

Orbis begins its mission in Ctg

BSS, Chittagong

Orbis, a US-based internationally reputed flying eye hospital, formally began its three-week treatment and ophthalmic training programme in the port city yesterday.

The Orbis first came to Bangladesh in 1985 and this time it flew to the port city for the first time with a 35-member team on Saturday, marking their seventh 'plane programme' in Bangladesh as part of their worldwide humanitarian mission in the field of ophthalmology.

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Mr Mohammad Nasiruddin inaugurated the Orbis 'plane programme' in the DC-10 aircraft at the Shah Amanat International Airport.

The state minister saw the state-of-the-art technology inside the white colour wide-bodied DC-10 aircraft and talked to medical faculty staffs and patients brought there for surgery.

Talking to BSS at the airport, Brooke Johnson, communication coordinator of Orbis, said that

about 80 to 90 complicated eye patients would be treated. Some 250 Bangladeshi doctors will also be given training by the world famous ophthalmologists during their three-week mission.

Chittagong Chapter of Ophthalmic Society of Bangladesh (OSB) and Orbis International have jointly organised the current 'plane programme'. Earlier, a function was held on Sunday night at the poolside of Chittagong Club on the occasion of the formal launching of Orbis activities in the port city.

The function was presided over by chairman of the organising committee Prof. Rabul Husain while State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Mr Mohammad Nasiruddin was present as chief guest.

The state minister highly appreciated the great services rendered by Orbis to humanity around the globe and said its training programme for the local ophthalmologists would help doctors in Bangladesh to combat the blindness.

JSJ protests attack on students

JU CORRESPONDENT

The Jahangirnagar Sanskritik Jote (JSJ) yesterday staged protest against recent attacks on the students of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), Dhaka University and Rajshahi University.

It took out a procession and held a cultural programme on the campus to register their protest.

A total of 15 JU-based cultural organisations took part in the cultural programme at the feet of Amar Ekushey sculpture in front of Central Cafeteria.

Earlier, they took out a procession from the university's Prantik gate that terminated in front of the Central Cafeteria.

The Jote also held a brief rally after the procession where the student leaders demanded exemplary punishment to those involved in the attacks on the students agitating for realisation of lawful demands.

They condemned the authorities of three universities for patronising the cadres of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Islami Chhatra Shibir who attacked the agitating students.



Blangladesh Bank governor Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed speaking as chief guest at the inaugural session of a seminar on "Professional Management Development of Co-operatives and Rural Development Financing Institutions" at BRAC Centre, Rajendrapur, Gazipur yesterday. The seminar was jointly organised by Bangladesh Bank, CICTAB (Centre for International Co-operation and Training in Agricultural Banking) India, and Milk Vita.

Call to promote cooperatives, rural financing

BSS, Rajendrapur

A four-day international seminar on "Professional Management Development of Co-operatives and Rural Development Financing Institutions" began here yesterday with a view to developing an integrated management of organisations and institutions for promoting cooperatives and financing rural development.

A total of 29 representatives of cooperatives from five countries of the SAARC region are taking part in the seminar jointly organised by CICTAB - India, Bangladesh Bank and Milk Vita at BRAC Centre.

Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed, Governor of Bangladesh Bank (BB), inaugurated the seminar while Dhiraaj Kumar Nath, secretary of the Rural Development and Cooperatives Division, consultant of CICTAB Prof Dr Oza, Dr BB Barik,

director of CICTAB, Gobinda Chandra Saha, general manager of Milk Vita and Khandakar Muzharul Haque, executive director of BB, among others, addressed the function.

Dr Fakhruddin said many developing countries have achieved remarkable successes in attaining self-sufficiency in food production, poverty alleviation and employment generation through providing agricultural credit and rural financing.

He said the government has been striving hard for making the general banking system consistent with the rural finance and cooperative banking to expedite the rural development.

The seminar will provide an opportunity to real stakeholders, planners and executives of the participating countries including Bangladesh to share experience in

the fields of management of cooperatives and rural financing, he said.

According to the organisers, the seminar was organised to review the environment under which cooperatives, agricultural banking and rural development institutions operate and the role and responsibility of these organisations in the national programme of economic development.

It will also examine the opportunities and challenges of cooperative agricultural banking and rural development organisations in the context of flexible and restructuring programme in addition to the role of professional management of cooperatives with specific focus on rural credit, they said.

The participating countries in the seminar are: Nepal, Bhutan, India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

Kholamora launch mishap Three more PWs cross-examined

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Three more prosecution witnesses, in a case filed against seven workers and leaders of Keraniganj Upazila Awami League, under the Law and Order Disruption Crimes (Speedy Trial) Act, were cross-examined yesterday.

After the cross-examination, for about three hours by the lawyers of the accused, Abu Abdullah, Magistrate of the Speedy Court, Dhaka adjourned the hearing till 11.00 am today.

The accused are -- Haji Abu Siddiq, president of Taranagar Union Awami League, Kamal Hossain, President of BCL Shaktia union unit and AL workers Hamid, Shah Alam, Parvez, Abdullah and Shahid. They were produced before the court during the hearing.

In the case filed with

Keraniganj thana, it has been alleged that a launch, Lucky, sank at the Kholamora launch ghar under Keraniganj thana on July 31.

On receiving information, police of the thana led by the Officer-in-Charge (OC) went there and found that another launch Zakia, was burning. Later, they tried to douse the fire, but more than 150 people led by Hafizur Rahman, another accused in the case, prevented them.

Police arrested Hafiz from the spot and filed a case against him and 300 others with Keraniganj thana the same day.

On August 7, the Investigation Officer (IO) of the case, submitted a charge sheet against Hafiz and 13 others.

Advocate Haji Nasrul Islam, Abul Kashem, Emdad Hussain Khan, Ashadul Haque, Anwar Hossain and Abdul Awal Sajal appeared for the accused.



MA Sadeque won the Grand Prix Award in the photography competition organised by the Asia Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO in 2001. Photo shows UNESCO Country Representative Wolfgang Vollmann handing over the award to the winner at a ceremony in the city yesterday.

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Sealed tenders are invited from BG Press enlisted first class offset printing presses for printing this directorate's regular publications - fortnightly illustrated Bangladesh, monthly Nabarun & Bangladesh Quarterly during 2002-2003 financial year. Tender schedule should be purchased on application to the Deputy Director (Publications) in the pad of printing press. Tender will be received up to 12:00 Noon of 25-09-2002 and the tenders will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers. Price of schedule for printing fortnightly illustrated Bangladesh & monthly Nabarun is Tk 750/= (seven hundred fifty) only each and for printing Bangladesh Quarterly is Tk 400/= (four hundred) only each (non-refundable). Schedule can be purchased from Deputy Director (Publications) of the Directorate during office hours within 24-09-2002. No schedule will be sold on the date of opening tender. The Tender Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any tender in part or full without assigning any reason.

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Mrs Suraiya Begum
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Morshed holds meeting with Saudi FM

BSS, New York

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan held a meeting with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al Faisal in New York on Sunday.

The meeting took place on the margin of the current United Nations General Assembly session.

The two foreign ministers discussed the latest situation in the global arena including the situations in the Middle East and the South Asia. The talks also covered a number of areas of bilateral cooperation and the means to strengthen them. They also agreed that the two delegations would cooperate closely with each other in the UN.

Prince Saud al Faisal praised the recent development activities in Bangladesh and stated that "these were unique among the Islamic Ummah and that the achievements of Bangladesh were a matter of pride for the entire Muslim world."

DHAKA TODAY

Founding anniversary
A function has been organised on the occasion of the founding anniversary of 'Swanar'. Rozina Mustarin Tushi Recitation Gold Medal 2002 will be awarded in this function. Venue: Kachi Kancha auditorium. Time: 5.00pm.

Rotary Dhaka
The Rotary Club of Dhaka will hold its regular weekly meeting. Venue: Rotary Cancer Detection Unit, Mohakhali. Time: 5.30pm.

Rotary Sonargaon Dhaka
Regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Sonargaon Dhaka will be held. Members have been requested to attend the meeting on time. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5.30pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Seminar
A seminar on the 'Cause and remedy of traffic jam and environmental pollution', organised by the Bangladesh Truck Owners' Association, will be held with Communications Minister Nazmul Huda as chief guest. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 10.00am.

Publication ceremony
The publication ceremony of the World Investment Report 2002, an annual publication of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) will be held. Venue: CIRDP auditorium, Tophkhana Road. Time: 3.30pm.

Roundtable
The Sadhana Sangsad organises a roundtable on 'The role of civil society in developing human resources and protecting gas resources' with economist Prof Mosharraf Hossain in the chair. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 4.00pm.

Memorial meeting
A condolence meeting in memory of radio and TV singer Jahangir Alam will be held. Venue: Swanivar Bangladesh auditorium. Time: 6.00pm.

BEA conference
The three-day 14th biennial conference of the Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA) will begin. The theme of the conference is 'State and market: The Bangladesh perspective'. Venue: Auditorium of the Institution of Engineers. Time: 9.30am.

FBAA installation ceremony
The installation ceremony of the Finance and Banking Alumni Association (FBAA), University of Dhaka, will be held with Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Osmani Memorial Hall. Time: 4.00pm.

Dialogue
The National Forum of Organisations Working with the Disabled in association with the OxfamGB will hold a policy dialogue on 'Disability and Development: From Charity to Equity'. Venue: BEISS auditorium, Eskaton. Time: 2.00pm.

Press Conference

Finance and Banking Alumni Association University of Dhaka

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Venue: Dhaka Seraton Hotel, 16 September 2002

The Finance and Banking Alumni Association, University of Dhaka, was launched at a press conference held at a city hotel yesterday. Association president Muzaffar Siddique, vice-president Rizwan Bin Farouq, general secretary Dr. Humayun Murshed and joint secretary Regina Nasser spoke on the occasion.

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Credit No: 38-BD Credit Name: Primary Education Development Project

1. The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the interim fund administered by the International Development Association (IDA) in various currencies towards the cost of Primary Education Development Project (PEDP) for Dhaka, Rajshahi & Khulna Divisions (Phase-II) and intends to apply part of the credit proceeds to cover eligible payments under the contract(s) mentioned in paragraph 2 below.

2. The Executive Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), District: Habiganj invites sealed bids for reconstruction/repair/renovation and completion of the works listed below. This invitation for bids is open to all bidders enlisted with Local Government Engineering Department (LGED). In addition, foreign bidders are eligible to bid without this enlistment but if awarded contract, would be required to enlist with LGED. Furthermore, when enlistment is done at district level, Bangladeshi contractors enlistment with LGED in other districts 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 under the project also include: The Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Brunei Darussalam, Cyprus, Israel, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Singapore, United Arab Emirates.

Sl. No.	Contract Package No	Name of the Work	Cost of Bidding Documents (Taka)	Bid Security (Taka)	Time for Completion of Work (Days)
01	HAB-01	i) Repair of administrative & academic bhavan. ii) Repair of male hostel (old) iii) Repair of male hostel (new) iv) Repair of female hostel v) Repair of Library bhavan vi) Repair of class room vii) Repair of residence of super viii) Repair of internal road and boundary wall	750.00	50,000.00	180 days

- Bidding document (and additional copies) may be purchased at the office of the (i) The Executive Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), District: Habiganj, Tel: 0831-52579; Fax: 0831-53120; (ii) Upazila Engineer, Sadar Upazila, District: Habiganj, Tel: 0831-52606 on non-refundable fee as mentioned under para No-2 above, for each set during normal office hours on all working days up to 20-10-2002. Interested bidders may obtain further information at the same addresses during office hours.
- 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-February 1999), issued by the World Bank Dhaka Office.
- Bids shall be valid for a period of 91 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 (LGED), District: Habiganj, (ii) Upazila Engineer, Sadar Upazila, District: Habiganj on or before 2:00 PM of 21-10-2002.
- Bidders may deliver their bids by any means including courier service, registered mail with acknowledgement due etc. 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 21-10-2002 at the office of the Executive Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department, District: Habiganj.
- A pre-bid conference will be held on 06-10-2002 in the office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, District: Habiganj at 11.00 am. All bidders are requested to attend the conference in time.

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Md Joyal Abedin
Executive Engineer
LGED, District: Habiganj

Gopalganj Pourashava

Project Implementation Unit
Municipal Services Project
District: Gopalganj
Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Memo No. Go/Pou/Eng-5/2002-2003/264
IFB No. MSP-01/2002-2003
IDA Credit No.: 3177-BD

Dated: 08.09.2002
Dated: 08.09.2002
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 paragraph 2 below.
- The Project Implementation Unit (PIU) Gopalganj, district: Gopalganj 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 Gopalganj 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 districts 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 for completion of work (days)	Cost of bidding documents (Taka)
GOP WSW 01	Construction of 21 (twenty-one) numbers Communal Bins at different locations of Gopalganj Pourashava (Type-B).	2100.00	60	100.00

- Bidding documents (and additional copies) may be purchased at the office of the (i) Chairman, Gopalganj Pourashava, district: Gopalganj, (ii) Executive Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department, district: Gopalganj, and (iii) Deputy Commissioner, district: Gopalganj, on non-refundable fee mentioned in the above table, for each set during normal office on all working days up to 27-10-2002. Interested bidders may obtain further information at the same addresses during office hours up to 27-10-2002.
- 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) Chairman, Gopalganj Pourashava, district: Gopalganj, (ii) Executive Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department, district: Gopalganj, and (iii) Deputy Commissioner, district: Gopalganj, on or before 28-10-2002 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 presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 3:00 PM on 28-10-2002 at the office of the Chairman, Gopalganj Pourashava, dist: Gopalganj.
- A pre-bid conference will be held on 20-10-2002 in the office of Chairman, Gopalganj Pourashava, dist: Gopalganj at 11:00 AM. All bidders are requested to attend the conference in time.

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Chairman
Gopalganj Pourashava
District: Gopalganj