

# PM urges teachers to impart quality education

**UNB, Dhaka**  
Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday hoped that teachers will perform their duties sincerely to bring all school-age children to classes and impart quality education. She assured that textbooks in four colours would be reached to students soon after results of annual examinations. "Education is one of the tools to develop human resources. Every year the government is raising allocation on priority basis for primary education," the prime minister told the concluding ceremony of the National Primary Education Week at Osmani Memorial Hall. Khaleda made a clarion call to all to keep education above party and politics. Education for all should be taken as a social movement, she added. Prof Jahanara Begum, advisor to the Prime Minister on Primary and Mass Education Affairs, also spoke at the function. The prime minister said the government has extended welfare-oriented support, including pension allowance, to teachers and assured further expansion in future. She lamented that despite expansion of adequate facilities, dropout of students in primary schools is high for lack of proper management and guidance. "As a result, expansion of education is being hampered and this leads to wastage of money invested in the primary education sector," she told the function attended by ministers, officials of primary and mass education division, teachers and students. To overcome such situation,

Khaleda said, she personally sent letters to all involved in primary education including MPs, divisional commissioners, UNOs, pourasava and UP chairmen, upazila education officers and headmasters of primary schools asking for fullest cooperation and guidance. All concerned must put up sincere efforts to ensure enrolment of all school-age children and raise the standard of education to desired level, she said. She said mere observance of week would not help unless the objective of creating public awareness about importance of primary education and quality of education is achieved. "There must be accountability how much the objective has been achieved," she emphasised. Listing various programmes to promote primary education, the prime minister mentioned about cash incentive and free education for girl student up to HSC. She said about Tk 663 crore would be provided from domestic resources annually for stipend to students. Each student of primary schools is getting Tk 100 per month and Tk 125 is given to a family which has more than one child in school. Later, the prime minister distributed cheques, medals, crest and certificates to primary students for their best performance in various competitions in 2002 and outstanding results in primary stipend examination 2001. The best primary school, two best male and female teachers and best school managing committee were also awarded.

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## Memorial book on Abu Zafar Obaidullah

A memorial book on life and works of poet Abu Zafar Obaidullah titled 'Ma, Mati, Shefali, Shishir, Kabutar, Kanya, Kakatua, Bhasa and Samoy Probah' edited by Belal Chaudhuri and published by Manu Islam will be released in February at the Amar Ekushey Book Fair, says a press release. Editor and publisher of the book have requested all concerned to send any type of information such as letter, picture, group photograph or any unpublished write-up of the late poet (if they have any) to the following address: Belal Chaudhuri, Centre for Bangladesh Culture, Building No. 1, Flat-L, Paltan Housing Society, 41/A, Purana Paltan, Dhaka-1000.

## World Maritime Day observed

**UNB, Dhaka**  
World Maritime Day was observed in the country as elsewhere in the globe yesterday with the renewed pledge to ensure shipping safety and maintain maritime environment. This year's theme of the day was International Maritime Organisation (IMO): Safer Shipping Demands a Safety Culture. To mark the day, Shipping Department organised a discussion meeting at the LGED Bhaban with Shipping Minister Akbar Hossain as chief guest. Chaired by Shipping Secretary Golam Rahman, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Shipping Department Director General Golam Rabbani and Captain M Habibur Rahman. Speakers at the meeting stressed the need for raising public awareness as well as developing the practice of safety culture to increase the standard of security in the shipping sector.



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia with the winners of different competitions at the award giving ceremony of the National Primary Education Week at the Osmani Memorial Hall yesterday.

# Universities must have necessary facilities

President tells NSU convention

**BSS, Dhaka**

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to evaluate the progress the private universities achieved so far and to rectify their shortfalls, if any. He also urged the banks and established entrepreneurs to come forward with necessary fund and technical know-how to help the young graduates set up production-oriented industries as resource constraints limit government intervention in responding to their needs. Referring to the students' tendency to escape science subjects, Prof. Iajuddin Ahmed said a country could not be developed if science and technological education are neglected. "I feel that all the district headquarters should have a science institution with a view to popularising science teaching so that the nation marches ahead parallel to other scientifically developed countries of the world," he said. "The president observed that the country has successfully applied the scientific knowledge in the production of high-yielding varieties of paddy and other agriculture sector. But, he said, a solution to the hindrance of Information Technology (IT) sector should be found out. Dr Iajuddin said hundreds of IT students and specialists of the neighbouring countries have marketed their talents in the IT world of USA, Canada and other developed countries where our presence is negligible. He hoped that the private universities would play an important role in this regard. State Minister Ehsanul Haq

Milon said previous BNP government had passed Private University Act in 1992 and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia had inaugurated NSU, the first private university in the country, in February 1993. Now we have a competition between the public and private sector in education, he said, adding that the NSU graduates were well employed in the country and had also gained admission to prestigious universities abroad. Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Hafiz Siddiqui said the previous BNP government had paved the way for establishing private universities, a milestone in the history of Bangladesh, realising the small capacity of the public universities to meet the increasing demand of higher quality education. Highlighting the efforts made by the NSU authorities to impart world-class education with a goal to make their institution a centre of excellence in South Asia, Prof. Hafiz said the NSU was now internationally recognised as a good university. Congratulating the new graduates, the convocation speaker Prof. Gurgulino de Souza said, "you have attained the major goals set by world education commission for the 21<sup>st</sup> century and I hope you will work for a peaceful world." He suggested the young graduates to remember always the wise advice of the experienced navigators that is "a navigator can't change the direction of the wind but he can adjust the sails to reach his destination." Later, the president conferred degrees on 251 graduates.

# Only 27 neurosurgeons in country

**BSS, Dhaka**

The country needs around 1,400 neurosurgeons to ensure treatment for neurologically retarded persons, but it has only 27 such surgeons to deal with the neurosurgery cases. According to the Bangladesh Society of Neurosurgeons (BSN), developed countries have one neurosurgeon for every 100,000 people, showing an urgent need to groom up neurosurgeons to cope with the situation in Bangladesh. "In Bangladesh, developing of new neurosurgeons has become urgent to rehabilitate a number of patients, most of whom are the victims of growing number of road

accidents across the country," Dr Shafiquddin Ahmed, Chief of Neurosurgery Department in Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said. He said treatment of the patients had become difficult not only because of inadequate number of neurosurgeons, but also for small number of beds for such surgery. "The number of beds for neurosurgery at different hospitals now stands at 347 including 185 in the capital Dhaka." Dr Moinal Haq Sarker, general secretary of BSN, said around 1,400 physicians were required in the country to ensure proper treatment to the neuro patients. There must be at least 280 neurosurgeons in the country within a couple of years to provide minimum services to growing neuro patients. Expressing optimism he said around 100 neurosurgeons by next ten years and 30 to 40 in next five years are expected to come out from different medical colleges in the country. "By next 15 years, a number of skilled neurosurgeons would be developed in the country," Dr Monir said. He also underscored the need for setting up the Institute of Neurosurgeons in the country to widen the scopes of developing more neurosurgeons as well as to co-ordinate among hospitals for such treatments.



Health Ministry in association with the Sandhani took out a procession in the city yesterday to mark the National Voluntary Blood Donation and Posthumous Eye Donation Day.

## DHAKA TODAY

**Russian films**  
The Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen a ballet film titled 'Spartacus' directed by Tchaikovsky and a feature film titled 'Anna Pavlova' directed by Emil Lotianu. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 5:00pm and 6:30pm respectively.

**WB films**  
The Chalchitram Film Society will screen a West Bengal film titled 'Samadhan' directed by Premendra Mitra. Venue: High Commission of India Cultural Centre, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:00pm.

**Seminar**  
A seminar on the Dubai International Shopping Festival and Trade Fair 2003, organised by Inscope Middle East LLC of Dubai, will be held with Commerce Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Purbani International. Time: 10:00am.

**Conference**  
The inaugural ceremony of first national conference of Bangladesh Society of Neurosurgeons will be held with Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 9:00am.

**BGBA meeting**  
A general meeting of Bangladesh Garment Buying House Association will be held. Venue: BIAM auditorium, New Eskaton. Time: 4:00pm.

**BWSF meeting**  
A general meeting of Bangladesh Women Sports Federation (BWSF) will be held with State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Sultana Kamal Mohla Krira Complex, Dhanmondi. Time: 9:00am.

**Founding anniversary**  
The third founding anniversary of Bangladesh Anti-Tobacco Alliance will be held with Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain as chief guest. Venue: BIRDEM Hospital auditorium, Shahbagh. Time: 5:00pm.

**Science fair**  
The annual science fair of Spectrum International School will be held with Prof M Shamsher Ali, vice chancellor of South East University, as chief guest.

Venue: School campus, Dhanmondi. Time: 11:00am.

**AL discussion**  
The Awami League organises a discussion on the occasion of Jai Killing Day with party chief Sheikh Hasina as chief guest. Venue: In front of Bangabandhu Memorial Museum, Dhanmondi. Time: 3:00pm.

**Launching ceremony**  
The formal launching ceremony of Gulshan Society will be held with Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Gulshan Shooting Complex. Time: 7:00pm.

**Inauguration**  
A boutique enterprise named SARANGA will be inaugurated by fashion designer Bibi Russel as chief guest. Venue: Concord Emporium Bhaban, Kataban. Time: 5:00pm.

## DHAKA TOMORROW

**Russian films**  
The Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen a feature film titled 'Tchaikovsky' directed by I Talankin and a ballet film titled 'Don Quixote'. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 4:00pm and 6:45pm respectively.

**TV award**  
The distribution ceremony of Television Reporters Award 2001 will be held with Women and Children Affairs Minister Khurshid Jahan Haq as chief guest. Venue: National Museum auditorium, Shahbagh. Time: 4:00pm.

**BECA seminar**  
Bangladesh Energy Companies Association (BECA) organises a seminar on 'Crucial time for planning the future of the energy sector' with Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman as chief guest. Venue: BISS auditorium, Elephant Road. Time: 10:00am.

**Art exhibition**  
The inaugural ceremony of a collective art exhibition, organised by Alliance Francaise, will be held. Venue: Alliance Francaise gallery. Time: 6:00pm. The exhibition will remain open till Nov. 15 from 9:00am to 12:00 noon and from 5:00pm to 8:00pm daily.

## BIWTC BANGLADESH INLAND WATER TRANSPORT CORPORATION

(An Inland Shipping Organisation)  
5, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000  
দুর্ঘটনামুক্ত নৌ-চলাচল ও নিরাপদ যাত্রাসেবা  
প্রদান করতে বিআইডব্লিউটিসি অঙ্গীকারবদ্ধ

Tender Notice No. NC/526(02) Date: 31-10-2002  
Corrigendum in International Tender Notice Dated 20-8-2002, No. NC/526 and Tender Notice No. NC/526(01) Dated 02-10-2002 for Building and Delivery of two Nos. Approx 60m Double Ended Passenger and Car Ro-Ro Ferry.

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) has made further amendments in the Tender Notice No. NC/526 dated 20-08-2002 and Tender Notice No. NC/526(01) dated 02-10-2002. The firms/organizations who has purchased the above tender documents are requested to collect the amended documents from the office of Chief Marine Construction (5<sup>th</sup> Floor), BIWTC, 5, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000 during office hours of any working days. Please also note that the tender closing and opening date has been rescheduled on 19-11-2002 instead of 03-11-2002. The tender documents will be sold up to 18-11-2002.

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## বিআইডব্লিউটিসি

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### টেডার বিজ্ঞপ্তির সংশোধনী

বিআইডব্লিউটিসি'র ৭ (সাত) টি উপকূলীয় লেইড-আপ বার্জ ৫ (পাঁচ) বৎসর মেয়াদ কালের জন্য চার্টার প্রদানের নিমিত্ত দরপত্র আহবান করা হয়েছিল। বিজ্ঞপ্তি অনুযায়ী সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ছিল ০৩-১১-২০০২ইং এবং দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ছিল ০৪-১১-২০০২ইং। অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ উক্ত তারিখসমূহ পরিবর্তন করা হলো। পরিবর্তিত তারিখ অনুযায়ী ১০-১১-২০০২ রবিবার পর্যন্ত সিডিউল ক্রয় করা যাবে এবং ১১-১১-২০০২ইং সোমবার দুপুর ১২:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে। ইতোপূর্বে দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে প্রকাশিত অন্যান্য সকল শর্তাবলী অপরিবর্তিত থাকবে।

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The Zia Shishu Academy organised a river cruise for the students who achieved outstanding results in the SSC and Dakhil examinations and noted personalities on the Padma yesterday.

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### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

Reputed Consulting firms having experience in Architectural and Engineering design and supervision works are invited to express their interest for rendering consultancy services for different projects under Diabetic Association of Bangladesh.

An applicant must enclose the following information along with the Expression of Interest (EOI):

1. Attested copies of the experience certificates of design and supervision of at least 2 (two) numbers of 10-storied commercial/office/institution building during last 10 years with project description.
2. Name of at least 3 (three) graduate Architects and 3 (three) graduate Engineers having at least 10 years experience and working with the firm for last 5 years along with bio-data and declaration for working with the firm.
3. Attested copies of experience certificate in design and full time supervision of construction of two or more building projects of at least Tk 10 crore each during last 10 years. (covered by clause-1).
4. The firm has to furnish further the following documents:
  - a) Attested copies of up-to-date Trade License, Income Tax, VAT certificates etc.
  - b) List of permanent technical personnel working with the firm.
  - c) Attested copies of experience certificates in the building projects.
  - d) Statement of logistic facilities such as Hardware (Server, Computer, Printer, Scanner etc.), Software, Fax, E-mail, Transport, Survey Equipment, Soils and Materials Testing Equipment etc.
5. Interested firms are requested to submit their Brochure and other information with the application. The authority will make a short list of eligible firms and take specific offers from the short listed firms for the projects. The individual interested firms are requested to submit their EOI to the following address on or before 12:00 noon on 1st December, 2002. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the offers without assigning any reason thereof.

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