

## Festival of photography begins tomorrow

Chobi Mela II, the festival of photography, begins in the city tomorrow, says a press release.

The biannual festival featuring exhibitions, workshops, lectures by visiting artists and multimedia screenings by over 50 photographers from over 30 countries will be shown simultaneously in the major galleries in the city will continue until December 10. The evening screenings will take place at the Goethe Institut.

## Photo exhibition on Bhasani begins in city

Bhashani Smriti Parisad has arranged a weeklong photo exhibition in the city to mark the 26th death anniversary of Moulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani.

Language veteran Abdul Matin inaugurated the fair on central Shaheed Minar premises Sunday.

The exhibition will now continue at room no. 45 of Aziz Super Market at Shahabagh till Friday.

Rare pictures of Moulana Bhasani on different historical events will be displayed in the exhibition from 11 am to 7 pm everyday, said a press release.

## HC rule on govt

UNB, Dhaka

The High Court on Sunday issued a rule upon the government to show cause in seven days as to why the detention order of Jahangir Hossain, brother of Jatiya Party leader Mia Musa Hossain, should not be declared illegal.

The court order came upon a writ petition filed by Mia Musa Hossain challenging the legality of the detention order under the Special Powers Act.

The festival will start with the opening of the international touring exhibition 'Positive Lives' which has already arrived from Sydney. Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan and State Minister for Cultural Affairs Selima Rahman will inaugurate the event at the Shilpakala Academy at 10:30 am.

The exhibition, which documents community responses to HIV/AIDS, has already toured Adelaide, Amsterdam, Barcelona, Canberra, Cape Town, Chiang Mai, Durban, Geneva, Johannesburg, Kuala Lumpur, London, Melbourne, New York, Paris, Perpignan, San Francisco and Sydney. It is scheduled to go to Hong Kong and Tokyo from Dhaka.

The exhibition features photographs by Mike Abrahams, Shahidul Alam, Gigi Cohen, Mike Goldwater, C Moore Hardy, Fritz Hoffman, Harriet Logan, Peter Jordan, Barry Lewis, Osamu Kikuchi, Paul Reas, Denis Doran, Steve Pyke, Paul Lowe, Barry Lewis, Jenny Matthews, Gideon Mendel, Jack Picone, Christopher Pillitz, Mark Power, Eugene Richards, Judah Passow, Dayanita Singh, John Sturrock, Roger Hutchings and Stuart Freedman.

Other major exhibitions include World Press Photo 2002, 'India' by Sebastiao Salgado, and 'Photographs' by Morten Krogvold.

Other exhibition venues are BPS Gallery, Bangladesh Shishu Academy, Shilparag, Goethe Institut, Gallery Chittrak, Shyam and Shilpagan.

Evening screenings will take place from 6:30 pm at the Goethe Institut from November 22 to December 2. Details are available at Drik Picture Library and Pathshala. Web site: www.chobimela.org



Members of community traffic police engaged in removing traffic congestion at Gabtali in the city yesterday.

## Poverty alleviation programmes Other SAARC states may replicate LGED model

BSS, Dhaka

The rural infrastructure development programme of the LGED that aims at poverty alleviation in Bangladesh is likely to be replicated in other member states of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).

Sources close to the Independent South Asian Commission on Poverty Alleviation (ISACPA), which ended a two-day exclusive meeting in Dhaka yesterday said the commission has shown keen interest in Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) activities, which directly and indirectly helps eradicate poverty since 1994.

However, an official said the ISACPA showed interests in LGED model, but worried about its 'too much' programmes and dependence on donors supports.

Chief Engineer of LGED Shahidul Hassan denied the claim saying, "Number of projects is not a matter, LGED deserves credit for how it manages those uniquely." He said LGED deals 80 projects starting from rural road construction to improvement of urban slums with fifty-fifty funds from government and donors.

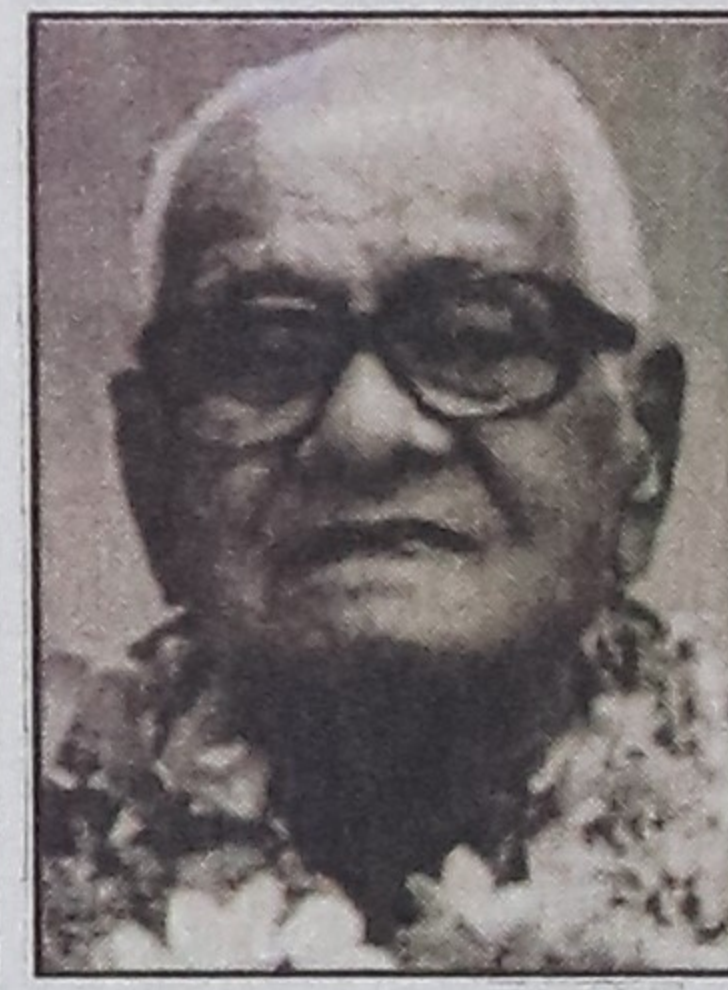
The ISACPA, reconstituted after the 11<sup>th</sup> SAARC summit in last January, has been entrusted with the responsibility to find a common sustainable strategy to arrest poverty from the region.

The commission has to prepare a detail report on poverty alleviation that has to be placed before the 12<sup>th</sup> summit scheduled to be held in Islamabad in January next year. Secretary General of SAARC, Q A M A Rahim told BSS during the ISACPA members visit at different parts of Mymensingh on Saturday.

## PM hosts Iftar for journalists

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia hosted an Iftar party for journalists yesterday at Prodhannomtr Bhaban. Editors of the national dailies, weeklies and news agencies, ministers as well as senior journalists of print and electronic media attended the Iftar party.



## Birth anniversary of Nasiruddin tomorrow

The 114th birth anniversary of Mohammad Nasiruddin, an eminent journalist and former editor of the Saogat, will be observed tomorrow, says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at the Nasiruddin smriti Bhaban, 38 Sharat Gupta Road, Narinda, after Asr prayers tomorrow.

## Obituary

Sarwar Alam Khan Dulal, deputy managing director of Sonargaon Textile, died of a cardiac arrest at a city clinic yesterday at the age of 52, says a press release.



Firefighters brought under control a fire that broke out at a rubber factory at Nimali in the city yesterday.

## No plan for nationalisation of college: Edn minister

BSS, Dhaka

At present, the government has no plan for nationalisation of any college since it was providing many facilities to the non-government educational institutions as well as a major portion of salary for the teachers, Education Minister Dr. Osman Faruq told the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

Replying to a question from Dr. Syed Moqbul Hossain, an independent lawmaker from Sylhet, the minister said the government has been contributing 90 per cent of the salary of non-government educational institutions in addition to supply of books and scientific apparatus and construction of infrastructures.

The minister also mentioned the Teachers and Employees Welfare Trusts, retirement benefits and other monetary facilities as

being provided by the government for their overall betterment, thus reducing the discrimination between the government and non-government teachers.

Replying to another question from Sarwar Jamal Nizam (BNP-Chittagong), the minister said the government had nationalised 18 women's colleges from July 1996 to June 2002. However, no madrasah or high school was nationalised during this period, he added.

On another question raised by Shahjahan Chowdhury (Jamaat-e-

Govt to distribute over 5.52 crore textbooks for pry students

BSS, Dhaka

The government will distribute more than 5.52 crore textbooks worth over Tk 9.08 crore in the country's primary schools next year.

Replying to a question from Prof Joyal Abedin (Feni-2) of BNP, Education Minister Dr Osman Faruk said the government would also distribute 1.25 crore textbooks worth over Tk 11.68 crore in the Ebtedah madrasahs in 2003.

Replying to another question by Jamaat leader Delwar Hossain Sayeedi, he said a new education policy would be introduced in the light of the report of National Education Commission.

He said the government has decided to form a national education commission to formulate country's education policy to face the challenges of 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The minister said the government will put emphasis on religious, moral and technical education in the new education policy.

Islami-Chittagong). Dr. Osman Faruq said the government was considering festival bonus for the teachers of non-government school, college and madrasah, subject to the availability of funds in near future.

Replying to another question from Abdu Sobhan (Jamaat-Pabna), he said there was no service rule for as many as 200,000 third and fourth class employees of non-government educational institutions in the country.

"The government is actively considering formulation of service rule for them as early as possible," he said.

Replying to another question from Kazi Sirajul Islam (Awami League Faridpur), the education minister said the government was actively thinking about elevating the Ebtedayee Madrasah to the status of primary schools.

"There are 1,586 Ebtedayee Madrasah in the country which have been receiving government grants," he said.

## Over 4000 telephones go out of order in city

UNB, Dhaka

Over 4,000 telephones have become inoperative in the under construction flyover areas at Mohakhali as six underground primary telephone cables were completely damaged during its piling work.

As a result the telephones of Mohakhali Amtoli, Airport Road, Cantonment, old DOHS, Bonani, Kafrul, Bonani Residential Model Town, New Airport Road and Naval Officers' Residential areas went out of order.

T & T engineers and employees are working round the clock to repair the damaged lines on emergency basis and service could be restored within three to four days said a press release.

## Press enjoying freedom: Shajahan Siraj

BSS, Dhaka

Environment and Forest Minister Shajahan Siraj said here yesterday the press is enjoying freedom in the country.

"There are a few countries in the world like Bangladesh where such a large number of newspapers are published," he said while addressing a discussion as the chief guest.

The discussion, organised on the occasion of 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the weekly 'Anyar Protibad' was also addressed by State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Ebadur Rahman Chowdhury and Chairman of Bangla Academy Dr Wakil Ahmed.

Editor and publisher of the magazine Salauddin Mohammad Musa presided over the discussion.

Shajahan Siraj said that one of the main objectives of the Liberation War was to ensure the freedom of press and opinion.

"But, after the independence of the country, the then Awami League government gagged the freedom of press and opinion by introducing one-party BAKSAL system," he said.

The minister said late President Ziaur Rahman established multi-party democracy and ensured the freedom of press by freeing the country from the one-party rule.

The present government has been pursuing the policy of the freedom of press in line with the principles and ideals of Zia, he said.

He also called upon the journalists to uphold objective journalism.

## Assist govt bid to expand higher education: Milon

BSS, Dhaka

State Minister for Education A N M Ehsanul Huq Milon yesterday urged the private entrepreneurs to come forward to assist the government efforts for expansion of higher education in the country.

He was addressing a function held on the occasion of formal opening of Northern University, Bangladesh (NUB) and freshers' reception to its first batch students at Sheraton Hotel here.

He said all irrespective of party affiliations have to make contributions unconditionally for the development of education, literature and culture of the country. He urged all not to turn the private education system into business.

NUB Vice Chancellor Mohammad Ali and Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) President Kutub Uddin also spoke on the occasion.



Food Minister Abdullah-Al Noman speaks at a discussion marking the 26th death anniversary of Moulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani at the National Press Club in the city yesterday. Bhasani Smriti Sangsad organised the discussion.

### WEATHER TODAY

## Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka

Dry weather is likely to prevail over the country with light fog in the river basins during early morning and partly cloudy sky during day time today.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

Country's highest temperature 30.7 degree Celsius was recorded at Sitakunda and lowest 16.2 degree at Sayedpur yesterday.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:12 pm today and rises at 6:17 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	29.0	18.0	58	64
Chittagong	29.5	19.0	71	81
Rajshahi	29.6	16.5	66	79
Khulna	29.5	18.6	74	77
Barisal	28.8	17.3	73	--
Sylhet	29.4	18.2	76	73
Cox's Bazar	29.6	20.0	72	79

### কম্পিউটার বিজ্ঞান বিভাগ

ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়  
ঢাকা-১০০০

### টেন্ডার বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের কম্পিউটার বিজ্ঞান বিভাগে কম্পিউটার, অফিস ইকুইপমেন্ট এবং বই ক্রয়ের জন্য প্রকৃত ও বিশ্বস্ত সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান হতে টেন্ডার আহ্বান করা হচ্ছে। ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের কম্পিউটার বিজ্ঞান বিভাগের অফিস হতে নিম্নলিখিত হারে (নগদ অফিসভাষায়) টেন্ডার সিডিউল সংগ্রহ করা যাবে:

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আগামী ২০-১১-২০০২ তারিখ হতে ২৬-১১-২০০২ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে (সকাল ৯:০০ হতে দুপুর ২:০০ টা পর্যন্ত) সিডিউল ক্রয় করা যাবে। ২৬-১১-২০০২ তারিখ দুপুর ২:০০ টা মতো বিজ্ঞান অফিসে সালমোহেরকৃত টেন্ডার জমা দেয়া যাবে। ২৭-১১-২০০২ তারিখ দুপুর ১২:০০ টা মত দরপত্রাদানের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ থাকেন) টেন্ডার খোলা হবে। কোনরূপ কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতীত কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন বা সকল টেন্ডার গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা রাখেন।

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### Law Department

NOTICE FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED ASSETS AND PROPERTIES OF M/S. AZAD RICE MILLS LIMITED, GODOWN QUARTER, FENI

The mortgaged assets and properties of M/s. Azad Rice Mills Limited, Godown Quarter, Feni, which will be sold in terms of Article 34 of Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha Order, 1972 read with the Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha (Direct Sale of Mortgaged Property) Rules, 1981 on "as it is where it is" basis and on the basis of "Cash Payment" to realise the BSRS's outstanding loans and dues of Tk. 63.271 million (Principal Tk. 7.308 million & interest and others Tk. 55.963 million) as on 01/07/2002 together with further interest and charges till realisation from the above named company and its directors listed at para-4 hereinafter.

02. The tenderers may submit their tender for the purchase of the entire properties mortgaged with BSRS's as a whole or for land, building and machinery separately.

03. Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha will not assume any legal obligation whatsoever on behalf of the company and/or its directors in respect of any dues/claims of government and/or autonomous bodies such as WASA, local municipality, electric and gas supply authorities, land revenue and other creditors for which the company is liable.

04. The following persons are the directors of the company:

- Mr. Abu Taher  
S/o. Al-Haj Abdul Khaleque;
- Mr. Nurul Amin  
S/o. Al-Haj Abdul Khaleque;
- Mr. Abdul Quddus  
S/o. Al-Haj Abdul Khaleque; and
- Mr. Nurul Islam  
S/o. Al-Haj Abdul Khaleque.

05. Description of Properties:  
All that piece or parcel of land containing by admeasurement 84.5 (eighty-four and half) decimals and thereabouts together with Buildings, Machinery, Office Building, Workshop, Furniture and Fixtures and all other superstructure situated at Birinchi, J.L. No. 91, Khatian No. old 423 and 413, new 281, 998, 410 & 707 and bearing Plot No. old 97, 104, 98, new 135, 134, 136, 140 and 139. Sub-register Office Feni.

06. The details of the mortgaged assets and properties and tender schedule containing the terms and conditions of sale may be obtained on payment of Tk. 250.00 (non-refundable) from the Assistant General Manager, Law Department, Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha, Head Office, Dhaka.

07. The intending tenderers/buyers may submit their tenders/offers in sealed cover in the tender box kept at the BSRS's Head Office, Dhaka by 2.00 PM on 23/12/2002 accompanied with earnest money @ 5% of the tendered amount (refundable in case the offer is not accepted by the BSRS) in the form of scheduled bank's Draft/Pay Order drawn in favour of the Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha and payable at Dhaka.

08. The tender will be opened on 23/12/2002 at 2.30 PM at the BSRS abovementioned Head Office, Dhaka in presence of the tenderers, if any.

09. The successful tenderers shall have to deposit 50% of the tendered amount within 7 (seven) days and the balance within 30 days from the date of acceptance of the tender. In case of failure in making the payment of the tendered amount as aforesaid within the stipulated time the earnest money, 50% of the tendered amount (including earnest money) or any amount of the tender money deposited shall be forfeited and the mortgaged assets and properties will be eligible for resale.

10. The BSRS reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders/offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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