



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia along with the family members exchanges Eid greetings with President Iajuddin Ahmed at Banghabhan in the city on Eid day.

All preparations complete Biswa Ijtema begins on Friday

UNB, Gazipur All preparations have been made to hold the Biswa Ijtema, the second largest Muslim congregation after Hajj, on the bank of Turag River in Tongi. Lakhs of people from home and abroad are expected to gather in the three-day congregation where Akheri Munajat will be held on December 15 at 11:00am. The congregation is going to be held for the second time this year as the last one was held in January. It usually starts on Saturday and ends after Akheri Munajat on Monday. But organisers said that due to observance of the Victory Day on Monday, the timing of the Biswa Ijtema has been rescheduled and it will now start on Friday. A large number of volunteers of the Tablighi Jamaat have been working day and night over the one-km area since the month of Ramadan to make the congregation a grand success. More devoted workers of Tablighi Jamaat were also coming to the Ijtema premises after the observance of Eid-ul-Fitr to extend their helping hands for the completion of the remaining work. Tin-shed pandals have been set up for foreign pilgrims and work for gas connection was progressing fast. Army personnel were also seen setting up Bailey bridges over all connecting roads and the river Turag. The last meeting on the preparation of the Biswa Ijtema was held on Wednesday. Industries Minister and in-charge of Gazipur district MK Anwar chaired it and expressed satisfaction with

the progress of the work. The meeting was informed that Bangladesh Railway authorities have arranged special trains till December 14 to ensure smooth movement of pilgrims to the Ijtema venue from different parts of the country. Besides, extra compartments will also be connected with the regular trains, which will stop at the Tongi station. BR authorities will also put 21 trains on stand-by on the day of Akheri Munajat to ensure safe return of the attending devotees. These trains will depart every 30 minutes after the Akheri Munajat. Government has meanwhile arranged for 30 more beds in Tongi Hospital to ensure the treatment of the sick devotees. Besides, 37 medical teams of different government and non-government organisations will also work round-the-clock to provide healthcare services to the devotees. Three temporary health camps have been set up and 32 ambulances, 10 sanitation teams, fire extinguishing system, and gas and power services with five generators arranged on the occasion. Measures have also been taken for the people of nearby Ashulia, Uttara, and the Airport area to be able to listen to the 'Boynas' (sermon) and 'Munajat' from the Ijtema ground. Moreover, adjoining areas of the Ijtema premises have been evacuated and facilities at the Tongi station increased. About 8-10 police control rooms will also be set up to maintain law and order as well as ease the traffic jam.



Leader of the Opposition in parliament and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina exchanges Eid greetings with the diplomats at Sudha Sadan in the city on Eid day.

Remarks about Hasina Defamation case against Morshed Khan dismissed

COURT CORRESPONDENT A defamation case against Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan was filed with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM's) Court, Dhaka yesterday. Advocate Momtazuddin Ahmed Mehedi, former general secretary of Dhaka Bar Association and a member of law Sub-committee of Bangladesh Awami League filed the case.

In the plaint the complainant told the court that Morshed Khan on November 29 at a press conference at his office made a defamatory statement titled 'Sheikh Hasina damages the image of the country wherever she goes.' The news item was published on November 29 in all national dailies. By reading the news on the issue, the complainant thought that the issue had defamed the name, fame, prestige, honour, dignity and position of Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina in person as well as her party's politics. After hearing, the magistrate Sirajul Haider dismissed the complaint. In its order, the court said only the aggrieved person could file a case but not the other person on behalf of the aggrieved person. So, the complaint is dismissed.

Victory Day rally Dec 16

BSS, Dhaka The government is to organise a colourful children-juvenile rally at Dhaka National Stadium as part of the Victory Day celebrations on December 16. Prime Minister Khaleda Zia is expected to be present at the rally as chief guest. She will take salute of a march past and witness the physical exercises to be displayed by the participating children. The function will remain open for all and children and school students are particularly invited to enjoy it.

FM hosts Eid reception

BSS, Dhaka Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan and Begum Morshed Khan hosted an Eid reception at their Gulshan residence here on Friday after

Tributes paid to Suhrawardy

BSS, Dhaka The nation yesterday gratefully recalled the contribution of Hussein Shaheed Suhrawardy, the champion of democracy, through observing his 39th death anniversary in a belittling manner. Different political parties in their discussions on Suhrawardy termed him a leader of rare qualities, whose life-long struggle and keen efforts had brought democracy to the doorstep of the common people. Leaders of Bangladesh Awami League placed wreaths at the mazar of Suhrawardy and offered

special prayers seeking eternal peace of the departed soul of the great leader as well as peace and progress of the country. Leaders and workers of the party's front organisations also joined the prayer. Gano Forum leader Dr Kamal Hossain and his party leaders and workers also placed wreath and offered munajat at the mazar of Suhrawardy. Afterwards, Dr Kamal addressed a rally of his party leaders and workers calling for a national unity imbued with the ideals of the late leader for establishing people's rights in the country. Jatiya Party (Manju) Chairman

Anwar Hossain Manju at a discussion on Suhrawardy said the late leader had never compromised on the question of democracy and people's rights. 'He always struggled for clean politics for institutionalising democracy at all spheres of national life,' he said. The discussion was held at the central office of JP (Manju) here. Earlier, the party leaders placed wreath and offered fateha at the mazar of the late leader. Leaders and workers of Jatiya Party (Ershad) led by its secretary-general Ruhul Amin Hawlader also placed wreath and offered munajat at the mazar of Suhrawardy.

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WEATHER TODAY Light rain likely UNB, Dhaka Light rain or drizzle is likely to occur at one or two places over southern part of Chittagong district and weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country in next 24 hours till 6:00pm today. Light to moderate fog may occur over the river basins of the country during the early morning. Met office said predicting nearly unchanged night temperature. Country's highest temperature 28.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chittagong and lowest 12.3 degree at Rajshahi. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:12pm and rises tomorrow at 6:30am. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Local Government Engineering Department Hospital Road, Majjdee Court Noakhali

Memo No: LGED/XEN/Noa/Tender(RDP-22)/2002/4684 Date: 26-11-2002 Noakhali Rural Infrastructure Development and Maintenance Project (RDP 22)

Notice Inviting Re-Tender

Tender No: 23/2002-2003 (RDP-22/08)

- 1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a grant from the Swiss Agency for Development and Co-operation, hereinafter referred to as the SDC, towards the cost of the Noakhali Rural Infrastructure Development and Maintenance Project (RDP 22) and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract for as stated below. 2. The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, as represented by the Executive Engineer, LGED, Noakhali district, invites sealed tenders from pre-qualified tenderers of RDP 22 for furnishing the necessary labour, materials, equipment and services for the construction and completion of works as stated below. 3. Interested pre-qualified tenderers may obtain further information from, and inspect the tender documents at the office of the (1) Executive Engineer, LGED, Noakhali district, at Hospital Road, Majjdee, Noakhali (2) The office of the Project Director, RDP 22 Project, LGED, LGED Bhaban, (Level-10), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka. 4. A complete set of the tender documents may be purchased by any interested pre-qualified tenderer on submission of a written application to one of the above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk as stated below. The tender documents will be available during office hours up to 18-12-2002. 5. No tender document will be sold on the date of submission of tender. 6. All tenders must be accompanied by a 5% of tendered amount as tender security in the form of a Bank Draft, Pay Order, Call Deposit or a Demand Draft in Taka, from a scheduled bank of Bangladesh, in favour of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Noakhali district. 7. All tenders must be dropped with sealed envelopes to the office of the (1) Executive Engineer, LGED, Noakhali district (2) Office of the Project Director, RDP 22, LGED, LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207 on or before 2:00 PM on 19-12-2002. 8. Tenderers may also submit tender by Registered Mail with acknowledgement, which must reach the concerned office (s) before the deadline of receipt of tender. Late received tender will not be accepted. 9. Tenderers will be opened in the presence of those tenderers' representatives who choose to attend at 2:30 PM on 19-12-2002 at the office of the (1) Executive Engineer, LGED, Noakhali district (2) At the office of the Project Director, RDP 22, LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207. 10. Technical Assistance (TA) Team is working for reviewed the present Road/Market design. If any change recommends by the Team, the contractor must follow the recommended design to the Road/Market. They will also supervise the work in collaboration with LGED. 11. Successful bidding may not assure to issuance of work order. Rather it shall be subject to availability of requisite fund or matching contribution as well & also performance. 12. A pretender conference will be held in the office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Noakhali on 21-12-2002 at 2:00 PM. All tenderers are requested to attend the conference in time. 13. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. 14. The tender notice can be seen in LGED, website-www.lged.org 15. The particulars of the tender are stated below:

Table with 6 columns: Group No, Name of the work, Tender security (Tk), Price of schedule, Time allowed for completion, Eligible contractors. Details include construction of 2x4.00x4.00m box culvert on Rajganj-Chayani road at ch 03+850m Road No-N107, Contract No-STR-N107-25 under Begumganj upazila, Noakhali-3rd Call.