

DHAKA TODAY

ATSEC seminar

Action against Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children (ATSEC) organises an advocacy seminar on 'A critical look at women labour migration and the trafficking within'. Venue: BRAC Centre Inn, Mohakhali. Time: 9.30am.

BAF meeting

A meeting of the executive council of Bangladesh Anti-Drug Federation of NGOs (BAF) will be held. Venue: BAF office, 24/2 Eskaton Garden. Time: 5.00pm.

Roundtable

A roundtable on the 'Success and future prospect of Rural Development and Cooperatives Division' will be held with LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan as chief guest. Venue: CIRDP auditorium, Topkhana Road. Time: 10.00am.

Boudha rally

On the occasion of Shiva Probarana Purnima, Bangladesh Buddhist Federation organises a rally and discussion meeting with LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan as chief guest. Venue: Menul Badda International Boudha Bihar. Time: 4.00pm.

CNCS seminar

Greater CNCS forum for development organises a seminar to discuss the problems of arrival and departure from Dhaka being faced by the people of eastern region of the country with Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 3.00pm.

BSBWWF rally

The Bangladesh Sanjuktta Building and Wood Workers Federation (BSBWWF) will hold a rally to realise their various demands. Venue: Mukhtangan, Ramna. Time: 11.00am.

Reunion

The second reunion of Dhaka College Ex-students' Association will be held. Venue: Sultana Kamal Mohila Krira Complex, Dhanmondi.

Poultry workshop

The inaugural ceremony of a five-day long international workshop on 'People fight poverty with poultry learning from the Bangladesh Experience' with Fisheries and Livestock Minister Sadeque Hossain Khoka as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Civic, Gulshan.

Publication ceremony

The publication ceremony of a bilingual book titled 'Dans le Sang et la Rosee' (Bangla and French) will be held. Venue: Alliance Francaise Library, Dhanmondi. Time: 7.00pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Jazz concert

Goethe Institut organises a Jazz concert by Florian Ross Sextet. Venue: Osmani Memorial Hall. Time: 6.00pm.

Freshers' reception

Dhaka Imperial College organises a freshers' reception and prize distribution ceremony. It will be followed by a cultural function. Venue: Engineers' Institution auditorium. Time: 10.00am.

Award giving ceremony

The University of Asia Pacific (UAP) organises an award presentation ceremony for the winners of an essay competition for higher secondary students of the country. Venue: UAP auditorium, House-73, Road-5/A, Dhanmondi. Time: 3.00pm.

Condolence meeting

A condolence meeting will be held to pay tribute to comrade Ela Mitra. Venue: Shahid Tazul auditorium, 21/2 Purana Paltan. Time: 4.00pm.

Seminar

The IRIS Centre at University of Maryland, USA, organises a seminar on 'Social Capital with World Bank Country Director Frederick Temple as chief guest. Venue: BRAC Centre, Mohakhali. Time: 4.00pm.

ISD conference

The inaugural ceremony of a two-day national conference of Jatiya Samantantrik Dal will be held with ASM Abdur Rab as chief guest. Venue: Paltan Maidan. Time: 10.00am.



Councillor Denise Jones, Deputy Leader of the Council, Corporate Director (Education), and Stephen Grix (Education) of Tower Hamlets, London, visited the Liberation War Museum in the city on Thursday. Akku Chowdhury, director of the museum, guided them through various galleries and departments of the museum. The Councillor hoped to arrange travelling exhibition of the museum in East London for the young Bangladeshis living in Tower Hamlets.

AABEA biennial convention held

The 4th biennial convention of the American Association of Bangladeshi Engineers and Architects, Inc. (AABEA) was held at a local hotel in Washington D.C. on October 12, says a press release.

Over 300 professionals from across the USA and Bangladesh attended the daylong event.

The technical seminars focussed on the current problems and future needs for the development of Bangladesh. The major topics of discussions were natural gas, energy sector, biotechnology, information technology, roads and infrastructures and bilateral trade.

All papers presented in the technical seminars will be available at AABEA web site, www.aabea.org, in a week.

Various US companies and companies owned by Bangladeshi-Americans took part in the seminars. The participants came from as far as Los Angeles, Silicon Valley, Dallas Fort-Worth, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, New England, New York, New Jersey, Philadelphia and Bangladesh.

Participants from Bangladesh included Prof. Anwarul Azim and Prof. Muhammad Tamim of BUET, Dr. Golam Mohiuddin of Dhaka Community Hospital, Shamsuddin Ahmed of UNOCAL, Dhaka, and Somudra Haque of Pradeshta.net, Dhaka.

Tech transfer needed to face climate change

BSS, Dhaka

Environment and Forest Minister Shajahan Siraj yesterday emphasised the need for transfer of technology and finance to undertake mitigation programmes in the countries like Bangladesh, which are vulnerable to climate change.

"We must work on adaptation policy for which transfer of technology and finances are required," he said while addressing a consultative meeting on 8th Conference of Parties (COP) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), organised by IUCN Bangladesh Country Office, at IDB Bhaban in the city.

Secretary of Ministry of Environment and Forest Sabihuddin Ahmed joined the closing session of the meeting. S M Lutfulah, Joint Secretary of Ministry of Environment and Forest, presided over the technical session.

Sabihuddin Ahmed said Bang-

ladesh wants to create a rapport with all the LDCs countries. He underscored the dissemination of knowledge on 'climate change and its vulnerabilities' to the global communities to adopt a holistic approach to address the Climate Change issues.

Dr. Anun Nishat said the objectives of the meeting was aimed at enhancing the Bangladesh preparation for the discussions concerning the issues and proposals relating to COP 8 for resolutions to be adopted from national, regional, and global perspectives.

Four papers were presented at the technical session. These are "Review of implementation of the UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol," "Vulnerability and adaptation: process of implementation of Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the UNFCCC and preparation of NAPA for the Least developed Countries," "Land use, land cover change and forestry issues," and "Technology transfer issues."

Curb crimes for investment: BFFEA

BSS, Dhaka

President of Bangladesh Frozen Foods Exporters Association (BFFEA) Salahuddin Ahmed said yesterday foreign and local investors could play a major role in developing country's economy by increased investment if criminal activities and extortions were curbed by the government.

Giving his reaction to the army deployment to combat crime, BFFEA President in a statement said improvement of law and or-

Members of the force seized 5,65,000 metres of current net worth about Tk 1.13 crore from Char Tamjuddin in Bhola and Mirzakhali on August 17, a Coast Guard Headquarters press release said yesterday.

On October 16, they seized 70,000 metres of the net worth about Tk 60.60 lakh from Chila Bazar in Mongla thana under Bagerhat district.

Besides, members of the force seized 1.03 kilogram of hemp (Ganja) from Bajua Bazar in Khulna district and arrested a man in this connection.

The seized current nets were burnt, the drug was deposited to the Narcotics Control office and the arrested person was handed over to Dacope thana.

der was not a marginal issue as the people of the country wanted to live in peace and security.

Expressing optimism about restoration of normalcy in the society, he said the businessmen, in particular have been severely affected due to unabated criminal activities and extortion.

He called upon the government to take drastic steps to free the country from massive corruption.

4 get 14 yrs' RI for keeping arms in Bheramara

BSS, Bheramara

Rana Bilkis Banu, Judge of Special Tribunal Court-4, here on Thursday sentenced four persons to 14 years RI each for possessing illegal firearms.

The convicts are Zaker, 28, Excl, 25, Sohrab, 26, and Asadul, 29, of Nowdapara under Bheramara upazila.

According to prosecution story, the convicts were arrested by Kushtia Sadar thana police along with four firearms and some ammunition on June 26 in 2001.

Death anniversary

UNB, Dhaka

The first death anniversary of Al-haj Mustafizur Rahman, former Awami League MP and founder-editor of the 'Dainik Rupali', will be observed today.

On the occasion, qurankhwani, milad mahfil and feeding of the destitute have been arranged at his Sandwip residence.

Relatives, friends, colleagues and admirers have been requested to attend the programmes and pray for the departed soul.

Al-haj Mustafizur Rahman, who was elected MP from Sandwip in 1991 and 1996 general elections, died at Mount Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore on October 20 last year.

Bhuiyan leaves for Switzerland, Sweden tomorrow

BSS, Dhaka

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan will leave Dhaka tomorrow for Switzerland and Sweden to study the local government systems there.

He will lead a 12-member delegation which would review the decentralised local government structures and their functioning in the two European countries. They will also meet concerned ministers, public representatives and officials during the visits.

The delegation will stay in Switzerland from October 22 to 26 and in Sweden from October 28 to 31.

Swiss ambassador to Bangladesh Jurg Cassarini and Swedish ambassador Borje Mattsson yesterday apprised the delegation members about the local government system, education, health and environment and weather patterns in their respective countries.

Whip Rezaul Bari Dina, Sardar Sakhawat Hossain Bakul, MP, Ali Newaz Mahmood Khayam, MP, LGRD Secretary A Y B I Siddiqui, Joint Secretary Mohammad Fazlul Huq, Director General of Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation Dr. Salah Uddin, Executive Director of PPRC Dr Hussain Zillur Rahman and two members from civil society Mofidul Hasan Tripti and Rezaul Karim of The Daily Star attended the briefing.

Huge garlic seized

BSS, Rajshahi

BDR personnel here yesterday seized a huge quantity of garlic, suspected to be bound for India, from a warehouse at Bidir Bazar under Godagari upazila of the district on Friday night, BDR source said.

Acting on secret information, a BDR squad from the sector headquarters led by assistant director Haidar Ali raided the area at about 1:15 am and seized about 3,500 kilograms of garlic worth about Tk 1.75 lakh in presence of a first class magistrate.

However, none could be arrested in this connection. The seized goods were deposited with the local customs authorities.

"Huge garlic" imported from abroad for meeting the country's demand, are being smuggled out from the country through different bordering areas of the region," a senior BDR officer said preferring anonymity.

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Notice
No. BPSCS/U-7/PT-4/2002/4073 Dated: 10-10-2002/25-6-1409 BS
Sub: Senior Scale Promotion Test of Bangladesh Civil Service Cadred Officers, February 2003.

The next Senior Scale Promotion Test of Bangladesh Civil Service Cadred Officers will be held on 26 & 27 February 2003. Examination time table will be published in daily newspaper in due course. Applications of officers intending to take part in the said examination, in commission's prescribed form should reach the commissions head office in Dhaka through Cadre Regulatory Ministry/Department by 24 December, 2002. Cadre Regulatory Ministry/Department must arrange for reaching the applications collected from candidates including combined list of candidates, names, as per the proforma provided by the commission, by 24 December 2002 within office hours. Applications received at the commission after this date, under whatever circumstance, shall be treated as cancelled outright. It may be noted that due to delay in sending applications from Ministry/Department, application of many an officer has been cancelled earlier and the officers concerned have been deprived of the opportunity to participate in examination.

- System of participating in this examination is as follows:
 - Any officer not completing minimum 4 (four) years service tenure (as of 1st February 2003) and not being permanent in service shall not be eligible to take part in examination.
 - An officer can take part in three or less number of subjects at a time.
 - Any officer cannot take part in examination more than once in the same calendar year.
 - No officer can take part in examination after completing 14 years of service tenure in cadre post.
 - In case of inability to take part in examination after applying for participation, application to withdraw candidature should be submitted to the commission through the respective ministry prior to holding of examination and advance copy of the said application should reach the commission prior to holding of examination. Advance copy will be accepted subject to receipt of original withdrawal application through proper channel. If the advance copy is not received before holding of examination in February 2003 and the original copy is not reached the commission through proper channel within the last date of submitting application for examination to be held in August 2003, then the candidate shall be treated as disqualified for participation in examination to be held in August 2003.
 - Subjects for examination:
 - First paper : Bangladesh & Current Affairs.
 - Second paper : Law, rules and systems applicable for all Govt. offices.
 - Third paper : Subjects related to works of respective cadres.
 - Full marks is 100 and pass marks 50 per paper. Prescribed time for examination per paper is 3 (three) hours. Full marks for BCS (Telecommunication) cadre Third paper written and practical tests are 60 & 40 respectively, and their pass marks is 50% i.e. 30 and 20 respectively. Prescribed time for written test in the paper is 2 (two) hours and for practical 1 (one) hour.
 - Prescribed application form for the abovementioned examination will be available from the respective Ministry/Department, Deputy Commissioner's Office and Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet regional offices of the Commission Secretariat. Candidates must apply in the Form supplied by the commission.
- DFP-25207-16/10 Mian Mohammad Abdul Hamid
G-2203 Controller of Examination

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
Local Government Engineering Directorate
Dist- Naogaon

Memo No. LGED/EE/Naogaon/2002/7-1/4056 Date: 7/10/2002

Tender Notice
No. 09/2002-2003 (short)

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are hereby invited from class capacity wise current year renewed LGED enlisted & all projects pre-qualified contractors/contractors' firms for implementation of road development work of total 16 packages - 5 packages under Manda upazila & 4 packages under Mahadevur upazila of Naogaon district under Rural Infrastructure Development (development of important road & haat-bazars) 3rd part project, 1 package under Niamatpur upazila, 2 packages under Dhampurhat upazila, 1 package under Ranmatpur upazila, 1 package under Badagaqchi upazila & 2 packages under Mahadevur upazila of Naogaon district under Rural Infrastructure Development Project (2nd part) - under Local Government Engineering Directorate.

- Place of purchasing, submitting & opening tender schedule
- Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi Division, Rajshahi
- Project Director, Rural Infrastructure Development (development of important road & haat-bazars) 3rd part project, LGED, Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207 (Package No. 1 to 9).
- Project Director, Rural Infrastructure Development Project (2nd part), LGED, Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka 1207 (Package No. 10 to 16).
- Office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Naogaon/Rajshahi/Natore/Chapainawabganj.
- Office of the Upazila Engineer, Manda, Mahadevur, Ranmatpur, Dhampurhat, Niamatpur & Badagaqchi, Naogaon (Package of respective upazila).

- Last date & time of selling schedule : 29-10-2002 up to office hours.
- Date & time of submitting tender : 30-10-2002 up to 1-00PM.
- Date of opening tender : 30-10-2002 at 1-30PM.

- This tender notice is short. Detailed information viz. imposed terms & conditions, additional terms & conditions, schedule consisting Form No. 2911 etc. can be seen & purchased on cash payment (non-refundable) from the above mentioned respective offices during office hours up to the prescribed date.
- Rate more than 5% (five per cent) below the estimated cost will be treated as cancelled outright and likewise rate analysis should be submitted if rate is quoted more than 5% (five per cent) above.
- In case more than one contractor becomes the lowest by submitting same rate for same work, lottery will be held on 13-11-2002 at 11-00 AM at the office of the undersigned in presence of interested competitors to select one contractor through lottery. No further communication will be made in this regard nor any notice given.
- In case of addition/deduction of any item/reduction or increase of quantity of work of any item at the time of scrutiny of estimate by the head office, the contractor will be issued work order with that amendment and the contractor shall be bound to abide by that and work order will be issued after approval of estimate by the head office. Work order for Package Nos. 10 to 16 will be issued after approval of estimate by head office.
- Bill is payable subject to receipt of fund. The expenditure of fund released for project should be ensured within June/2003.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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LGED, Naogaon.



Visitors crowd a stall at the 'City IT 2002' fair at BCS Computer City in the city's Agargaon area yesterday. The fair is scheduled to conclude today.

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