripathi, Charge d' Affaires of Nepal Embassy, former ministers, former judges, political leaders, religious personalities, recipients of national awards, freedom fighters, lawyers, educationists, journalists and leaders of the Hindu-Buddhist-Christian Oikya Parishad, the Hindu Welfare Trust and the Bangladesh Puja Ujapan Parishad also attended the reception.

President Sircar and Begum Sircar welcomed the guests, inquired about their welfare and exchanged pleasantries with them, said a Bangabhaban press release.

Abducted girl rescued at Gournadi

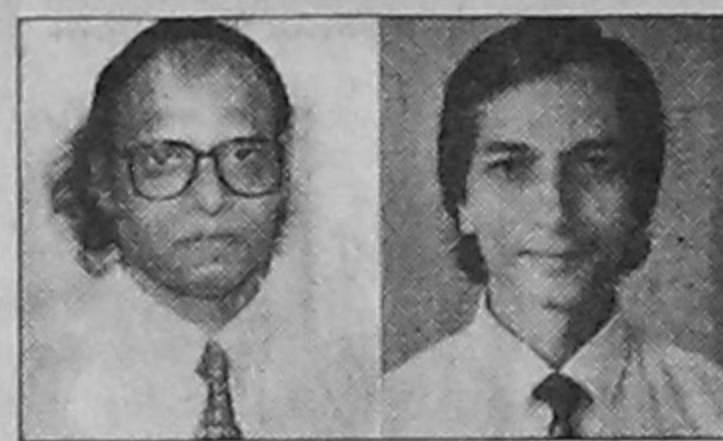
BSS, Barisal

Police rescued a student of class six of Pilot Secondary Girls' School of Gournadi upazila after four hours of her abduction from Gorakul village on Tuesday.

Police said a group of criminals led by Sahdat abducted the schoolgirl while she was going to her school and kept her confined in a house at Gorakul village of the same upazila.

The guardians informed the matter to the police and the OC, Gournadi thana along with other police personnel, rescued her after four hours of abduction from a house in Gorakul.

Police arrested Sahdat Howlader, 22, his mother Laxmi and his sister Kohinoor Begum from the spot.



Parjatan Officers' Assoc executives

Mohammad Ahsan Ullah and Miaz Uddin Khan have been elected president and general secretary respectively of the Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation Officers' Association, says a press release.

Election of the association was held at the Head Office of the Corporation on August 29. Two panels - Ahsan-Miaz and Mallick-Alamgir - contested the election.

Other elected office-bearers are vice-president -ABM Ashra- fuddin and Morshed Alam Chowdhury; joint secretaries-Md. Shahadat Hossain and Md. Nazrul Islam; office secretary-Mosharraf Hossain Khan; social welfare secretary-Khondoker Shamsul Alam; sports and cultural secretary-Md. Shafuliq Islam; finance secretary-Tofazzal Hossain Patwary; women affairs secretary-Suraiya Banu and members-Abul Kalam Khan, Abu Sazzad Golam Harruni, Mohammad Fazlur Rahman, Khondoker Sazzadul Gani and Hafizur Rahman.

Coastguards seize smuggled goods

BSS, Dhaka

Coastguard members of eastern and western zones seized stolen and smuggled goods worth about Tk 68.5 lakh from different Bay areas of the country during the last 15 days, official sources said yesterday.

The goods included Indian sharis, bed sheets, under garments, foreign electronic goods, drugs, diesel and wood.

The coastguard members of the western zone seized Sundari and Kanra wood worth about Tk 20,77,795 from August 19 to 25 and handed over to Nalian, Sharankhola and Dangmari forest stations. They also seized 2300 liters of smuggled diesel from Rupsha river on August 20 and handed it over to local police.

In another drive, they recovered stolen drums of M V Pacific from Joymoni area near the Sundarbans and handed over to M V Pacific on August 25. They also seized smuggled VCD and CD from Mongla Bazar and deposited those to the Customs Department.

12 more arms recovered

BSS, Dhaka

Police recovered 12 firearms, one other types of arm, 26 bullets and arrested 1,868 people including two identified criminals from drives across the country during the last 24 hours ending 6 am yesterday.

A police headquarters press release said during the period police also recovered eight explosives. DMP and Chittagong Metropolitan Police recovered four explosives each. They arrested

three persons and lodged a case in this connection.

Of the firearms, DMP recovered two, Ihenidah district police two firearms and rest eight were seized in different districts.

Police arrested nine persons in connection with recovery of firearms and filed eight cases under Arms Act against them.

Of the arrested persons, 975 were wanted while 879 were accused in different cases under investigation, sources said.

DIIT anniversary programme at Ctg today

CU CORRESPONDENT

The 2nd anniversary of Daffodil Institute of IT (DIIT), Chittagong campus, will be observed today.

On the occasion, a programme will be held at the Atithi Community Centre in the port city at 11am today.

Commerce minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury will be present as chief guest while Mohammad Sabur Khan, president of Bangladesh Computer Samity and chairman of DIIT, will attend the function as special guest.

Mohammad Nuruzzaman, academic director of DIIT, will preside.

WEATHER TODAY

Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi and Dhaka divisions today.

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

Country's highest temperature 34.8 degree Celsius at Sayedpur and lowest 23.0 degree Celsius were recorded yesterday at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:17 pm today and rises at 5:40 am 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	33.0	26.0	72	58
Chittagong	32.7	25.5	77	71
Rajshahi	33.8	25.4	79	73
Khulna	33.7	26.4	76	99
Barisal	32.2	26.4	85	83
Sylhet	34.0	25.0	75	74
Cox's Bazar	32.1	25.0	77	82

Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration & Production Company Limited (BAPEX)
(A Company of Petrobangla)
Material Control Division
Shahjalal Tower (7th Floor) 80/A-B Siddheswari Circular Road, Dhaka-1217, Bangladesh

গ্যাস জাতীয় সম্পদ এর অপচয় রোধ করে জাতীয় দায়িত্ব পালন করুন।

International Tender Notice

Invitation for bid (IFB) for procurement of mud chemicals, mud instrument and reagent for Fenchugonj Gas Field Development Project under cash foreign exchange.

Date of issuance of tender 24-8-2002

1. Sealed bids are hereby invited from the bonafide manufacturers or their authorised agent for supply of materials as listed below under cash foreign exchange.

Sl no.	International tender no.	Brief description of material	Cost of tender documents	Bid closing date & time
1.	BAPEX/MCD/INT/Ten-238/2002.	Mud chemicals, mud instrument and reagent.	Tk 3,000.00 or US\$ 60.00 (non-refundable).	30-10-2002 at 11.00 hours (BST).

- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from General Manager (MCD) at the above address.
- Tender documents may be purchased by any interested eligible bidder or through their authorized representative upon payment of the cost of documents from Accounts Division of this Company at Shahjalal Tower (3rd Floor) 80/A-B Siddheswari Circular Road, Dhaka-1217, Bangladesh from 09.00 hrs to 13.00 hrs on all working days with effect from 15-9-2002. No documents will be sold on the bid closing date.
- All bids accompanied by a bid security for 2.5% of total amount in the form of Bank Guarantee, Bank Draft or Pay Order from any scheduled bank located in Bangladesh or from any reputable foreign bank duly issued by a scheduled bank in Bangladesh must be delivered to the above address on or before 11.00 hrs of the closing date. The bids will be opened on the same day at 11.15 hrs in presence of bidders (if any). Should this day happens to fall on any holiday, bids shall be opened at the same hours on the first subsequent working day.
- The company reserves the right to accept any bid or reject all the bids without assigning any reason whatsoever.

DFP-21129-26/8/02 G-2086 **General Manager** Materials Control Division.

Dhaka WASA Tender Notice

(পানির অপচয় রোধে কাজ শেষে কলের মুখ বন্ধ করুন)

Tenders are invited from bonafide dealers and bonafide suppliers of photocopy machine for supply of photocopy machine. Tenders will be received up to 12.00 Noon of 16-09-2002 and will be opened on the same day at 12.30 pm in presence (if any) of the tenderers or their representatives.

Schedule of tender will be available at the office of the Chief Accounts Officer of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka and all MODS Zone Offices of Dhaka WASA. Other details will be available at the office of the undersigned.

Address: WASA Bhaban 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue Dhaka-1215

WASA-P:I: 284/2002 DFP-21143-26/08 Deputy Secretary (C:S:) G-2087 Dhaka WASA

BCIC Tender Notice (2nd Call)

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

Managing Director, CUFL, Chittagong invites sealed tenders from the BCIC enlisted contractors under Category A-1 only for "Yearly Maintenance work of 2002-2003 for Housing, Factory, Bagging and Kalurghat WIS" at an estimated cost of Tk. 28,23,467/-.

Tender documents are available at Accounts Division, BCIC, Dhaka & CUFL, Chittagong up to 14.09.2002 on payment of Tk 1250/- (Non-refundable) for each set. Tenders will be received up to 11:00 AM on 15-9-2002 simultaneously by Chief Engineer (Const), Gr-1, BCIC, Dhaka & Chief Engineer (Civil), Grade-2, CUFL, Ctg. and will be opened immediately after closing. Earnest money as PO/DD with any schedule bank @ 2.5% of quoted price must be submitted with the tender. In case the quoted rate exceeds 10% (not exceeding 15%) below the estimated rate, additional 15% earnest money must be enclosed along with the tender failing which the tender shall be outrightly rejected. CUFL Management reserves the right to accept or reject all or any tender.

BCIC-156-21/8/2002 DFP-21046/8 G-2075 **Md. Shahjahan** Chief Engineer (Civil) For Managing Director

BCIC Tender Notice

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The Managing Director, Karnaphuli Paper Mills Limited, 92, Sadarghat Road, Chittagong hereby invites sealed quotation for supply of materials at mill stores, Chandraghona by the bonafide suppliers as under:

Sl no.	Tender number	Short description of goods	Date of opening	Cost of tender schedule non-refundable
1.	PT/KPM/SHUT- 03(A).	S S Pipe, S S Elbow etc.	23.9.2002	Tk. 25/=
2.	-do- 04(A).	Acid Proof S S Wire cloth.	-do-	Tk. 25/=
3.	-do- 08(A).	PIV Chain for New Washing Filter.	-do-	Tk. 100/=
4.	-do- 86(A).	BP Sheet & S S Plate.	-do-	Tk. 25/=
5.	-do- 90(A).	S S Ball Valve & Brass Valve etc.	-do-	Tk. 100/=
6.	PT/KPM-17.	Roller Bearing.	-do-	Tk. 50/=
7.	-do- 18.	Spare for Scania Truck.	-do-	Tk. 50/=
8.	PD/PT/KPM-19 2 (two) env. system.	Old Corrugated Carton Qty 500 M/Tons.	-do-	Tk. 600/=
9.	PD/PT/KPM-20.	Oil Pressure Switch.	-do-	Tk. 25/=
10.	PD/PT/KPM-21 2 (two) env. system	Air Cooler.	-do-	Tk. 25/=
11.	PD/PT/KPM-67(C) 2 (two) env. system.	Truck Complete with Cabin.	-do-	Tk. 200/=

Tender will be received up to 11-00 AM on the date as mentioned above and will be opened on the same day immediately thereafter in presence of the tenderers' representatives (if any). Tender document with detailed specification, terms and conditions will be available for sale on cash payment (mentioned the amount against each tender) on all working days from the office of (i) BCIC Accounts Division, BCIC Head Office, BCIC Bhaban, 30-31, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka, (ii) BCIC Branch Office, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong & (iii) KPM Sales Accounts Section, 92, Sadarghat Road, Chittagong. No tender document will be sold on the date of opening of tender.

BCIC 168-24/8/2002 DFP-21198-27/8/02 G-2085