

# Turkey to help Bangladesh get access to EU market

**BSS, Dhaka**  
Turkey yesterday offered help to Bangladesh in getting access of its goods to the European market. The new Turkish Ambassador Ferit Ergin made the offer when he called on Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at her office here. Presently an associate member, Turkey will get full membership of the European Union very soon, the envoy said and added that Bangladeshi products can then get access to Europe through Turkey. He said Bangladeshi readymade garments are very popular in his country. He also said joint venture initiatives can also help Bangladesh garments retain its good position in the US market after 2004 when the quota system will come to an end. Khaleda suggested initiatives under joint ventures in this regard

and called for Turkish investment in textile and garments sector. She also underscored the need for expanding activities in the existing fields of cooperation in cement manufacturing, energy, tourism, telecom and military training. Stressing the need for accelerating bilateral trade and commerce between the two friendly countries, Khaleda suggested exchange of trade delegations and holding trade fairs in both the countries. The Turkish envoy hoped that new fields of economic cooperation will be identified during the meeting of the Turkey-Bangladesh Joint Economic Commission, to be held in his country very soon. He said Turkey can import vegetables and fruits from Bangladesh. The prime minister requested the Turkish government to in-

crease the number of scholarships for Bangladeshi student from the existing 19 and open a department in a university for the study of Bangla to consolidate cultural relationship between the two countries. She also suggested exchange of cultural delegations. Khaleda assured the new Turkish ambassador of all cooperation in discharging his duties here and hoped that the existing excellent bilateral relations between the two countries would be strengthened further during his tenure. Ergin said the people of Turkey are observing various welfare-oriented and development activities of Bangladesh government with admiration. Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister Dr Kamal Siddiqui and Additional Secretary of the Foreign Ministry Anwarul Alam were present during the meeting.



A colourful procession marking the Girl Child Day in the city yesterday.

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## President, PM greet Chinese counterparts

President Iajuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday greeted their Chinese counterparts on the occasion of the 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. President Iajuddin in a message to Chinese President Jiang Zemin said he firmly believes that the existing bonds of friendship, cooperation and mutual understanding between Bangladesh and China would grow from strength to strength in the years to come. He wished good health, happiness and long life of the Chinese President and continued peace, progress and prosperity of the friendly people of China. In a separate message to Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia extended heartiest congratulations and warmest greetings to him and the people of his country. Khaleda Zia expressed her confidence that close and friendly relations that so happily exist between Bangladesh and China would be further strengthened in the years to come to the mutual benefit of the two countries.



## Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Chittagong, Barisal and Khulna divisions today. Day temperature may rise slightly over the country. Met Office said. Country's highest temperature 34.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Patuakhali and lowest 24.6 degree Celsius at Sylhet yesterday. The sun sets in the capital at 5:46 pm today and rises at 5:50 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	32.8	25.8	79	76
Chittagong	32.5	25.5	71	85
Rajshahi	34.2	26.8	84	86
Khulna	34.2	26.2	81	81
Barisal	33.4	25.5	84	92
Sylhet	29.0	24.6	98	98
Cox's Bazar	33.0	25.0	76	76

## '10pc of world's population suffer from mental illness'

BSS, Dhaka

At least 10 per cent of the total world's population including Bangladesh have been suffering from mild mental illness while one per cent from serious mental diseases. This was revealed in a survey conducted by UNICEF recently. The survey report said that of the total population at least three per cent of men and four per cent of women have been suffering from mental depression. Of the total patients, 11-17 per cent commit suicide due to mental depression mainly caused by unemployment, poverty, and complexities in getting married and abnormal impact of biochemical substances inside their bodies.

## Ex-DU teacher Dr Salar Khan passes away



Dr. Md. Salar Khan, a former Professor of Dhaka University Botany Department and an internationally reputed botanist, died at 6:00 am yesterday at his Uttara residence in the city at the age of 78, says a press release. Dr Salar Khan was suffering from cancer. He left behind his wife, three daughters and a large number of relatives, friends, students and admirers to mourn his death. His namaj-e-janaza was held after Jehr prayers on the Uttara Central Mosque premises and he was laid to rest at the Uttara graveyard.

## Death anniversary

The 24th death anniversary of economist Prof. Malik Khuro Chowdhury will be observed today, says a press release. On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at his daughter's residence at Gulshan after Asr prayers. Chowdhury had joined the Dhaka University in 1976 as professor in Economics Department. He was also made Chairman of the Bureau of Economic Research. Before joining Dhaka University he was the Chairman of Economics Department, Jahangirnagar University, and Dean of the faculty of Social Science.

According to the research findings, suicidal tendency has increased among young people aged between 15-35, which is higher among women than the men of that particular age group in Bangladesh. The report, however, said that the suicidal tendency is higher in the Jhenidah district in the country. Family feud, poverty and dowry were identified as the main causes behind the incidents. Besides, another survey conducted by a group of specialists on mental disease of the country revealed that at least 72 people of total 992 mental patients who admitted to hospitals were subjected to physical harassment in their childhood and 60 per cent were raped victims. The report said at least 94 per cent of the children lost mental balance after being subjected to

rape in their childhood. Another reports of UNICEF and WHO, however, said that at least five crore children are being subjected to physical harassment every year across the world. A big portion of the total repressed children become mental patients, it added.

## ACPF confce in Tokyo Oct 2-4

An eight-member delegation of Asia Crime Prevention Foundation, Bangladesh (ACPF) and UN-AFEL Alumni Association, Bangladesh led by Dr M Enamul Huq left Dhaka yesterday for Japan to attend their joint programme, says a press release. The 20th anniversary of the ACPF and the 40th anniversary of the United Nations Asia and Far East Institute (UNAFEI) along with the 9th World Conference of Asia Crime Prevention Foundation (ACPF) on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice will be held from October 2-4 in Tokyo. Other members of the delegation are Brigadier General Zillur Rahman, I G (Prison), Mortuza Hossain Munshi, Director General, Social Welfare Department, Khondaker Showkat Hossain, General Secretary, UNAFEI Alumni Association, Bangladesh, A K M Shirajul Islam, Shibbir Mahmud, Amjad Ali Khan and Hossain Mahmud. Dr M Enamul Huq will deliver his paper on "Criminal Justice Challenge in the Age of Globalization." Brigadier General Zillur Rahman and Mortuza Hossain Munshi will present their papers on "The Treatment of Offenders in the New Century." Khondaker Showkat Hossain will present his paper on "Combating Transnational Organised Crime" while A K M Shirajul Islam will present his paper on "Poverty and Terrorism."

## Australian envoy meets Khosru

The outgoing Australian ambassador to Bangladesh Robert Flynn yesterday called on Commerce Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury at his office here. They discussed matters relating to mutual interest and different aspects regarding bilateral trade and commerce between the two countries, an official handout said. They hoped that the existing relations between the two countries would be further strengthened in the years to come.

## Kolpodroom Marketing Club meet held

The meeting of the executive committee of Kolpodroom Marketing Club was held September 28, says a press release. The club members attended the meeting. Club president Salim A Khan shared a presentation on "Services Marketing" with the Club members. The presentation focused on how Asset applies the ICU Approach, that is the Intensive Care Management approach to provide quality service to its customer base. Following this, the members watched some of the path breaking commercials from around the world compiled by the Bitopi club members. Kolpodroom Marketing Club was formed in June for like-minded professionals from the Marketing Field and it is an interactive forum in which ideas and issues are shared.

## Prof Bari new BUET DSW director

The BUET authorities yesterday appointed Prof Dr Mohammad Fazlul Bari, a teacher of the Department of Water Resource Engineering (WRE) of the university, as Director of Students Welfare (DSW). The Vice-chancellor of the university Prof Dr Alee Murtuza gave the appointment for a two-year term. He replaced Prof Dr Jaynul Abedin. Prof Bari will take charge of DSW of the university today, official sources said.



The Shaishab Bangladesh organised a procession of children who work as domestic help in the city yesterday on the occasion of Children's Rights Week.

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## DHAKA TODAY

### Science lecture

The Discussion Project will hold a science lecture on 'Origin of Life'. The price of entry ticket has been fixed at Tk 50. Venue: Atomic Energy Centre auditorium. Time: 5.30pm.

### Dialogue on student politics

The National Democratic Foundation organises a dialogue on student politics with Health Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharrar Hossain as chief guest. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 11.00am.

### Cultural programme

The Jhalak Foundation will hold a discussion on drug-free country and a cultural function. Venue: BIAM auditorium. Time: 5.30pm.

### UNFPA seminar

The United Nations Population Fund organises a daylong 'EC/UNFPA RHI National Dissemination Seminar' with Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharrar Hossain as chief guest. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 10.00am.

### HASAB workshop

The HASAB, FHI and Ashar Alo organise a workshop titled 'Sharing lessons on the Clinical Management of HIV/AIDS from Thailand'. Venue: Panda Garden. Time: 10.30am.

### Discussion

The University Campus organises a discussion meeting for the development of private universities in the country with Education Minister Dr Osman Faruk as chief guest. Venue: Meherba Plaza, 33 Tophkana Road. Time: 3.30pm.

### Seminar on Rumi

A seminar on mystic poet Maulana Jalaluddin Rumi, organised by the Iranian Cultural Centre, will be held with Professor AJM Nuruddin Chowdhury, vice chancellor of Chittagong University as chief guest. Venue: House-54, Road-8/A, Dhanmondi. Time: 1.00pm.

### Meeting

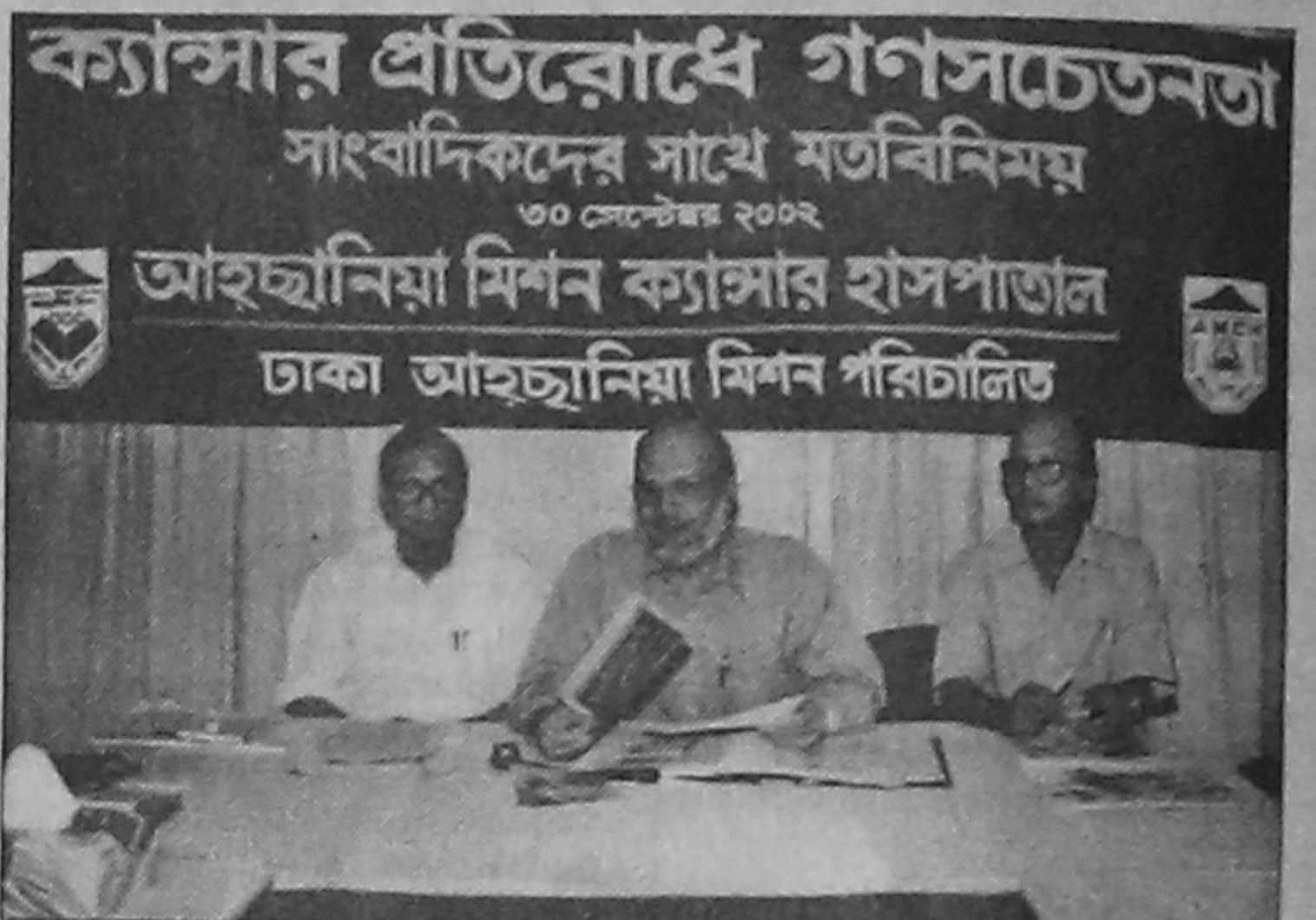
The newly elected committee and the outgoing committee of the Rajshahi University Ex-students Association will hold a joint meeting. Venue: Swaninvar Bangladesh auditorium, Lalmatia. Time: 5.00pm.

### Rotary Ramna

Regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Ramna will be held. Venue: Gourmet Garden, House # 24/A, Road # 27 (old), Dhanmondi. Time: 5.30pm.

### Rotary Sonargaon Dhaka

The Rotary Club of Sonargaon Dhaka will hold its regular weekly meeting. Members are requested to attend the meeting on time. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5.30pm.



Executive director of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Kazi Rafiqul Alam speaks at a meeting to exchange views with the journalists in the city yesterday. He told the newsmen that the Mission will open a cancer hospital in Uttara this year.



The students and teachers of the junior section of the Aga Khan School organised a science fair on the school premises in the city on Sunday.

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Chanmari, Narayanganj  
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## Short Tender Notice No 03/2002-2003

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 under sealed cover are hereby invited from Local Government Engineering Directorate & its all projects pre-qualified 2002-2003 financial enlisted/renewed (as per class capacity) contractors/contractors' firms for implementation of total 5 (five) road development works-4 (four) at Araiabazar upazila under "Rural Infrastructure Development (development of important road & haat-bazaars) project 2<sup>nd</sup> part" and 1 (one) at Sadar upazila under "Rural Infrastructure Development Project (2<sup>nd</sup> part)". Tender documents can be purchased at prescribed price (non-refundable) from the office of the undersigned and (1) Chief Engineer, LGED, LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, (2) Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Dhaka, (3) Project Director, Rural Infrastructure Development Project (2<sup>nd</sup> Part), LGED, LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, (4) Deputy Commissioner, Dist-Narayanganj, (5) Police Super, Dist-Narayanganj, (6) Executive Engineer, LGED, Dist-Dhaka/Munshiganj/Gazipur/Narsingdi, (7) Upazila Engineer's Office, LGED, Araiabazar/Sadar upazila, Dist-Narayanganj during office hours up to 20.10.2002. Tenders will be received at the abovementioned places up to 1-00 PM of 21.10.2002 and the tenders will be opened on the same day at 1-30 PM at the said places in presence (if any) of the attending tenderers. It may be noted that if, under any circumstance, the normal movement or normal life is disrupted on the date of submitting tender, then tenders will be received on the next working day. Amount of earnest money, timelimit for work, additional terms & conditions and other related details can be known from the said offices prior to submitting tender. The authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Md. Rawshan Kabir  
Executive Engineer

**Bakhrabad Gas Systems Limited**  
(A Company of Petrobangla)  
Comilla, Bangladesh

গ্যাসের অপচয় রোধ করুন এবং নির্ধারিত সময়ে বিল পরিশোধ করুন

### International Tender Notice

Sl No	ICB Nos & date	Description of materials	Cost of tender documents (non-refundable)	Closing date & time	Opening date & time
01.	BGSL/FP/CFE-08/2002 dated 14.09.2002	Electronic Pressure Recorder and Commercial Gas Regulator	US\$ 18.00 or Tk 1,000.00	06.11.2002 at 11.00 hrs	06.11.2002 at 11.15 hrs
02.	BGSL/FP/CFE-09/2002 dated 14.09.2002	Test and Calibration Equipment	US\$ 18.00 or Tk 1,000.00	10.11.2002 at 11.00 hrs	10.11.2002 at 11.15 hrs.
03.	BGSL/FP/CFE-10/2002 dated 14.09.2002	Line Pipes	US\$ 26.00 or Tk 1,500.00	14.11.2002 at 11.00 hrs	14.11.2002 at 11.15 hrs.

01. The procurement will be financed under cash foreign exchange.  
02. Eligibility : Manufacturers/suppliers having proven experience of similar works/supply.  
03. Availability of tender documents:  
BGSL Offices at:  
a) Head Office Complex, Chapapur, Comilla, Bangladesh.  
b) BGSL's Liaison Office, House No 16, Road No 20, Sector-4, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka-1230, Bangladesh.  
c) Bakhrabad Gas Systems Limited, Sales Department, 137/A, CDA Avenue, Sholasahar, Chittagong, Bangladesh.  
04. Selling time of tender documents : a) Tender No CFE-08/2002: Electronic Pressure Recorder and Commercial Gas Regulator From 30.09.2002 to 05.11.2002 (9.00 AM to 4.00 PM).  
b) Tender No CFE-09/2002: Test and Calibration Equipment: From 30.09.2002 to 09.11.2002 (9.00 AM to 4.00 PM).  
c) Tender No CFE-10/2002: Line Pipes: From 30.09.2002 to 13.11.2002 (9.00 AM to 4.00 PM).  
05. Place of tender receiving : BGSL's Liaison Office, House No 16, Road No 20, Sector-4, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka-1230, Bangladesh.  
06. Bid bond amount : 2.5% of the total quoted amount.  
07. For further information and clarification please contact : Dy General Manager (Purchase), BGSL, Comilla, Bangladesh. Fax No 880-81-77199.  
08. BGSL reserves the right to accept any tender or to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.  
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