

## Govt to safeguard independence at any cost: Khaleda

**BSS, Dhaka**  
Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday reiterated her government's determination to safeguard the country's hard-earned independence at any cost.

"We cannot compromise the national security, independence and sovereignty, dignity and distinctiveness," she told the graduation ceremony of the Fourth National Defence Course and the Second Armed Forces War Course at the National Defence College (NDC) at Mirpur Cantonment.

Khaleda, also in charge of the Ministry of Defence, said Bangladesh believes in peace and would like to solve all disputed issues peacefully.

She said one of the major objectives of Bangladesh's foreign

policy is to maintain friendly relations with all on the basis of equal dignity. She added it would like to develop ties with neighbours and enhance regional cooperation in the light of SAARC principles.

The prime minister said members of the armed forces would safeguard the country and build the nation working shoulder-to-shoulder with people to uphold the goals and objectives of the independence.

On arrival at the college premises, chiefs of the army, navy and air force and commandant of the NDC received the prime minister.

Nineteen senior officers from the army, navy, air force and civil services participated in National Defence Course, while another 19 senior officers of the three services took part in the Armed Forces War

Course.

The prime minister distributed certificates among the participants and had a photo session with the course members and senior civil and military officials.

Turning to the ongoing joint operation to curb terrorism and seize illegal arms, Khaleda thanks members of the armed forces for helping the civil administration in improving the law and order in the country.

Later, she chaired the fourth joint governing body meeting of the NDC and Defence Services Command and Staff College.

Chiefs of the three services and other civil and military officials and vice chancellors of the universities concerned attended the meeting.



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia distributes certificates among the participants of the 4th National Defence Course and the 2nd Armed Forces War Course of National Defence College in the city yesterday.

## Plan to generate power, fertiliser from wastes

**UNB, Dhaka**  
The government has decided in principle to undertake projects for producing electricity and fertiliser from wastes.

The decision was taken at an inter-ministerial meeting held at the Forest and Environment Ministry here yesterday.

Chaired by Forest and Environment Minister Shahjahan Siraj, the meeting was attended, among others, by State Minister for Power and Mineral Resource AKM Mosharaf Hossain, State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Ziaul Haq Zia, and high officials concerned and representatives of three private firms that prepared the projects.

The meeting also agreed to form a high-level committee to take appropriate technical and other necessary decisions in this regard and submit a report within a specific time.

Experts from the three organisations -- Multi Trade Ltd, Cambridge Bangladesh Ltd and Enviro House -- presented various technical aspects of their respective projects and gave answers to various queries.



## Tributes paid to Ataur Rahman

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Speakers at a discussion in the city yesterday paid rich tributes to the memory of Ataur Rahman Khan, a veteran politician and former chief minister of the then East Pakistan.

Taking part in the discussion as chief guest, Speaker of the Jatiya Sangshad Jamiruddin Siraj said Ataur Rahman was an honest, dedicated and patriotic politician.

The Speaker in his speech narrated the role of Ataur Rahman in different periods of the history of Bangladesh and said he was also an eminent lawyer.

Environment and Forest Minister Shahjahan Siraj said the present politicians have forgotten the culture of politics.

Recalling Ataur Rahman's long political career, Siraj said he will be remembered for his valuable contribution to politics. He is an example for us, he added.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed said Ataur Rahman himself was an institution in our political history.

He said a politician like him is rare in our country. He was not a typical politician like us.

Literateur Dr Ashraf Siddiqui said Ataur Rahman was a pious Muslim but he was not communal.

Presided over by K M Shamsur Rahman, the memorial discussion was also participated by journalist Gias Kamal Chowdhury and A K Firoz Noon.

## 122nd birth anniversary of Bhasani today

**BSS, Dhaka**  
The 122nd birth anniversary of the sub-continent's undisputed leader of the downtrodden, Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani will be observed today in a befitting manner.

The legendary leader was born on December 12, 1880 in the Dhagara village of Sirajganj.

Bhasani dedicated his life to establish a progressive, democratic, non-communal and exploitation-free society.

Weekly Haq Katha, founded by the Maulana as the mouthpiece of the oppressed, will hold a symposium at 11 am today at 263, Fakir-erpol in the city.

To mark the occasion, the main memorial meeting will be held at the National Press Club VIP Lounge at 3 pm on December 22. Members of the cabinet, political leaders, intellectuals, literateurs and journalists will attend.



State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum Selima Rahman receives audio equipment from the Chinese Ambassador at a function at Shilpakala Academy in the city yesterday.

## AL programmes to observe Dec 14, 16

**UNB, Dhaka**  
Bangladesh Awami League has chalked out elaborate programmes to observe the Martyred Intellectual Day on December 14 and Victory Day on December 16 in a befitting manner.

On December 14, black flags along with party and national flags

at half-mast will be hoisted atop the party's central office, Bangabandhu Bhaban and other party offices across the country at 6:30am.

Floral wreaths will be placed at the portrait of Bangabandhu at Bangabandhu Bhaban at 7:15am, Mirpur Intellectual Mausoleum at 7:30am and Rayar Bazar Mausoleum at 8:00am.

A discussion meeting will be held at 3:00pm with opposition leader and AL president Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

On the Victory Day, national flags will be hoisted at all party offices, including Bangabandhu Bhaban and AL central office at 6:30am. Wreaths will be placed at the portrait of Bangabandhu at Bangabandhu Bhaban and Savar National Mausoleum at 7:15am and 7:45am respectively.

AL will bring out a victory procession from its central office at 2:30pm.

## Friendship team to visit China

**UNB, Dhaka**  
A five-member friendship delegation led by Water Resources Minister Engr LK Siddiqui will leave here for Beijing Saturday on a nine-day visit to China.

During the visit the delegation will meet the Chinese Minister for Water Resources and other leaders and visit some projects, said a press release yesterday.

## Bijoy Utsav begins Friday

**UNB, Dhaka**  
A four-day 'Bijoy Utsav' organised by Sammilita Sangskritik Jote to celebrate the Victory Day 2002 begins Friday in the city.

Valiant freedom fighter Air Vice Marshal (Retd) AK Khandokar Bir Uttam will inaugurate the festival at the Central Shaheed Minar at 4pm on the day.

The cultural programmes of the festival will take place simultaneously at Shaheed Minar, Dhaka University TSC, Fine Arts Institute, open stage at Dhanmondi Lake, Mirpur Outer Stadium and Mahila Samity Manch at Bailey Road.

## Karwanbazar fire Khoka promises assistance for affected traders

**UNB, Dhaka**  
Dhaka City Mayor Sadek Hossain Khoka yesterday visited the wholesale vegetable market at Karwanbazar, which was gutted recently in a devastating fire.

The mayor visited different parts of the market and talked to the traders. He assured them of providing all possible assistance.

Most of the 190 shops of the kitchen market were gutted and valuables worth Tk one crore damaged in the fire, said a press release.

## 1380 more held

**UNB, Dhaka**  
Police, during the countrywide drive in last 24 hours till 6 am yesterday, arrested 1,380 people, including seven identified terrorists.

Police also recovered 11 firearms and 190 rounds of bullet and filed four cases under the arms act, said a press release.

## Alleviation of poverty a must to improve environment

**BSS, Dhaka**  
Participants at a regional workshop yesterday stressed the need for a collective and integrated approaches in tackling the vicious circle of poverty and pollution in Asia-Pacific countries to help achieve sustainable development.

They identified poverty as the root cause of environmental degradation and observed that it is not possible to improve the environmental situation without alleviation of poverty.

Participants believe that economic advancement of the developing countries is being obstructed seriously due to the persistent poverty and urged all concerned to take immediate steps to address food insecurity, malnutrition, illiteracy, and inadequacy of rural infrastructure and unemployment to achieve sustainable development and healthy environment.

The minister highlighted the programmes undertaken by the Bangladesh government including the banning of polythene shopping bags and two-stroke three-wheelers vehicles.

He urged the international community to help Bangladesh get rid of the deadly arsenic-related diseases.

Secretary of the Environment and Forest Sabihuddin Ahmed, Enayetullah Khan, Chief Editor of Holiday, and Prof. Ainun Nishat also spoke on the occasion.

Several environmental journalists representing the Asia-Pacific region and guests from other parts of the world interacted with the Bangladesh media as well as concerned government officials at the workshop.

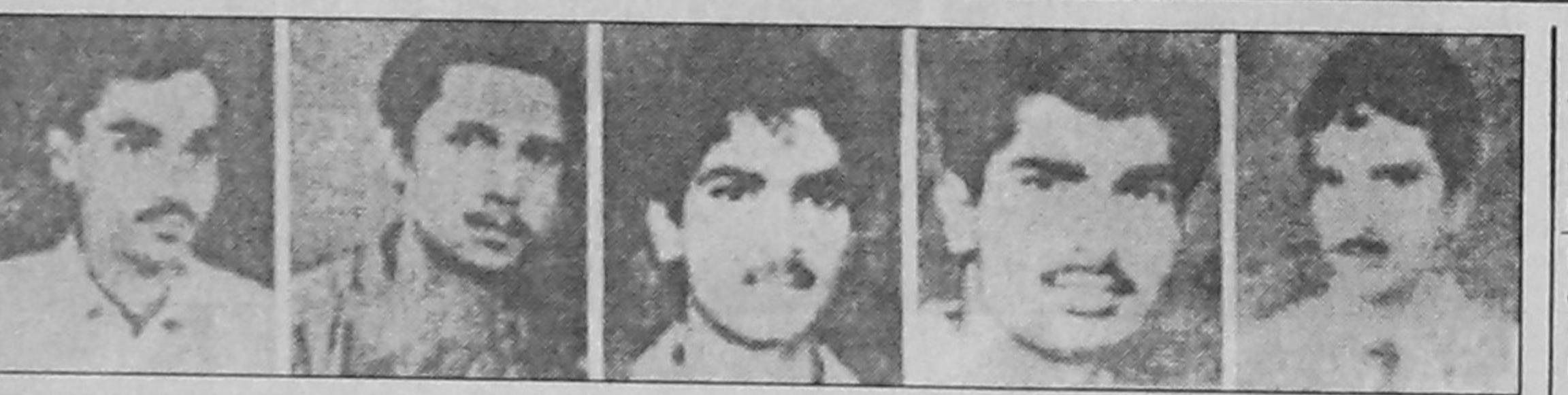
Former chairman of APPEJ Ivan Lim Sin Chin from Singapore, stressed the important role of journalists in raising awareness on the issues.

Elizabeth Roxas from the Philippines, deputy chair of APPEJ, shared the initiatives being implemented in her country with the tripartite participation of government, business and civil society in responding to sustainable development as outlined in the global agenda 21 saying that commitment without implementation and participation would be useless.

Marjan Radjavi from Iran suggested the adoption of a rights-based approach to sustainable development as a means to recognising economic, social and cultural rights which was supported by Abdur Rauf from Pakistan in his short intervention.



Prof Dr M Alee Murtuza, Vice-Chancellor of BUET, inaugurates 'Dr Robert Noyce Simulation Lab' at the Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department yesterday.



## Death anniversary of 4 brothers today

The 31st death anniversary of four martyred brothers-Mukarram Hossain Mukul, Mansur Hossain Manju, Mostaque Hossain Anju and Mosharrar Hossain Ranju and their brother-in-law Yusuf Ali (extreme right) will be observed today, says a press release.

On this occasion, Qurankh-wani, milad mahfil and feeding the destitutes have been arranged at Hossainnagar Jamiya Mosque, EPZ Link Road. Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the programmes.

## Journalist Kazi Maksud sick

**BSS, Dhaka**  
Kazi Maksudul Hasan, news editor of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS), is undergoing dialysis at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSSMMU).

Kazi Maksud, who has been suffering from kidney and heart ailment for long, was admitted to the hospital on December 9 and is now under the treatment of Prof Habibur Rahman.

The family of Kazi Maksud has sought the blessings of all for his early recovery.

## Death anniversary

The 16th death anniversary of Rashid Chowdhury, an internationally reputed artist, will be observed today, says a press release.

On this occasion, discussion and milad mahfil have been arranged at the office of the weekly Soth.

Artist Rashid Chowdhury received many national and international awards including Eku-shey Padak, Shilpakala Academy Award and Zainul Award.

### Job Vacancy

## Technical Officer

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Applications are invited from Candidates for the position of **Technical Officer (Monitoring & Evaluation)** for HIV Program funded by DFID of CARE Bangladesh. There are four (4) positions vacant and these will be based in Rajshahi Field Office.

**Job Summary:** The Technical Officers (M&E) are responsible for overall managing the M&E including PME activities in a region. S/he is to organize and assist CARE and PNGOs staff to maintain the M&E systems. S/he is responsible to ensure development of the appropriate tools for data collection, implementation of data process, analyzing the data and producing reports. S/he needs to ensure that appropriate software for storing and analyzing data is in place. S/he is to work closely with project management to ensure that the information generated through analysis of M&E data are well understood by different stakeholders and are used for making management decision. S/he will oversee the initiatives and decision related to information system made by project management. TO (M&E) is responsible for maintaining and providing M&E related information to project management and others.

**Qualification:** Graduate/ Masters in Statistics, Economics, mathematics, Social Science or other related subject including 4 year's experiences in information management related position, 2 years of which should have been in a management role. Ability to analyze both qualitative and quantitative data. Proven ability in the management of M&E and MIS systems. Considerable expertise in designing, Managing the conduction and analysis of field surveys. Ability to design data collection instruments. Assessment of partner Organization: Can conduct institutional capacity assessment, is acquainted with CARE's partnership strategy, tools for assessment. Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written, in English and Bengali. Willingness for frequent travel.

**Computer Skill:** Ability to analyze data using SPSS and EPI-Info Software. Good understanding of MS Office. Candidates those who are experienced (data management) on MS Access will be treated as Added Advantage.

**Compensation:** Take home package is Tk. 15,000 per month. Also other admissible benefits as per organizational policy.

Interested candidates are requested to apply by forwarding letter mentioning names of two professional referees, detailed bio-data, contact telephone number and a copy of photograph, to The Advertiser, Box # A-5444, C/o. The Daily Star, 19, Kawran Bazar, Farmgate, Dhaka within **December 24, 2002**.

Internal and external candidates will be treated equally in the whole recruitment process  
Women candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.  
Any persuasion will be treated as the disqualification of the candidate  
PLEASE MENTION THE POSITION APPLIED FOR ON THE TOP OF ENVELOPE

## Dhaka WASA Tender Notice

পানির অপচয় রোধে কাজ শেষে কলের মুখ বন্ধ করুন

Tenders are invited from Dhaka WASA enlisted 1st, 2nd & 3rd class mechanical/electrical contractors for supply of spare parts for emergency maintenance of Starter and PFI. Amount of the estimated cost of work is Taka: 1,99,642/- Tenders will be received up to 12:00 noon of 23-12-2002 and will be opened on the same day at 2:00 pm in presence (if any) of the tenderers or their representatives.

Schedule of tender will be available at the office of the Chief Accounts Officer of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka and all MODS Zone offices of Dhaka WASA. Other details will be available at the office of the undersigned.

**Address:**  
Hatkhola Road, Dhaka  
WASA-PI: 445/2002  
DFP-29836-04/12  
G-2298

**Executive Engineer**  
FM Division  
Dhaka WASA

“পল্লী বিদ্যুৎ গ্রাম উন্নয়নের সোপান”

## পল্লী বিদ্যুতায়ন বোর্ড

### বৈদ্যুতিক মালামাল ক্রয়ের জন্য স্থানীয় দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

প্রকল্পঃ “১৫ পবিস বিতরণ ব্যবস্থার নিবিড়করণ ও সম্প্রসারণ” “১৮ পবিস বিতরণ ব্যবস্থার নিবিড়করণ ও সম্প্রসারণ” “পবিস উপকেন্দ্রের জন্য ৩০ কেভি সংযোগ লাইন নির্মাণ” এবং “নবায়ন যোগ্য জ্বালানী গুণ্টির প্রসার-২য় পর্যায়” প্রকল্প।

তহবিলঃ স্থানীয় মুদ্রা তহবিল।

- নিম্নের বর্ণনা অনুযায়ী মালামাল ক্রয়ের জন্য পল্লী বিদ্যুতায়ন বোর্ড কর্তৃক বাংলাদেশী প্রকৃত উৎপাদনকারীর নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছেঃ

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- টেতার ডকুমেন্ট বিক্রয়, গ্রহণ ও খোলার সময়সূচীঃ

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- নিম্ন ঠিকানা বরাবরে লিখিত আবেদন পেশ এবং পল্লী বিদ্যুতায়ন বোর্ড এর অনুকূলে পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট এর মাধ্যমে অফেরৎযোগ্য ২৫০০.০০ (দুই হাজার পাঁচশত) টাকা (বিড প্যাকেজ নং- এল ১৬৮ এর জন্য) এবং ৩০০০.০০ (তিন হাজার) টাকা (বিড প্যাকেজ নং- এল ১৭২ এর জন্য) পরিশোধ সাপেক্ষে ইংরেজীতে প্রণীত এক সেট বিড ডকুমেন্ট ক্রয় করিতে পারিবেন। ক্রয়কার বা ডাকযোগে কোন ডকুমেন্ট প্রেরণ করা হইবে না। একটি বিড ডকুমেন্ট ক্রয় করিয়া একাধিক দরদাতা দরপত্র দাখিল করিতে পারিবেন না। তবে একজন দরদাতা একটি বিড ডকুমেন্ট ক্রয় করিয়া ঐ বিড প্যাকেজের আওতাভুক্ত একাধিক সাব-প্যাকেজের বিপরীতে দরপত্র দাখিল করিতে পারিবেন।
- সকল দরপত্রের সহিত উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের কমপক্ষে শতকরা তিন (৩) ভাগ বিড সিকিউরিটি হিসাবে জমা প্রদান করিতে হইবে। নিম্ন ঠিকানায় দরদাতাগণের প্রতিনিধিদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ থাকেন) দরপত্র খোলা হইবে। নির্দিষ্ট সময়ের পরে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণযোগ্য হইবে না।
- সরবরাহকারীগণকে পবিবোর্ড কর্তৃক সরাসরি মূল্য পরিশোধ করা হইবে।
- দরপত্র সম্পর্কে কাহারও কোন জিজ্ঞাসা থাকিলে/ব্যাখার প্রয়োজন হইলে উহা দরপত্র খোলার জন্য নির্ধারিত সময়ের কমপক্ষে ৫ (পাঁচ) দিন পূর্বে নিম্ন ঠিকানায় লিখিতভাবে প্রেরণ করিতে হইবে।
- পল্লী বিদ্যুতায়ন বোর্ড কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিলের অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করে।

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