

Concern over the lack of earthquake preparedness

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Speakers at a discussion meeting here on Wednesday expressed their deep concern over the lack of preparedness in the event of any earthquake in the region.

They also underscored the

need for developing managerial skill to conduct massive relief and rescue operations in this regard.

The speakers were participating in a discussion meeting titled "Earthquake Preparedness and Disaster Management" held at the local branch of the Institution of

Engineers, Bangladesh.

Forum for Planned Chittagong (FPC) organised the discussion meeting in association with Action Aid, Bangladesh.

The speakers said the recent earthquakes in Chittagong region have raised concern among the people of the area in particular and the country in general.

They said being located close to the boundary of two active plates (Indian plate in the west and Euro-Asian plate in the north-east), the country is under the threat of a massive earthquake.

Presided over by the Executive Vice-President of FPC, ABMA Basit, the meeting was addressed by FPC General Secretary Architect Q S Taulid and Regional Co-ordinator of Action Aid Monzoor Rashid.

Shashanka Sadee, associate programme coordinator of Action Aid and Dr M Shahidul Islam, member of FPC, presented two keynote papers in the meeting which was moderated by Prothom Alo Resident Editor Abul Momen.

The discussants in the meeting made a number of recommendations regarding preparedness and management of post-earthquake situations to reduce the loss of lives and damage of properties.

The recommendations included repair of old buildings and evacuation of residents from there, relocation of houses built at the foot of steep hillocks to suitable places, strict compliance of building codes in constructing new buildings and massive preparedness programmes to meet earthquake hazards.



'In Quest of Arcadia', a three-day solo art exhibition by Laila Sharmeen, began at the Hyacinth Garden Gallery in the city yesterday.

FM urges S Korea to invest more

BSS, New York

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan, now in New York in connection with the 57th Session of the UNGA, had a meeting with Sung Hong Choi, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of South Korea, and Hamid Albar, Foreign Minister of Malaysia, yesterday.

He also attended a lunch hosted by the UN Secretary General Kofi Annan and a reception hosted by US President George W Bush.

During his meeting with the South Korean Foreign Minister, Morshed Khan held discussions about various means to increase cooperation between the two countries.

The foreign minister expressed the hope that South Korea would enhance its investment in Bangladesh, increase imports from Bangladesh and consider for increasing the flow of Bangladeshi manpower.

He also suggested that Korea should set up training facilities in Bangladesh to impart training to Bangladeshi manpower according to its requirements.

Sung Hong Choi assured that Bangladesh's requests would be duly considered. The two foreign ministers also discussed the issue of collaboration between the two countries in IT, telecommunication, culture and education sectors.

The discussion between the Bangladesh Foreign Minister and the Foreign Minister of Malaysia focused mainly on ways and means to increase economic co-operation between the two countries.

The Bangladesh foreign minister thanked his Malaysian counterpart for the recent decision regarding retention of Bangladeshi manpower in Malaysia. They agreed that both the countries would work to substantially increase economic cooperation between the two countries.

They also discussed the ways of making the organisation of Islamic conference more dynamic.

Dr. Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN was present during the meetings.

Nat'l executive committee of Stamp Vendor Welfare Assoc

UNB, Dhaka

A 168-member national executive committee of Bangladesh Stamp Vendor Welfare Association has been formed with Shamsul Arefin and MA Taher as its president and secretary general respectively.

The full-fledged national committee was unanimously formed at an AGM of the association held at Tejaon Registration Complex in the city yesterday.

A 31-member advisory committee, headed by Bangladesh Deed Writer Association Secretary General Abul Abdur Rouf Khudri, was also formed in the meeting.

Chaired by Shamsul Arefin, the meeting was attended, among others, by Abul Selim Reza, Sheikh Abu Taleb, Ali Akbar, MA Rashid, Nazrul Islam, Azizul Islam and Abul Yusufuzzaman.

Two commit suicide in Rajshahi

BSS, Rajshahi

A housewife and a teenage boy committed suicide by taking poison in separate incidents in the district on Thursday night, police and hospital sources said.

The woman was identified as Rubina, 22, wife of Zamrul Islam of Durgapur upazila. She was rushed to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital after she took poison. But she died on the way.

In another incident, Ruhul Amin, 16, son of Tajul Islam of Shyampur village under Marihar upazila, took poison. He was taken to hospital where the doctors declared him dead.

Two unnatural death (UD) cases were lodged with respective police stations.



Congratulations

Muzhtaba Tawkeer Islam, a student of SIX Greenherald International School, secured A's in all the eight subjects he sat for in the GCE 'O' Level Examination of the University of Cambridge in May/June 2002, says a press release.

He also got 'A' in Bengali in the GCE 'O' Level Examination of the University of London.

Muzhtaba is the son of Neazul Islam, a teacher of Willes Little Flower School, and Farkhunda Talat.

DHAKA TODAY

BAPTRELD programme CD launch
Bangladesh Association for Prevention and Treatment of Liver Diseases (BAPTRELD) will organise a motivational programme on the cause, remedy and treatment of Jaundice. Venue: 1241, Purba Monipur, Begum Rokeya Sarani. Time: 3:30pm.

Seminar
Franco-Bangladesh Association of Scholars and Trainees organises a seminar on 'Bioinformatics' with French Ambassador Monsieur Michel Lummaux as chief guest. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 4:00pm.

World Peace Day
In observance of World Peace Day, Bangladesh Girl Guides Association will organise a function with Major (Retd) Abdul Mannan MP as chief guest. Venue: Guide House, New Baily Road. Time: 10:30am.

Rotary Dhaka Central
Regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Venue: RAOWA Club, Mohakhali. Time: 1:30pm.

Rotary Dhaka North West
Regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held. Venue: Gourmet Garden Restaurant House-24/A, Road-16, Dhanmondi. Time: 5:30pm.

Cleanliness drive
As part of its Dengue Prevention Programme, Bishwa Sahitya Kendra will launch a cleanliness drive. Venue: Ahmadsabagh Boudha Mondir, Basabo tempo stand and Sabujbagh thana area. Time: 8:00am.

Farewell reception
Siddheswar Girls' College will accord a farewell reception to noted physics teacher Prof Yunus Ali. Venue: College campus. Time: 11:00am.

Publication ceremony
UNDP organises the publication ceremony of a report titled 'Human Security in Bangladesh: In Search of Justice and Dignity'. Venue: IDB Bhaban, Agargaon. Time: 3:00pm.

Exhibition
Eva Overseas Corporation organises a function on the occasion of an exhibition of environment-friendly Falcon CNG auto-rickshaw with Communications Minister Barister Nazmul Huda as chief guest. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 4:00pm.

Lecture
Biomedical Research Group of BIRDEM and Franco-Bangladesh Association of Scholars and Trainees jointly organise a scientific lecture on 'Speeding up time-consuming genomics computation'. Venue: BIRDEM auditorium, Shahbagh. Time: 1:00pm.

Memorial meeting
International Mother Language Institute Project organises a meeting in memory of national professor and poet Syed Ali Asman with Education Minister Dr M Osman Faruk as chief guest. Venue: BIAM auditorium, 63 New Eskaton. Time: 10:00am.

WEATHER TODAY

Temperature may rise

UNB, Dhaka

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

Day temperature may rise slightly over the country, Met Office said. Yesterday's highest temperature of 35 degree Celsius was recorded at Dinajpur and the lowest of 24.5 degree at Rangamati and Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:04 pm today and rises at 5:45 am 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	34.0	25.5	76	53
Chittagong	32.8	26.0	80	69
Rajshahi	34.2	26.2	78	80
Khulna	34.0	25.8	77	65
Barisal	34.2	25.0	86	84
Sylhet	33.6	24.8	83	69
Cox's Bazar	33.0	--	--	78

BCIC International Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

The Managing Director, Bangladesh Insulator and Sanitaryware Factory Ltd., Bux Nagar, Mirpur, Dhaka invites sealed tender in two envelope system for supply of "250 kgs. Glaze Stain (Rose Pink Colour)" against Tender No. BISF/PD-3.15/269/47 dated 28-08-2002 on "C&F(C), Dhaka" basis under any suitable source of financing. Detailed tender documents will be obtainable from i) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha, (ii) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad, Chittagong & (iii) BISF at Tk. 50/- . Tender will be received up to 11-00 AM on 06-10-2002 at BCIC Head Office and BISF and will be opened immediately thereafter. No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening of tender. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

BCIC-198-3/9/2002 M H Fakir
DFP-21860-5/9/02 Addl. Chief Manager (Com)
G-2120 For Managing Director.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer

Education Engineering Directorate,
Ministry of Education
Comilla Zone, Comilla

Tender Notice

Tender Notice No. 04/Primary/Reconstruction & Repair/EED(CZ)/2002-2003 Dated 04-9-2002

Sealed tenders through Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from this Education Engineering Directorate enlisted current financial year renewed A-1/A-2 class contractors for extension & major repairing works of the undermentioned Govt Primary Schools under this zone under "Govt Primary School Re-construction & Repair" Project.

1) Description of tender is as follows:

Group No	Name of district	Name of upazila	Name of educational institution & name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time limit for completion of work
1.	B'baria	Sadar	3 rooms vertical extension of Meddpurba Govt. Primary School	6,00,000/-	4,500/-	04 (four) months
2.	B'baria	Sadar	Major repairing of Telinagar Govt Primary School	2,23,500/-	4,500/-	03 (three) months

A) Price of tender document per set : Tk. 400/- (non-refundable).

B) Last date & time of purchasing tender document : 25-09-2002 (up to office hours).

C) Last date & time of submitting tender document : 26-09-2002 up to 1:00 PM.

D) Date & time of opening tender document : 26-09-2002 at 1:30 PM to be opened in presence (if any) of the contractors.

E) Offices where tender documents to be sold from & received at : Tender documents will be sold from & received at the office of the undersigned, offices of all Executive Engineers of this Education Engineering Directorate under Chittagong & Sylhet Divisions, office of the Deputy Commissioner, Comilla/B'baria & office of Assistant Engineer, Education Engineering Directorate, Comilla/B'baria as per the above mentioned date & time.

F) Earnest money should be submitted with each tender in the form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of "Executive Engineer, Education Engineering Directorate, Comilla Zone".

2. Permission to purchase tender document should be obtained from proper authority on production of original copies of the undermentioned papers and attested photocopy of the said papers should be submitted at the time of submitting tenders.

- Registration book.
- Up-to-date licence renewal certificate.
- Up-to-date Income Tax clearance certificate.
- Up-to-date VAT registration certificate.

3. Bill will be paid subject to receipt of allotment. But contractor shall be bound to complete the work within the prescribed time.

4. Income Tax & VAT will be deducted against each bill as per govt rules.

5. Tender will be treated as cancelled outright if the quoted rate is more than 5% (five per cent) below the estimated cost.

6. In case more than one lowest tenderer quotes the same rate in the same group, the contractor will be finalised through open lottery at the office of the undersigned.

7. The respective contractors shall have to write the quoted rate both in figures & words.

8. If, under any circumstance, the work of any group is cancelled or any change occurred there in, then the contractor cannot claim any financial benefit.

9. All additional terms & conditions attached to the tender document shall be treated as part of the tender.

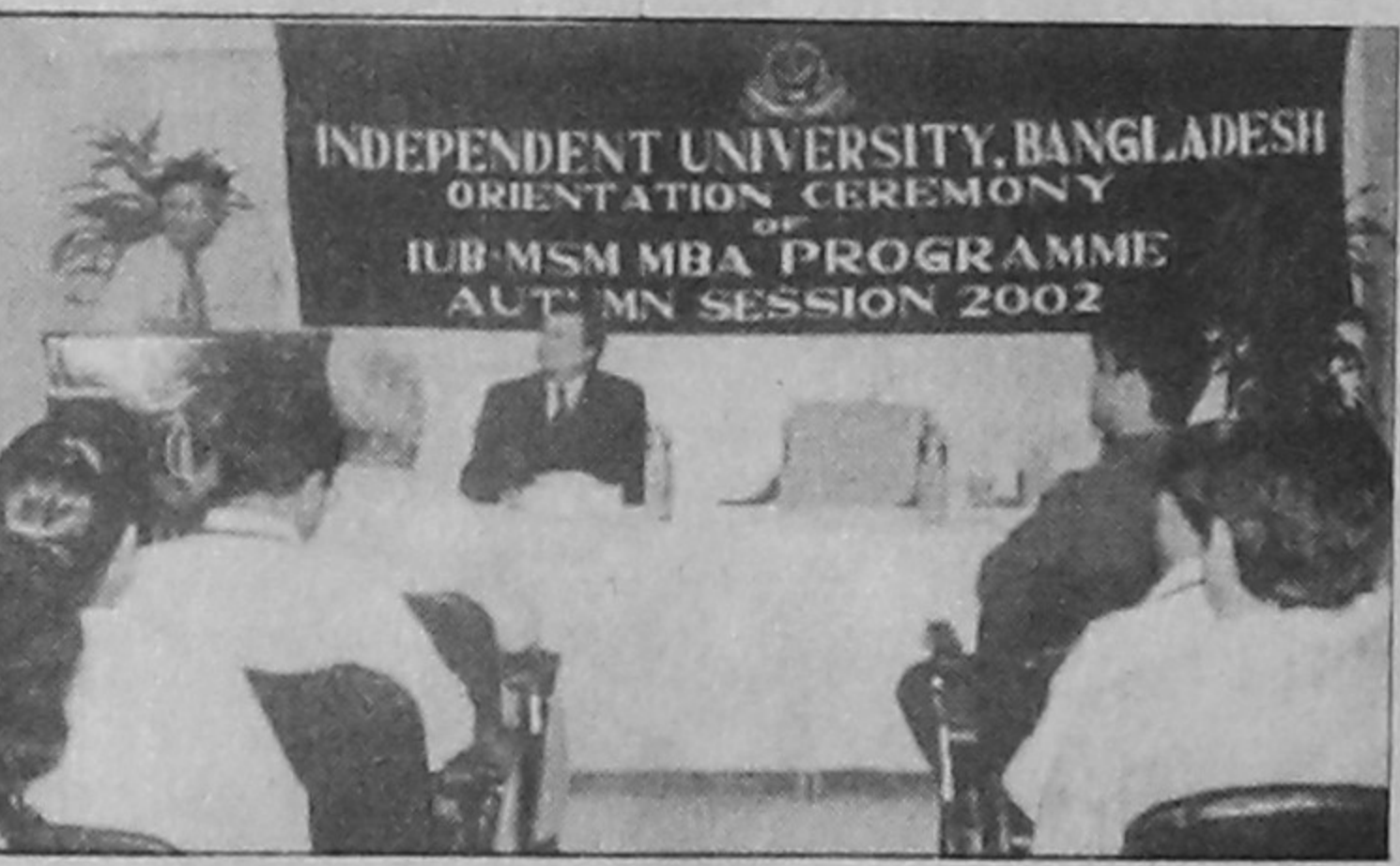
The authority reserves the right to accept/reject any/all tenders without assigning any reason.

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The Chairman of Sunny Dale School, Abdul Mannan, giving away certificates to a student at the graduation ceremony of the school at a city hotel yesterday.



Prof Bazul Mobin Chowdhury, vice-chancellor of Independent University, Bangladesh, speaking at the orientation ceremony for the MBA students on the IUB campus at Baridhara in the city on Thursday.



Aristopharma Ltd organised a scientific seminar on dengue fever and peptic ulcer disease at a city hotel yesterday.



Students of Child Laboratory School being administered homeopathic vaccine against dengue at the school in Narayanjanj recently.

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Office of the Executive Engineer

PWD Division-II, Rajshahi

Tender Notice

No. 06 (Six) of 2002-2003 Eng.

Tenders in sealed cover are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 from undermentioned approved contractors of PWD for the undermentioned work. The tender will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi, Executive Engineer, PWD Divn-I, Rajshahi/Natore/Naogaon/Pabna and the Sub-Divisional Engineer, PWD Sub-Division, Nawabganj up to 12-00 Noon of 26-09-2002 Eng. in the tender box kept for the purpose in the room of their respective offices and will be opened by them on the same date at 12-15 PM in presence of the tenderer who may like to remain present.

Earnest money must accompany with each tender in BD/SDR/PO or CD in favour of the undersigned from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh. Tender documents can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned as well as by the Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi, Additional Chief Engineer, PWD Zone, Rajshahi/Dhaka/Chittagong/Khulna and all the Executive Engineers' offices under PWD Zone, Rajshahi and the Sub-Divisional Engineer, PWD Sub-Division-2/EM-2/Rajshahi/Nawabganj on payment of fixed usual charges (non-refundable) during office hours up to 25-09-2002 Eng.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Eligibility of contractors
1.	Conversion of 17 Nos Shishu Shadan in to Shishu Paribar in Bangladesh one at Nawabganj. <u>Sub-Head:</u> Construction of 1000 stt (1-Unit) Staff Quarter attached to Shishu Paribar at Nawabganj during the year 2002-2003 Eng.	Tk. 11,10,440/-	Tk. 22,209/-	All classes of approved bldg (civil) contractors of PWD.
2.	-Do- -Do- -Do- -Do- <u>Sub-Head:</u> Construction of 800 stt (2-Unit) Staff Quarter attached to Shishu Paribar at Nawabganj during the year 2002-2003 Eng.	Tk. 15,51,451/-	Tk. 31,030/-	-Do- -Do- -Do-

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