

Projects taken for safe water supply

BSS, Dhaka
The government has undertaken a comprehensive programme to mitigate the arsenic problem and ensure countrywide supply of safe drinking water. Official sources said the programme was taken up in view of the fast growing demand for safe drinking water mainly due to rapid urbanisation, population growth and increased public awareness against arsenic contamination of water. The Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives through the Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE) is implementing

various projects of this programme both in urban and rural areas. Four city corporations, 257 pourasabhas and all rural areas are being covered by this programme, Ministry sources told BSS. They said safe drinking water is now being supplied in 91 pourasabhas and city corporation areas while the scheme is under implementation in 73 pourasabhas. Another 94 pourasabhas will be covered by the programme soon. LGED installed 12,10,000 tubewells for safe drinking water and distributed 30,74,000 low-priced sanitary latrines in rural areas last year. At present, 29 projects at a cost of Tk 413.47 crore have been undertaken and four of them have already been completed while the rest 25 are still under implementation, officials said. Meanwhile, a total of 18,650 tubewells have been installed while 70,000 sanitary latrines, five overhead water tanks and three water treatment plants have been built. The sources also said two projects -- Bangladesh Arsenic Mitigation Water Supply and Pure Drinking Water Supply from Arsenic and Saline Infested Ponds -- are being implemented for the purpose.



The Bangladesh Chhatra Union formed a human chain in the city yesterday protesting the move to export gas.

Removal of Bangabandhu's portrait condemned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

One hundred and fifty-two teachers of Dhaka University have condemned the removal of portrait of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman from Bijoy Keton, the Muktiuddha museum at Dhaka Cantonment. In a statement yesterday, they said the role of Bangabandhu cannot be erased by removing his portrait. The government is playing a mysterious role in this connection taking no step to investigate into the incident or any punitive action against the persons responsible for the removal, the teachers alleged. They demanded immediate

reinstallation of the portrait. The teachers also demanded investigation into the incident and trial of the persons involved in it. The signatories to the statement include Prof Meshahuddin Ahmed, Prof Anwar Hossain, Prof SM Mahfuzur Rahman, Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, Prof Shahadat Ali, Prof AZM Nawsher Ali Khan, Prof Mohammad Moniruzzaman, Prof Moshiluzzaman, Prof RIM Aminur Rashid, Prof Kazi Shahidullah, Prof Sharif Ullah Bhuiyan, Prof Sayed Gasuddin Ahmed, Prof Iftekhar Gani Chowdhury, Prof Mostafa Chowdhury, Prof Harun-or-Rashid and Prof Sultana Shafi.

Phensidyl factory unearthed

BSS, Dhaka
A phensidyl factory with fake Indian trademark was unearthed in the city's Pallabi area in the early hours of yesterday. On information, a police team raided a two-storey building, 'Aporajita', at Pallabi at about 3 am. They recovered phensidyl-making materials like bottles, cork, sugar, powder and labels and 60 bottles.

JU vacation from Nov 27

JU CORRESPONDENT
Jahangirnagar University goes on a month-long vacation from November 27 on the occasion of Jumatul Bida, Shab-e-Qadar, Eid-ul-Fitr, Victory Day and Christmas Day, says a press release. All classes of the university will remain suspended till December 27. But all examinations will be held as per schedule during this period.

Iftar party for orphans

The Pan Pacific Sonargaon organised an Iftar party for 115 orphans from different orphanages at the Grand Ballroom of the hotel yesterday, says a press release. State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin attended the party as chief guest. He also distributed Care Boxes to the representatives of eleven orphanages from Dhaka and three orphanages from Chittagong.

AL BARAKA BANK BANGLADESH LIMITED
Head Office
63, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka.

NOTICE OF 15th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 15th Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of Al Baraka Bank Bangladesh Limited will be held on December 18, 2002 at the Darbar Hall, BDR, Peel khana, Dhaka, at 10.30 a.m. to transact the following:

- To confirm the minutes of the 14th Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of the Bank held on July 29, 2002.
- To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Accounts for the year ended December 31, 2001 and Report of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
- To elect Directors in place of those who retire in accordance with the provision of Article No.80 of the Articles of Association of the Bank.
- To appoint Auditors for the year 2002 and fix up their remuneration.
- To transact any other business with the permission of the Chairman.

All shareholders of the Bank are requested to make it convenient to attend the meeting at the above mentioned place, date and time either in person or by proxy.

By order of the Board of Directors

Dated, Dhaka,
November 20, 2002

Alamgir Kabir Samad
ALAMGIR KABIR SAMAD
Secretary

Notes:

- The share transfer book of the Bank will remain closed from 09.12.2002 to 18.12.2002 (both days inclusive)
- The Annual Report 2001 together with the related papers of the Annual General Meeting is being sent to the registered address of the shareholders by Post/ courier. In case of change of mailing address, the shareholders may collect the same from the Registered Office of the Bank.
- Proxy forms duly stamped and signed must be lodged with the Registered Office of the Bank at least 48 hours before the time of the meeting.
- Attendance register of the shareholders will be kept open on the day of the meeting from 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. and shareholders are requested to record their presence in the meeting within the aforesaid time schedule.
- Nomination paper for election of the 2(two) Directors under Group-C(b) must be filed with the Registered Office of the Bank by 12.00 noon on 09.12.2002. The last date for withdrawal of nomination paper is 10.12.2002 by 12.00 noon.
- The qualification of a Director shall be his holding in his own name not less than 10 unencumbered shares.
- After due scrutiny of the nomination papers, the final list of the eligible candidates will be notified in the Notice Board of the Bank's Registered office on 11.12.2002 at 3.30 P.M., if there are more than two candidates against the vacancies under Group-C (b).
- Election procedure will be available at the Registered Office of the Bank.
- The seats of the Darbar Hall will be reserved only for the shareholders / proxy holders.

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Head Office
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NOTICE OF THE 7th EXTRA- ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the shareholders of Al Baraka Bank Bangladesh Limited will be held on December 18, 2002 at the Darbar Hall, BDR, Peel Khana, Dhaka at 10:00 a.m. to consider the following agenda:

- Change of Bank's name from "Al Baraka Bank Bangladesh Limited" to "The Oriental Bank Limited".
- Issue of Right Shares at par on the ratio of 1:1 instead of 3:1 as approved in the 6th EGM held on July 29, 2002 to increase the Bank's Paid-up Capital from Tk.259.553 million to Tk. 519.106 million.
- Change of Market Lot of the Bank's shares from 01(One) share to 05 (five) shares of Tk.1000.00 each.
- Amendment of the following clauses of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of Al Baraka Bank Bangladesh Limited: I & V in the Memorandum of Association and 2a(vi), 2a(xii), 4(a), 4(b), 4(c), 14, 18(b), 18(c), 40, 58, 65,66,68, 77, 79(iv) and 80 in the Articles of Association of Al Baraka Bank Bangladesh Limited.
- Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

All shareholders of the Bank are requested to make it convenient to attend the meeting at the above- mentioned place, date and time either in person or by proxy.

By order of the Board of Directors

Dated, Dhaka
November 20, 2002

Alamgir Kabir Samad
ALAMGIR KABIR SAMAD
Secretary

Notes:

- Subject to the approval of Bangladesh Bank, the aforesaid Amendment under SI.No. 04 to be placed before the meeting of the shareholders.
- The right shares to be issued in favour of the shareholders of the Bank whose names will appear in the books of the shareholders as on December 09, 2002.
- The share transfer book of the bank will remain closed from 09.12.2002 to 18.12.2002 (both days inclusive).
- The proxy form duly stamped and signed must be lodged with the Registered Office of the Bank at 63,Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000 at least 48 hours before the scheduled time of the meeting.
- The notice is being sent to the shareholders by courier. In case of change of mailing address, the shareholders may also collect the same from the Registered office of the Bank.
- Attendance of the shareholders / proxies will be recorded from 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. at the entrance of Darbar Hall, BDR, Dhaka.
- The seats of the Darbar Hall will be reserved only for the shareholders / proxy holders.

WEATHER TODAY

No change in temperature

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country during the next 12 hours till 6pm today. Light fog may cover the river basins and northern parts of the country during the period, Met Office said. Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, it added. Yesterday's highest temperature of 31.3 degree Celsius was recorded at Srimongal and the lowest of 14.7 degree Celsius at Jessore. The sun sets in the capital at 5:11 pm today and rises at 6:19 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 | 27.5 | 17.7 | 82 | 78 |
| Chittagong | 29.2 | 18.2 | 66 | 67 |
| Rajshahi | 28.6 | 16.3 | 75 | 77 |
| Khulna | 28.8 | 18.0 | 80 | 76 |
| Barisal | 28.7 | 17.0 | 87 | 85 |
| Sylhet | 29.7 | 17.3 | 55 | 69 |
| Cox's Bazar | 29.8 | 18.5 | 70 | 74 |

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Seminar on trade union begins
UNB, Dhaka

A two-day seminar on "Negotiation with Employer and Employees on Trade Union & Different Issues" began at the Karitas Bhaban in the city yesterday. Prime Minister's Advisor to the Primary and Mass Education Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum attended the inaugural session as chief guest. Prof Jahanara Begum said negotiation can play an effective role for solving different important political and social issues. Presided over by the Bangladesh Diploma Nurses Association president Taposi Bhattacharjee, the session was addressed, among others, by Peyara Begum and Ishrat Zahana. The Bangladesh Women Workers' Welfare Union and the Bangladesh Diploma Nurses Association have jointly organised the seminar under the Asia Pacific Women Project of Public Service International (PSI).

Congratulations

Mustafa Majid, General Manager of Bangladesh Bank, has obtained Ph.D from the Public Administration Department of the University of Dhaka recently, says a press release. The title of his thesis was, 'An Administrative and Socio-economic Study of the Bangladeshi Rakshines'. He hails from Subidkhali of Patuakhali district.

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TENDER NOTICE
UNDP/ECS, DHAKA, BANGLADESH

Sealed bids are invited from a bonafide manufacturer of the Computer Equipment and accessories or their authorized representative(s) in Bangladesh and reputed hardware provider for the supply of Hardware and application software system for 83 District Election Offices (DEO) all over Bangladesh under UNDP funded Project BGD/96/018. The qualification of a vendor is as follows:

- Must have at least 1 (one) established office in Dhaka City for over three years and minimum two established offices outside Dhaka City in different divisions. Vendor who has 6 (six) or more established offices in different Divisions will be given preferences. Floating or home address shall not be considered as established offices;
- The vendor must have the experience with successful installation, operation and support similar systems in Bangladesh;
- If joint venture is proposed, the leading vendor must provide the copy of the agreement documents as evidence. One vendor must be the leading vendor to manage the entire task. Responsibilities between and leading and associated vendors must be fully explained. The leasing organization shall also be liable for all the payments to the associated organizations and all warranties and maintenance of the equipment;
- The vendor must be able to ensure continuous support for supplying spare parts/accessories for maintenance of the Computer Equipment for three years.

Tender documents could be collected on payment of Tk. 1,000.00 (Taka one thousand) (non-refundable), from the UNDP Reception Desk 14th floor, IDB Bhaban, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka between 09:00 hours to 16:00 hours on any working day except any official holidays and weekly holidays i.e. Fridays and Saturdays. The closing date of bids sale will be 14:00 hours of 30 November 2002.

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Those who were unsuccessful in an earlier attempt need not apply. Persuasion in any form will be a disqualification.

Candidates should report for a walk-in written test at the following address on **30th November 2002** at 10:00 A.M. with a hand-written application, a recent passport size photograph, and a resume.

ESKAYEF BANGLADESH LIMITED
52, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000

Technical Assistants for Human Resources Management Initiative

HLSP Consulting is contracted to manage a component of support to the MOHFW in human resources management that includes support for an initiative to improve the performance of staff. This new initiative is to support performance management systems for staff working in health and family planning. It has been successfully piloted in five Upazilas of one District and is to be extended to Upazilas in five more Districts.

We wish to recruit two experienced Bangladeshi nationals to provide additional support to this initiative. Both positions are for a period of 6 months with the possibility of extension.

The technical assistants appointed will:

- Provide advice and support to District and Upazila management teams on implementation of the initiative, including design and facilitation of workshops.
- Undertake visits to monitor progress and provide regular feedback and progress reports to the MOHFW
- Identify lessons learnt to improve implementation

The work will involve significant travel outside Dhaka and throughout Bangladesh

Applicants must have:

- An appropriate degree, most likely at masters level or above
- Experience of working with Government and the public sector, ideally the health sector
- Good knowledge and awareness of staff appraisal schemes and performance management systems
- Excellent facilitation and interpersonal skills including full fluency in both Bangla and English
- Good word processing skills and able to work without secretarial assistance
- Experience of providing technical assistance in the management and development of human resources desirable

Applicants should submit a CV, a recent photograph and a covering letter to: **Team Leader, HLSP Consulting, GPO Box 2518, Dhaka - 1000, to arrive no later than Tuesday, 10 December 2002** envelope should be clearly marked Application: Technical Assistant - HRM

None without the requisite qualifications need apply. Qualified women are encouraged to apply. Only short listed candidates will be contacted for interview.