

Health resources centre opens

UNB, Dhaka
An occupational safety and health resources centre opened at the National Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine (NIPSPM) in the city yesterday.
US Ambassador Mary Ann Peters inaugurated the centre saying that this will benefit faculty, students, inspectors and, most im-

portantly, workers.
The creation of this centre is part of a two-year occupational safety and health project costing US dollar 1.5 million, initiated following President Clinton's visit to Bangladesh in March 2000.
The US Ambassador said the occupational safety and health project has already had a huge impact on worker safety.



Light rain likely

UNB, Dhaka
Light rain or drizzle is likely at one or two places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions and weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country during the next 12 hours till 6pm today.
Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Offices said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 31.9 degree Celsius was recorded at Sitakunda and the lowest of 15.9 degree at Jessore.
The sun sets in the capital at 5:20 pm today and rises at 6:05 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	30.4	19.3	50	54
Chittagong	30.7	21.5	81	71
Rajshahi	30.6	16.8	64	79
Khulna	30.7	19.2	70	74
Barisal	30.2	18.6	84	86
Sylhet	31.0	20.4	82	73
Cox's Bazar	31.0	21.8	78	70

Rajshahi University

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Applications are invited from Bangladeshi nationals for filling up 2 (two) permanent posts of Lecturer in the Department of Political Science.
Scale of Pay:

Lecturer: Tk. 4300-185-5595-EB-195-7740/- plus usual allowances.

Forms and particulars regarding qualification requirements may be obtained from the office of the Registrar by sending a self-addressed envelope with postage stamp worth Tk. 4/- only.

9 (nine) copies of the application form duly filled in along with attested copies of all academic certificates with each application and application fee of Tk. 160/- (one hundred sixty) in Bank Draft/Pay Order (non-refundable), Agrani Bank, Rajshahi University Branch in favour of the Registrar, Rajshahi University must reach the undersigned on or before 26/11/2002.

Candidates already in service must apply through proper channel. Incomplete applications will be rejected without reference.

Md. Abdus Salam
Registrar
Rajshahi University.

Ref. No.23.02/60 Date: 29/10/2002

International Tender Notice for Supply of Lubricating Base Oil

1. a) Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) hereby invites offers from reputed suppliers for supply of Solvent Neutral (SN) & Solvent Bright Stock (SBS) grades of Lubricating Base Oil in accordance with the terms & conditions set out hereinafter:

Grade	Quantity in BBL	Delivery at Ctg	Price to be quoted
SN-500	21,000	12-15 February 2003	C&F Chittagong
SBS-150	14,000		
Total	35,000		

b) Quantities mentioned against each grade will be subject to an operational tolerance of five per cent.
c) The supply of product is to be made in one shipment.

2. Intending bidders and/or their local agents may collect tender documents on payment of Taka 2000 or US\$ 40 (non-refundable) on all working days during office hours from (a) the Commercial & Operations Division of the Corporation at its Head Office, BSC Bhaban, 1st Floor, Saltgola Road, Chittagong, (b) Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation, Dhaka Liaison Office, 1, Pioneer Road, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka and (c) Bangladesh Missions in India, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Korea, Iran, Abu Dhabi, Kuwait, Qatar, KSA, UK, Washington and Brazil. No tender document will be available on the tender opening date.

3. Offers will be received up to 1200 hours (BST) on 18 December, 2002 and opened at 1205 hours BST on the same day at the Corporation's Head Office at Chittagong in presence of the bidders or their authorised agents who would wish to be present.

4. Offers must be valid up to 1800 hrs BST on 26 December, 2002.
5. All offers must be accompanied by a bid bond amounting to Taka two million or equivalent US dollar and must have validity of 30 days from the date of tender opening. Offers without bid bond or with a bid bond in a format not consistent with tender documents shall not be accepted.

6. Other terms and conditions will be as per BPC's tender document for supply of Lubricating Base Oil (Ref. No. 23.02/60 dated 29 October, 2002). Successful bidder shall submit a Performance Guarantee with validity up to 30 April, 2003 as per tender document.

7. No rights of any kind shall be created in favour of any person or persons by virtue of having obtained the tender document nor shall any right be created in favour of any person by virtue of submitting an offer. The Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers in part or in full without assigning any reason.

Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation
BSC Bhaban, Saltgola Road, Chittagong.

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Prime Minister Khaleda Zia gives away certificate to a student of Islamic University of Technology at the convocation ceremony of the university at Gazipur yesterday.

IUT convocation
OIC members urged to contribute more to development of IUT

UNB, Gazipur

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday made a fervent appeal to the OIC member countries for more generous assistance and cooperation for the development of the Islamic University of Technology (IUT).

Cooperation and efforts of all concerned would turn the IUT into a most modern educational institution, she hoped while addressing the 16th Convocation Ceremony-2002 of IUT, a subsidiary organ of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC).

The IUT was established in 1981 at Gazipur on 30 acres of land donated by the Government of Bangladesh.

Presided over by IUT Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr M Anwar Hossain, the function was attended, among others, by Foreign Minister M Moshed Khan, Education Minister Dr M Osman Faruk and State Minister for Labour and Employment M Lutfur Rahman Khan Azad.

OIC Assistant Secretary General Khalid Saleem read out a message from OIC Secretary General and IUT Chancellor Dr Abdoulkader Berkezzil on the occasion.

Ministers, MPs, PM's Political Secretary Mosaddek Ali and senior

civil and military officials attended the function.

The prime minister conferred the degrees to the graduates and gave away OIC and IUT Gold Medals to four graduates.

Baba Hamadou of Cameroon received IUT Gold Medal for excellence in Technical Education, Khondokar Habibul Kabir of Bangladesh in Electric and Electronic Engineering and Fahim Kawser of Bangladesh in Computer Science and Information Technology.

Md Rajib Ul Alam, also of Bangladesh, was awarded OIC Gold Medal for his outstanding result in Mechanical Engineering.

The Prime Minister, in her speech, recalled the golden era of human civilisation when the Muslim scientists presented the world with new sets of knowledge in the fields of medicine, mathematics, chemistry and astronomy that took the civilisation to new heights.

She, however, lamented that this advancement slowed down in course of time and said that now the onus of revitalising the Muslim heritage in science, arts and philosophy lies with the OIC.

"IUT can emerge as a torch-bearer in achieving this noble objective," she added.

She hoped that this institute would emerge as a unique centre of excellence in higher education and research, and with unstinting support from the OIC, would be able to play an intensified role in shaping a knowledge-based society of the Islamic Ummah.

Khaleda expressed satisfaction at the IUT's plan to admit female students into various programmes and said this initiative was in line with her government's policy for widening educational opportunities for women.

She mentioned that Muslim women held responsible positions in various fields during the rise of Islamic civilisation. She hoped that the IUT would be in a position to empower the Muslim women to assume greater responsibilities within the Islamic Ummah.

The prime minister appreciated the role of IUT in grooming skilled and talented manpower in engineering and technology in the Muslim countries and the Islamic Ummah.

The IUT, formerly known as ICTVTR, with funds from the Islamic countries, run various regular academic programmes at undergraduate and post-graduate levels for students of all countries of the Islamic Ummah.

'Army deployment proves total failure of civil admin'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The army deployment to curb crime proves the total failure of police and civil administration to maintain the law and order, noted the speakers at a roundtable.

The Bikhubdhoo Nagarik Samaj (committee of aggrieved citizens) organised the roundtable in the city on Tuesday.

The discussants noted that though the army drive was designed to nab criminals, hardly any of the listed criminals were arrested till now. They expressed resentment over the severe army torture on people. Deaths of 11 arrestees during and following interrogation is reflective of the worst form of human rights violation, the organisers noted in the keynote paper.

Army is also arresting people without warrant, beating and harassing them and even seizing money, the paper noted.

The speakers questioned the legality of the army deployment without consulting the parliament and civil administration which is against the constitution, they noted. The torture by army has reached extremity and it will destroy the democracy, they added.

Army is being posed as an opponent of people to scare and refrain them from staging any sorts of protest, the speakers noted. Army is never trained to harm the civilians or go against them, but now it is being misused politically, said Major General (ret'd) KM Shafiqullah. "It seems martial law is prevailing in the country and the aim of the government is to frighten the people," said writer Hayat Mamud.

The roundtable also observed that police were following the footsteps of army in torturing the people.

The organisers demanded an end to the inhuman torture by army. They also noted that anyone can initiate a legal action against the government in this regard.

Prof. Kabir Chowdhury, Justice K M Subhan, Prof. Borhanuddin Khan Jahangir, journalist Shahriar Kabir, Prof. Muntasir Mamun, journalist Abed Khan, Advocate Sultana Kamal, Barrister Tania Amir, Prof. Saaduddin, writer Syed Shamsul Haque and Prof. Mosharraf Hossain, among others, spoke on the occasion.

Construction work on Zia Bridge begins

UNB, Dinajpur

Construction work on the 'Zia Bridge' over the river Atrai began at Khansama in the district yesterday.

Women and Children Affairs Minister Khurshid Jahan Haq inaugurated the construction work of the 492-metre long bridge.

The construction work under the supervision of LGED will be finished by April 2005, said an official handout.

Once completed, Zia Bridge will reduce the distance of Thakurgaon and Panchagarh districts from Dhaka by about 50 kilometres.



C'wealth Society executives

BSS, Dhaka

Ambassador M M Rezaul Karim and senior journalist-columnist Zaglul A Chowdhury have been unanimously elected president and secretary general respectively of the Commonwealth Society of Bangladesh.

The election was held on Sunday at the AGM of the society at a city hotel. Outgoing President Prof Muzaffar Ahmed presided over the meeting, said a society press release.

Other office-bearers are asst. secretary general-Mukles Ahmed, treasurer-Azizur Rahman, press and publication secretary-M Mukhlisur R Chowdhury, sports secretary-Ibrahim Sabar, culture secretary-Asaduzzaman Noor, MP, and education secretary- Md Ali Akbar Khan.

The presidium members are Prof Muzaffar Ahmed, Maj Gen (ret'd) Qazi Golam Dastagir, Maj Gen (ret'd) K M Shafulah, Justice Maqsumul Hakim, Mohammed Farooq Khan MP, Sarder Sakawat Hossain Bakul MP, National Professor Nurul Islam, Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelly, Ex-IGP Dr Enamul Haq and Rokeya Afzal Rahman.

And the Council members are Hasan Shahriar, Prof Shamsur Ali, Motiur Rahman Chowdhury, Sigma Huda, Yousof Tabani, AIM Enamul Islam, Professor Dilara Chowdhury, Geeti Ara Safia Chowdhury, ambassador Mohammed Mohsin, Shaful Amin Ferdousi and Farid Hossain.



A view of computer simulated exercise jointly organised by Bangladesh Armed Forces and US Marine Expeditionary Forces at Rajendrapur Cantonment.



Students of Tiny Tots School perform at the annual function of the school on the school premises in the city recently.



As part of a series of professional lectures titled 'Know the success story: Meet the personality behind success' organised by the East West University, Managing Director of ADCOMM Ltd. Geeteera Safiya Choudhury addressed the students of the university on its campus in Mohakhali recently.

Better disaster management thru' computer networks

BSS, Gazipur

Armed forces are working on developing a sustainable system to better manage natural calamities in coastal areas using computer software.

As part of the plan, 50 officers and computer experts of Bangladesh Army, Navy and Air Force and taking part in a three-day joint training programme, Exercise Ashar Alo, that began at Rajendrapur Cantonment on Tuesday.

The Bangladesh Armed Forces and the US Marine Expeditionary Force III have arranged the exercise, where the US marine personnel are sharing their disaster management skills with Bangladesh officers.

The US forces, who have already developed a computer software on Bangladesh's disaster, will provide technical knowledge to Bangladesh about how to manage future crisis in a planned and coordinated manner through computer networks.

At present, the armed forces keep contacts through walkie-talkie of telephone during crisis moments of natural calamities especially at times of floods and tornadoes.

This put them in difficulties to get the latest information to rush to the spots and provide humanitarian assistance to the victims on time, said Chief Instructor of Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support Operation Training (BIPSOT) Lt. Colonel Kazi Fakhruddin Ahmed.

He said that with the introduction of the software, future operations in the country could be conducted through computer network centrally instead of depending on conventional methods. Not only that, he said, Bangladesh can instantly assess the extent of its necessity at times of calamities.

BUET workshop on coastal zone management

UNB, Dhaka

A two-day workshop on 'Coastal Zone Management' concluded at BUET yesterday.

Prof MA Halm, Acting Vice-Chancellor of BUET and Dean, Faculty of Civil Engineering inaugurated the workshop as chief guest on Tuesday.

DHAKA TODAY

Iranian film show

The Dhaka University Film Society will screen two Iranian films titled 'Kandahar' directed by Mohsen Mamelebi and 'Colour of Paradise' directed by Mojd Majedi. Venue: Iranian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 4.00pm and 5.30pm respectively.

Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry auditorium. Time: 9.30am.

Inaugural ceremony

The inaugural ceremony of the second Agora supermarket of Rahimafrooz will be held with Commerce Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: R.M Centre, 101 Gulshan Avenue. Time: 9.30am.

WB film show

The Rainbow Film Society will screen a contemporary West Bengal film titled 'Chakrabyuha'. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Salmassid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.00pm.

Lecture

The Asiatic Society of Bangladesh organises a golden jubilee lecture on 'Women's literary lament as an agency for social communication'. Venue: Society auditorium, Old Secretariat Road. Time: 4.00pm.

Ananda mela

The annual ceremony of annual ananda mela, organised by the Officers' Club Mohila Committee will be held with Minister for Industry M K Anwar as chief guest. Venue: Club premises, Baily Road. Time: 10.00am. The mela will remain open till Nov 2 from 9.00am to 8.00pm daily.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Russian ballets

The Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen 8 films focusing on ballet, the best form of Western Classical dance including six of the greatest Russian ballets. On the first day, two great ballet films titled 'The Sleeping Beauty' and 'Swan Lake' by Tchaikovsky will be screened. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 4.00pm and 6.00pm respectively.

Condolence meeting

A meeting to condole the death of Md Salar Khan, former professor of the botany department of Dhaka University will be held. Venue: Botany department gallery. Time: 10.30am.

Roundtable

A roundtable on 'Food management and food security' will be held with Food Minister Abdullah Al Noman as chief guest. Venue: Khadya Bhaban, Abdul Gani Road. Time: 9.30am.

Iranian film show

The Dhaka University Film Society will screen two Iranian films titled 'Children of the Haven' directed by Mojd Majedi and 'White Balloon' directed by Zafar Panahi. Venue: Iranian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 4.00pm and 5.30pm respectively.

Discussion

A discussion on the 'Role of Bangladeshi Nationalism in forming national solidarity' will be held with State Minister for Commerce Barkat Ullah Bulu as chief guest. Venue: National Sports Council Federation. Time: 3.00pm.

Auction of paintings

The opening ceremony of the second silent auction of painting by prominent artists of Bangladesh for the Hospital Endowment Fund will be held. Venue: ICDDRB auditorium, Mohakhali. Time: 9.30am.

Founding anniversary

The 30th founding anniversary of Jatya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) will be held with A S M Abdur Rab as chief guest. Venue: Rajuk auditorium. Time: 4.00pm.

Convention

The inaugural ceremony of the 7th annual quality convention, organised by Bangladesh Society for Total Quality Management, will be held with Sunil G Wijeshinha of Sri Lanka as guest speaker. He will speak on 'Improvement through small group activities and creating a better world for mankind'. Venue: Institution of Engineers' auditorium. Time: 9.00am.

AL rally

Dhaka City Awami League will hold a rally. It will be followed by a procession. Venue: Mukhtangan Ramna. Time: 3.00pm.

Conference

The inaugural ceremony of a two-day conference titled 'Towards Liveable Cities', organised by the Centre for Urban Studies (CUS) on the occasion of its 30th founding anniversary with former advisor of the caretaker government Syed Manzoor Elahi as chief guest. Venue: BIAM auditorium. Time: 4.00pm.

Rotary meeting

Regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka will be held. Venue: Gulshan Ladies Community Club. Time: 6.30pm.

Seminar

The inaugural ceremony of a two-day seminar on 'Export of Bangladesh handicraft in world market: problems and solutions' will be held. Venue: ICDDRB auditorium. Time: 4.00pm.

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Time Extension of Tender

The last date of selling of tender documents for construction of single storied technical warehouse at Zia International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka on turnkey basis (i.e. for designing to complete construction of the building) is hereby extended up to 19-11-2002. The sealed tenders (technical & financial offers) will now be received up to 1030 hrs on 20-11-2002 and only the technical offers would be opened at 1130 hrs on the same day.

All other terms and conditions of the tender will remain unchanged.
General Manager Project & Works (Actg)

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BCIC NOTICE

OFFICE SPACE TO LET AT BCIC BHABAN

The following office spaces at BCIC Bhaban, 30-31, Dilkisha Commercial Area shall be let out :

- 1, 6,660 Sft. at 16th floor (Approx.)
- 1, 533 Sft. at 10th floor (Approx.)
- 1, 100 Sft. at 10th floor (Approx.)

Interested firm/company may apply to the Secretary, Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation, BCIC Bhaban (4th floor), 30-31, Dilkisha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000 by 30 th November, 2002. Interested firm/company may also contact over telephone No.9551791. BCIC-343-28/10/2002

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