

DHAKA TODAY

AIDS discussion

The National Media Committee organises a discussion on the 'Role of media in resisting AIDS' with Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharruf Hossain as chief guest. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 11.00am.

Prize giving ceremony

The prize giving ceremony of the children's competition, organised by Phoolkuri Asar, will be held with Education Minister Dr Osman Faruk as chief guest. The function will be followed by the distribution ceremony of Eid-presents among the distressed children. Venue: Shishu Academy auditorium. Time: 9.30am.

Rotary meeting

Regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North will be held with Dr Sayeed as guest speaker. He will speak on the significance of Ramadan. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 4.15pm.

Zia discussion

Komolkoli, a children organisation, has arranged a discussion on 'Shaheed President Zia's devotion to Religion' with Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Barrister Moudud Ahmed as chief guest. The discussion will be followed by the award giving ceremony of Zia Smriti Padak 2001-2002. Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 4.00pm.

Inauguration

The inaugural ceremony of BRTC bus service on Dhaka-Kishoreganj route will be held with Housing and Public Works Minister Mirza Abbas as chief guest. Venue: BRTC Motihel Bus Depot, Kamlapur. Time: 9.45am.

Discussion

Parbatya Chattagram Janasanghati Samity organises a discussion on the occasion of the 5th year of Chittagong Hill Tracts Agreement. Venue: Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh, (IEB) auditorium, Ramna. Time: 11.00am.

Distribution of JU admission forms from Jan 1

SRAFF CORRESPONDENT

Distribution of forms for admission in first year honours courses of Jahangirnagar University (JU) under 2002-2003 academic session will begin from January 1 and continue till January 20, says a press release.

The admission seekers will have to collect and deposit the forms with the concerned faculties during the same period.

The admission tests will start on February 23 and continue till March 6, said a press release.

The results of written tests will be published on April 6 while the viva-voce of the successful candidates will be held on April 12 and 13.

The first year classes are likely to begin on May 15.

DU vacation begins tomorrow

BSS, Dhaka

Dhaka University (DU) will go on a 25-day Eid-ul-Fitr and winter vacation from tomorrow (December 3 to December 28), university sources said.

All classes will remain closed during the period, but examinations will be held as per the schedule, the sources said.

The offices of the university will remain open from December 10, the source added.

British HC meets Rangamati dist council chairman

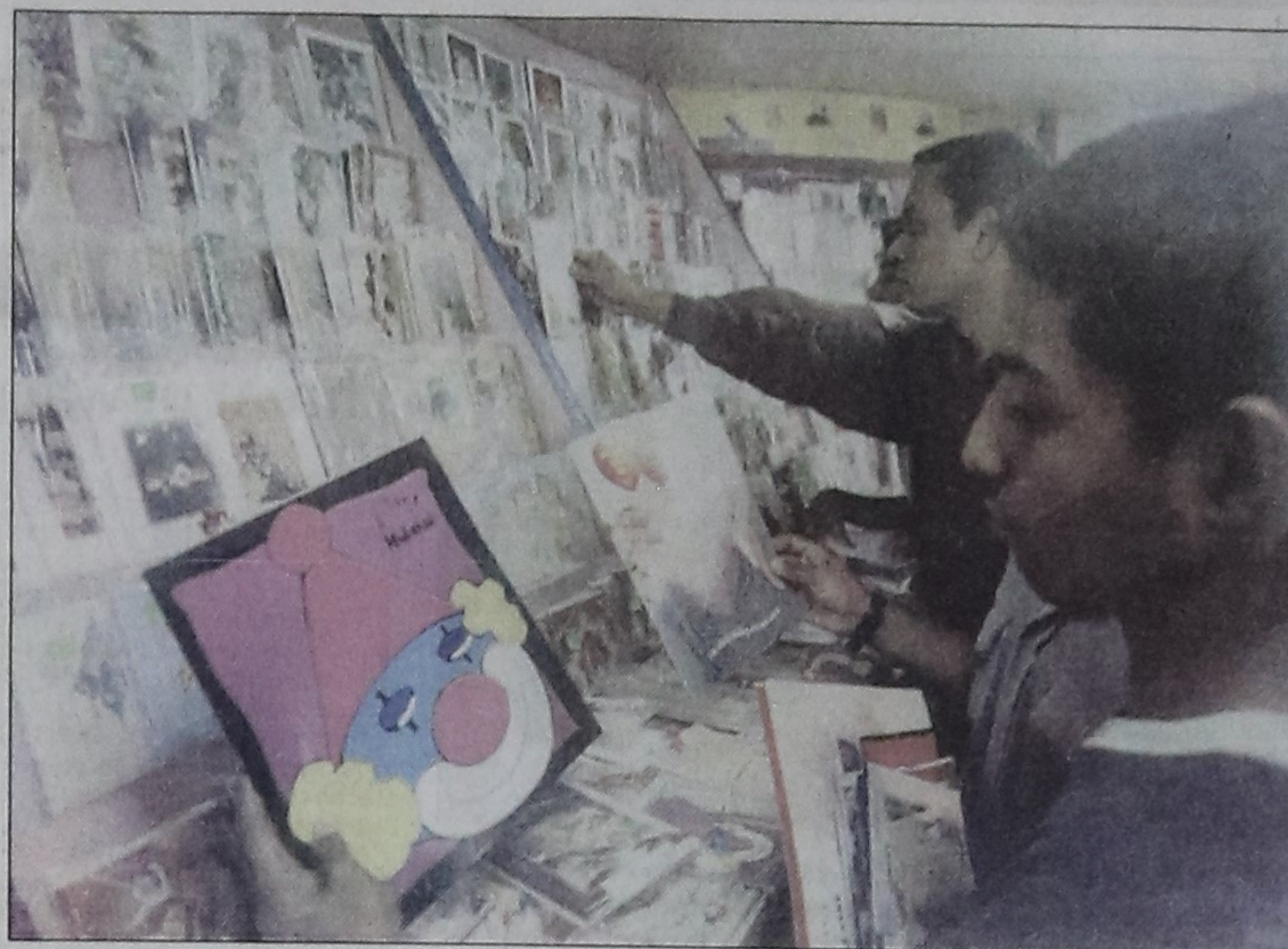
BSS, Rangamati

British High Commissioner David Carter called on chairman, Rangamati Hill District Council Dr Manik Lal Dewan at his office yesterday.

The chairman informed the High Commissioner about the activities of district council, law and order situation of the district, and relation between Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Council and District Council.

Land disputes in the hill districts and peace agreement also came into the discussion.

Alan Shaw, head of the political wing of the mission, and senior officials of the council were present.



Youths select Eid greeting cards at a shop in the city yesterday. Exchanging greeting cards on the occasion of Eid has become a popular practice among the youths. PHOTO: STAR

World AIDS Day observed

BSS, Dhaka

The World AIDS Day was observed in the country yesterday as elsewhere around the globe with a common objective to create greater awareness against the killer disease HIV/AIDS.

The government as well as different national and international organisations including the UNFPA observed the day through holding of various awareness-building programmes like seminar, discussion, rally, photo exhibition and cultural function in the city and other parts of the country.

The day-long programme started with rallies organised by both the government and non-government organisations. Those participated in the rallies were teachers, students, NGO activists, members of the elite and government officials and voluntary organisations.

This year's theme of the World AIDS Day is "To Live and Let others Live."

Department of Population Science of Dhaka University held a rally followed by a discussion while the BGMEA brought out a

procession of garment workers from Malibagh Super Market to Rampura Bazar at 3:00 pm. Different Rotary Clubs also organised rallies and discussions to mark the day.

Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr Khandaker Mosharruf Hossain attended a discussion in the Dr Milton auditorium of Dhaka Medical College Hospital as the chief guest. Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) also organised a rally of physicians at 9:00 am to mark the day. The rally was followed by a procession.

Meanwhile, the Minister for Health and Family Welfare launched a month-long signature campaign to build awareness against AIDS. The campaign was launched at a function at the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in cooperation with UNIC and two NGOs -- LIFE and CAT.

JGUAG meet today

BSS, Dhaka

The implementation of UNICEF's programme of cooperation with the government for the year 2002 will be reviewed during the annual meeting of the Joint Government-UNICEF Advisory Group (JGUAG) today.

Dr. Shah Mohammad Farid, Member (SEI and Programming), Planning Commission and Chairman, JGUAG will chair the review meeting at the NEC Bhaban, Planning Commission, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Morten Gierring, UNICEF's Representative in Bangladesh will also be present, a UNICEF press release said.

The review meeting is a yearly exercise that brings together all national project directors to report progress of activities in UNICEF's five areas of cooperation with the government of Bangladesh -- health and nutrition, water and environmental sanitation, child development and education, protection and rights-based planning, monitoring and communication, the release said.

1297 more held

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,297 persons including five listed criminals from different parts of the country in last 24 hours ending at 6am yesterday.

The UNEPA through its advocacy projects has co-sponsored UNAIDS to observe the day with its activities like telecast of statements of the political leaders and organising rallies and meetings in the city.

Newspapers published special articles while Bangladesh Betar and Bangladesh Television put up special programmes on the significance of the day.

President Iajuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia issued separate messages on the day and called upon all to create awareness in all spheres of national life against this killer disease.

The President urged the people to follow traditional, social and religious values, which would greatly help prevent HIV/AIDS.

The Prime Minister stressed the need for strengthening the campaign for health awareness following religious rules and moral values to keep the nation away from the killer disease.

Iajuddin, Khaleda greet president, PM of the UAE

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia have greeted their counterparts of the United Arab Emirates on the occasion of the national day of that country.

In a message to Shaikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the President expressed his firm belief that the relations between the two countries which was characterised by close bonds of cooperation would be further consolidated and diversified in the coming years.

He wished him good health and happiness and continued peace, progress and prosperity of the people of the UAE.

In another message to Vice-president and Prime Minister of the UAE Shaikh Maktoum Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Khaleda expressed her belief that the existing brotherly relations between Bangladesh and the UAE would grow in depth and dimension in the days-ahead.

She also wished him good health and happiness and continued peace, progress and prosperity of the friendly people of UAE.

AL backed panel sweeps Khulna Bar polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Awami League-backed lawyers have swept Thursday's election to the Khulna District Bar Association, winning 11 out of 14 posts in the executive committee, but a tie in the election to the post of president has given rise to a controversy, with the pro-AL panel accusing the election commission of partisanship.

Out of a total of 648 voters, 606 cast their votes from 9:00am till 3:00pm on Thursday. Counting ended at 11:30pm.

Although only two four-party candidates, Abdul Aziz and Sarder Feroze Kabir of Jamaat, bagged the posts of vice-president and committee member respectively, alliance candidate advocate Abdullah Hossain running for president polled 300 votes to tie with his rival candidate from the AL-

backed panel, making a reelection to the post necessary.

The AL-backed panel has rejected the result for the post of president, terming the election commission partisan for allowing two invalid votes in favour of the alliance candidate.

In a press briefing yesterday that was attended by over 100 AL-backed lawyers of the Khulna District Bar Association, the pro-AL lawyers' panel said the declaring of invalid votes as valid is unprecedented in the history of election to the highest forum of lawyers.

Chairman of the election commission advocate Manzurul Alam however refuted the allegation of partisanship in counting votes, saying the two ballot papers in question were declared valid after checking and rechecking.

Programmes to celebrate Victory Day

BSS, Dhaka

The ministry of information yesterday chalked out a month-long programme for celebration of the Victory Day.

A meeting was held yesterday at the ministry to finalise the programme with Information Minister Tariqul Islam in the chair. Senior officials and heads of different organisations under the ministry attended the meeting.

The meeting was told that various autonomous and other organisations like Bangladesh Television (BTV) and Bangladesh Betar had already started programmes heralding the month of December, the symbol of victory of the nation.

Officials told the meeting that the month-long programmes of the national broadcasting and mass media had been drawn up with patriotic songs, children's rally, discussion, poetry recitation and special news on victory of the nation.

The main programme will begin from zero hours of December 16 and BTV, Bangladesh Betar and Mass Communication Department have been entrusted with the live coverage of the main events and the combined children's rally to be held at the national stadium.

The mass Communication Department will arrange sessions of patriotic and mass songs and cultural functions at important places across the country, including Dhaka city.

The department will also organise film and documentary shows at various important public places as well as in cinema highlighting the significance of the day.

The films to be screened will be supplied by the Department of Films and Publications (DFP).

Transformer Manufacturing Assoc executives

The election of the Transformer Manufacturing Association of Bangladesh for 2003-2004 was held at Saif Power Office recently, says a press release.

BETELCO, Managing Director, Engr T A M Nurul Basher and Engrypac, Director, Engr Rabul Alam were elected president and general secretary respectively, while Saif Power, Managing Director, Md Tarafdar Ruhul Amin was elected vice-president of the Association for 2003-2004.



Light rain or drizzle likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light rain or drizzle may occur at one or two places over Rajshahi division and weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country today.

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

Country's highest temperature 31.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore, Teknaf and Madaripur and lowest 15.3 degree at Rajshahi.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:10 pm today and rises at 6:26 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	29.5	19.8	65	61
Chittagong	29.2	22.5	75	63
Rajshahi	29.4	15.3	67	76
Khulna	30.2	17.5	83	81
Barisal	30.0	18.8	76	86
Sylhet	30.5	18.0	76	76
Cox's Bazar	30.3	23.2	89	69

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Tender boxes will be placed at BFCC premises, Security Gate of Biman Head Office (Balaka Bhaban), at Zia Int'l Airport, Dhaka, Biman Poultry Sales & Distribution Centre located at Biman Medical Centre Building, Farmgate, Dhaka and the Office of Additional Commissioner (General), Room No. 205, Segunbagicha, Dhaka. Bidders may drop their tender in any of those boxes.

Schedule of tender along with other terms and conditions may be obtained on request in the Official Letter Head Pad during office hours on payment of cost of schedule from the Office of Manager Finance, BFCC, Zia International Airport, Dhaka and the Office of Additional Commissioner (General), Room No. 205, Segunbagicha, Dhaka. Any eligible bidder may participate in the tender.

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Branch Shifting

Janata Bank Dharail Hat Branch of Sirajganj Region will be shifted today, 2nd December 2002 from the old address to the new address on the 2nd floor of the new Premises which is 50 yards away from the present address and will start all Banking transactions there.

Old Address	New Address
Janata Bank Dharail Hat Branch Dag No. 443, Khatian No. 138, Mouza-Dharail, JL No. 129, P.O. Dharail Hat, Upazila- Ullahpara, Dist.- Sirajganj.	Janata Bank Dharail Hat Branch Dag No. S.A 442, R.S 334, Khatian No. S.A 77, R.S 561, Mouza- Dharail, JL No. 129, P.O. Dharail Hat, Upazila- Ullahpara, Dist.- Sirajganj.

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BSPWF renamed as BFUNPW

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Press Workers' Federation (BSPWF) has been renamed as Bangladesh Federal Union of Newspaper Press Workers (BFUNPW).

The name has been changed with approval from Registrar of Trade Unions, a press release said yesterday.

Obituary

Babli Kabir, chairperson of Eton International School in the city, died of brain hemorrhage in the USA on November 21, says a press release.

She is survived by her husband, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives.

The body of the deceased arrives Dhaka by a Bangladesh Biman flight this morning.

Her namaj-e-janaza will be held at Azad Masjid at Gulshan after Zohr prayers today.

She will be buried at Martyred Intellectuals Graveyard at Mirpur.

Qulkhwani of Babli Kabir will be held at her residence House-54, Lane-2, Old D O H S, after Zohr prayers tomorrow.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend qulkhwani and pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Death anniversary

Today is the fifth death anniversary of Dr Mohiuddin Farooque, the founder of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA), says press release.

A promising and upcoming lawyer of the Supreme Court Dr Farooque was born on June 25 in 1954 at Gopalganj.

Freedom fighter Dr Farooque breathed his last on December 2 in 1997 at the National University Hospital in Singapore when he was suffering from infection of lung.

Chehlum

The chehlum of Shamsunnahar Karim, wife of former chief engineer of Public Health Engineering Department M A Karim and

daughter of Justice B A Siddiqui will be held at her residence at Dhamondi, House No. 38/2, Road No. 27 after Asr prayers tomorrow.

All relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the chehlum.



There has been bumper production of winter vegetables in the country this season. Photo shows a seller sitting with a large stock of radish for prospective buyers at Karwan Bazar in city yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

Corrigendum

Ref No. 22.02/1/02 Dt. 30/11/2002
International Tender Notice for Supply of Petroleum Products during January 03-June, 03.

All concerned are requested to note the following amendment in Tender Schedule under reference No. 22.02/1/03 Dated 17/11/02 on the above subject:

- In Article 4: Source of supply at page 5, the following will be inserted in place of existing entry.
Article 4: Source of supply.
a) Products must be supplied from any of OIC member countries, or
b) In case product is shipped from any non-OIC member country, supplier must furnish a certificate to BPC before opening L/C, that product is derived from processing of crude oil more than 80% of which is procured from OIC member country/countries.

2. In Article 5: The following para under (c) Evaluation Basis at page 8 will be deleted:

As already mentioned in Article 4, offers for supplying products from OIC member countries will be given preference. Offers from non-OIC member countries, if cargo is received from processing of crude of OIC member countries will be given equal preference. The bidder must clearly mention in their offer if they are able to supply product or product received of "Crude-Origin" from OIC member countries.

Other terms & conditions of the Tender will remain unchanged.

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